

# PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751

## 'THE WINDOW'

### 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

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#### Worship Times:



**8.00am Every Sunday**

**8.20am Kids Time**

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

**WALKERSTON**



**10.00am Every Sunday**

**10.20am Kid's Time**

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

**MIRANI**

**EUNGELLA**



**15<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

**3.00pm**

**Holy Communion**

ECDA Hall

**EUNGELLA**

Mission Statement: *Sharing Christ in Walkerston, Mirani, Eungella*

#### Worship Leaders

18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 - Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani - Noela Thomson

25<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Noela Thomson

1<sup>st</sup> September, 2019 – Walkerston (HC) – Mirani (HC) – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 – Walkerston – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

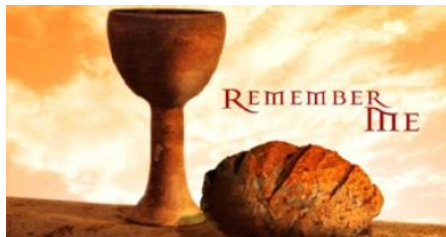


**Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship this morning. Please join us for morning tea after the service.**



Early last Monday morning Allan & Unice Peterson and their three children, Sanea (10), Alinice (7) and Cedric (3) lost their family home in Finch Hatton when it was engulfed in flames. Thank you to all who have given offers of help and donated cash to help this Parish Family. Carolyn,

Janet, Aaron, Thelma and Beth have been liaising with the family along with the Finch Hatton Progress Assoc, the childrens' school and all others providing the necessities for the family. They now have a home to live in in Finch Hatton and the goods and cash you have donated will be used to buy essential items that they don't already have. Thank you all so much.



**Pastor Allen Soxsmith. Please note he is on Annual Leave until the end of August. Below are the changes during these weeks. Worship Services will still be conducted by Rick and Noela, however there will be:**

**NO** Wednesday Holy Communion Service  
St Andrew's UCA, Walkerston  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019

**NO** Sunday Holy Communion during Worship  
St Andrew's UCA, Walkerston or The Valley UCA, Mirani Sunday  
4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019  
18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

**NO** Eungella Service TODAY  
**NEXT** Service will be Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

### **Luke 12:49-56**

<sup>49</sup>"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

<sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

<sup>51</sup>Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.

<sup>52</sup>From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three.

<sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does.

<sup>55</sup>And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is.

<sup>56</sup>Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

**Discipleship Thought:** *Talking about divisive issues like politics or economics is tough. Sometimes relationships break down because it's so tough.*

*Today's gospel reading may offer more questions than it offers answers.*

*What do we do with this reading in a society that idealises family?*

*As a church that seeks unity, what do we do with a reading that promotes division, particularly in a society all too ready to divide itself into us and them?*

*What do we do with this reading when our news so often highlights the terrible consequences of a house divided?*

*In seeking answers to these questions we can look to today's other texts for guidance. Isaiah declares God expects God's people to act justly and in Hebrews we are reminded that Jesus was the perfecter of our faith, the embodiment of God's liberation and justice. Little else matters when we are centred in Christ.*

**Prayer:** Blessed God, when you gather us to you and call us your beloved children our only response is one of praise and thanks.

You overlook all our shortcomings by your grace.

You provide us with a community to nurture and tend us.

You provide us with your word to guide and inform us.

You have provided us with the example of Jesus so we see what it looks like to embody your goodness.

You grant us the gift of your Spirit to urge and provoke us to live in your way of grace.

Our hearts are full and we give you all thanks and glory. Amen

(Words for Worship 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019)



Each week during Worship we pray for 1 or 2 families from our congregations. Remember to uphold one another in prayer.

**Pray for....**Connie, Laurel & John, Neil and family, Jenny, Jim, Jack and Thomas.

....the **Peterson Family** as they come to terms with the loss of their home which was destroyed by fire last Monday.

....those receiving or recovering from medical treatment – Carl, Len, Richard, Rev Gerhardt, Rev Nathan.

....**Don Leckenby, the Leckenby and Barbeler Families** as they mourn the passing of Don's wife '**Audrey**'. Our sincere condolences to Don and the families.

....**Ian and Lynn.**

....**Rick & Noela Thomson** as they conduct the Parish Worship Services this month.

....**Andrea & Andrew Nicholson** as they begin their lives as husband and wife.

....**Janet Kennedy** as she continues her Study in Theology and begins her Period of Discernment.

....the **Hamill Family** as they prepare for the Baptism of their third daughter, Georgia in early October.

....**Bruce Kerr** as he prepares to be Commissioned as an Elder.

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

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

....**our Parish as it continues to struggle financially.**

....members of our Church Council and Property Committee.

....**Friends, Family and Members of the Parish** who are travelling – Allen Soxsmith, David & Morelle Coxwell.

....the safety in the workplace, especially for people involved in the sugar crushing season.

