

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

Mission Statement: *Sharing Christ throughout the Pioneer Valley and in Worship Services at Walkerston, Mirani, Eungella*



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8.00am Every Sunday

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

WALKERSTON



9.00am Every Sunday

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

MIRANI

EUNGELLA

No Services at present

EUNGELLA

Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship. You are invited to stay for morning tea following the Service.

Selected Reading and Theme – John 17:1–11 - Held in Christ's prayer



Discipleship Thought: What does glory look like?

In John 17:1–11 glory is a central theme, woven through Jesus' prayer as he speaks of mutual glorification within the Godhead, glory that is seen on earth. The psalmists tell us that the glory of God is visible in creation. I wonder when you last witnessed the glory of God?

That glory is revealed not only in creation but also in relationship. In John's gospel, Jesus speaks of an intimate interrelationship between himself, God, and his followers—an intricate mutuality grounded in

love, trust, and shared purpose. How might God be seen in the relationships of our faith communities? What might we do to encourage it?

Prayer: Let us join with the psalmist in praise:

Sing to God, all peoples of the earth, sing praises to God.

Open our ears to hear your voice, our hearts to receive your love, and our lives to follow where you lead.

We praise you for your goodness and love, now and always. Amen

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Pray for....all members of our Parish and extended Church

Families. This week we pray for the Nikhil & Ash, Vicki, Nicholas & Family, Neil & Family, Margaret, Christopher, Beth & John, Dianne & Bill.

....God's Comfort and Healing surrounds our congregation members, friends and family who are experiencing health issues at this time....Frank, Glen, Madison, Margaret, Melanie, the two John's, twins Hugo & Grayson and Kerry.

....**individuals and families** who are feeling sad and lonely, the homeless and for those who have lost their employment and income.

....**Ian and Lynns'** Missionary Work and for missionaries all over the world.

....**new families** to join our Congregations.

....**safe travel** for members of our Parish who are travelling.

....**families who have farewelled a loved one.** Especially today we pray for Vicki and her extended family as they mourn the passing of their Mother and Grandmother.

....those involved in the preparations for the **Harvest Blessing Service.**

....**the people of Calen,** that they may be encouraged to join together to Worship God in their local Church.

....**Christians who live in countries where their lives are not safe and they need to secretly worship in church houses.** Pray these believers will be able to worship together without fear.

....the Congregations and Ministry Teams of our local Uniting Churches - **St Paul's, Armitage, Calen, Iona West, Northside, Proserpine and Sarina.**

....**Teachers, Relief Teachers, Teacher's Aides, Students, RI Teachers and School Chaplains.**

....**for the soldiers at war, aid workers, their families, and all who are affected by the devastation of war.**

....**those who are being affected by the ever-increasing violence in our community, in our nation and in other countries.**

....**protection and blessings for those who are persecuted for their faith.**

....the members of **Local, State and Federal Governments.**

....Scripture Union Queensland, Mackay Street Chaplaincy and RI Teachers the Gideons International Local Group.

....Medical practitioners, nursing staff, emergency service members, first responders at accidents, counsellors and all who care for the people in our community and beyond in times of bereavement and crisis situations.



for....CQ Presbytery Minister - Rev Scott Ballment, Qld Moderator - Rev Bruce Moore and Uniting Church President - Rev Charissa Suli.

....our families and friends and for the freedom we take for granted in our Country.

....Alun and Lesley and their commitment to St Andrew's and Calen Congregations and Noela for her commitment to The Valley Congregation, as well as all who are 'stepping up' to conduct Worship Services in the Parish.

....the many blessings we receive in our daily lives.

....the friendship our congregations share over morning tea each Sunday.

....the joy children and grandchildren bring to our families.

....the volunteers who give of their time and energy to work with the people in need.

....for the freedom we take for granted in our Country.

A Little Humour – The preacher, who was wired for sound with a lapel microphone, moved briskly about the platform, jerking the cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, and nearly tripped over the cord. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leant towards her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he bite?"

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What's Happening!!



Purchase tickets from St Paul's Church Office (beside the church). Tickets cannot be purchased at the door!!

Office Hours: 10am-12pm Tuesday; 9am-12pm Wednesday and Thursday.

Ph 4957 3557

Tickets can also be purchased by contacting

Di: 0409 988 185

Ros: 0488 739 618

Pray for our Nation - Sue Dalton is calling all Christian Women to join together on Wednesday, 20th May at 9.30am, at the Hume Street Chapel in West Mackay, to Pray for our Nation. All are welcome so please join us if you are able. There is parking in the Church Grounds.

Motto for Success: Taking time connecting with God is like drinking a good cup of coffee: it energises you and leaves you looking forward to the next time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Harry Wicks (18th): Chris Currie (18th)
Eli Neilsen (20th)*

NextSunday

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
**24th May, 2026 - 10.30am – The Valley UCA,
Mirani**

Harvest Blessing Service - 2026

The Churches of the Pioneer Valley...

*invite you to join us for an
afternoon of Worship and
friendship as we ask for God's
Blessing of the Harvest*



WHEN....Sunday, 31st May, 2026

TIME.....3.00pm to 4.00pm

**The Service will be followed by
afternoon tea.**

**Please bring a plate of food to
share.**

**WHERE...Marian Parish Centre
Anzac Avenue, Marian**

**WHY.....to ask God's Blessing on this
year's Harvest.**

**WE WILL....take up a Collection for the
Pioneer Valley School Chaplaincy**

Mackay Churches Together Pentecost Celebration
Salvation Army Church
 (48-50 Gregory St, Mackay)
Sunday, 24th May, 2026 at 4:00pm

This is a wonderful opportunity for churches across Mackay to gather together in Worship, Prayer and Unity. There will be light refreshments after the service.

A Quick Prayer: Lord, in Your generous, gracious love, You cared for me, even when I ignored You. Help me to love others as You loved me. I want to be part of Your mission to open blind eyes and raise bowed-down hearts. Amen

Make Words

Using the letters in the phrase below, see how many words you can make from this phrase from our Gospel story today: You may use each letter only as many times as it appears in the phrase.

“GLORIFY YOUR SON.”

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| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

Hidden Message. In today's Gospel story, Jesus promised something special to his Disciples. To discover what it was, use the code below to find the hidden message and write it in the blanks

Code:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
12	21	2	17	26	23	5	14	9	16	20	4	8

What did the disciples discover?

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