....**all Teachers, Students, RE Instructors, School Chaplains** as they continue to educate our young people.

....**Reach Out Activities.**

....**those who are being affected by the ever-increasing violence in our community, in our nation and all over the World.**

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

....for the **emergency services members** and for the **counsellors** who care for the communities in crisis situations.

....all who are experience the fury of natural disasters.

....**Scripture Union Queensland, Bible Society, Frontier Services and School Chaplaincy.**



**Give Thanks for....Pastor Allen Soxsmith, CQ Presbytery Minister - Rev Dr Kerry Pierce, Moderator - Rev David Baker, our families and friends and for the freedom we take for granted in our Country.**

....all **Lay Preachers** and **Retired Ministers** who give of their time and talents conducting Worship Services across the Mackay District.

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

**A Little Humour:** A farmer ran into his pastor after missing the morning service.

"I'm sorry we missed you this morning," the pastor said.

"Well, Reverend, I had some hay to put up," the farmer replied. "I figured it was better to sit on a bale of hay thinking about God than to sit in church thinking about hay!"

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**Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker:** Lord, thank you for the 3,500 volunteers who share the Christian Faith during RI in Queensland State Schools. Give them Wisdom and Grace as they go about their work.

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 9:30am-11:30am, at St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall.** Sponsored by the Mackay and District Religious Education Reference Group and informed by the Department of Education, Queensland, Karen Grenning, Queensland Christian RI Network (QCRIN), will outline changing requirements and provide specific information about ministers' responsibilities for RI in state schools. Contact [mdrerg@gmail.com](mailto:mdrerg@gmail.com) or Heather Fischle, Chairperson, 0477 462 783, Alison Cliffe 4956 1596 or Melita Parchert 0422 343 663.



**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

**11.30am**

**The Valley UCA, Victoria Street, Mirani**

If you would like to hear **Rev David Ellis**, from the **Frontier Services - McKay Patrol and Townsville Disaster Recovery Ministry** speak, he will be at the following services next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2019: 7.45am Armitage: 9.15am St Paul's service and morning tea and 6pm St Paul's BBQ and service.

PARISH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO A  
BBQ FUNDRAISER IN AID OF  
FRONTIER SERVICES – McKAY PATROL



AFTER WORSHIP

15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019



THE VALLEY UCA, MIRANI



Olivia Wilks (19<sup>th</sup>)

*Happy Birthday*

Dorrie Thompson (19<sup>th</sup>)



Thelma Johnston (23<sup>rd</sup>)

**NO WORSHIP SERVICE**

**(TO BE CONFIRMED)**

**ST ANDREW'S UCA,  
WALKERSTON**

**SUNDAY**

**15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
ELDER'S COMMISSIONING  
SERVICE FOR**

**BRUCE KERR**

**10.00AM**

**THE VALLEY UCA, MIRANI**



Please bring a small plate of dessert to share.

**Mottos for Success:** Life is made up of a multitude of choices, and what you choose shapes your character, success, and personal happiness. Choose well.

The Parish is now registered with **Containers for Change** to receive funds via cans, tetra pack containers and bottles. Anything that has 10c

written on the side or back of a container can be presented for cash. Remove any lids and make sure the containers are empty, bag them and take them to:

ANYTHING ENVIRONMENTAL  
19 INTERLINK COURT,  
PAGET



Quote the Parish's Registered Number **C10195946** and ask for the cash to be assigned to that number and banked. Alternatively, bring your bagged containers to Church and I will be happy to take them in. Thank you.



**LIBRARIES TO COLLECT LIDS FOR KIDS – WASH AND SAVE** your recycled **Code 2 & 4** small plastic lids including milk bottle lids, soft drink lids and water bottle lids (no pop-up lids or metal please) to any of the Council Library Branches in Mackay, Mirani, Walkerston and Sarina.



They will send them on to Anything Environmental who have stepped up and nominated themselves as a local collection point AND regional storage facility. All lids will be recycled by Envision who train disadvantaged people to use 3D printers to make mobility aids for child amputees.

**Bring your bags of lids to Church if you can't get to a Library, Lyn Gargano has volunteered to drop them off.**

**Prayer:** Father, today I pray for the sick among us, those whom medicine has failed, those whose only hope remains Your compassion and power. Stand by them in their time of suffering, wrap them in Your arms of love, and heal their bodies. Amen



**Christian movie – The Overcomer** will be screen daily from Thursday, 22nd August to Sunday, 25th August, 2019 at Mackay City Cinema, Gordon Street:

“Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team's state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant in town suddenly shuts down and hundreds of families begin moving away, John must come to grips with the challenges facing his family and his team. Urged by the school's principal to fill-in and coach a sport he doesn't know or like, John is frustrated and questioning his worth...until he crosses paths with a student struggling with her own journey.” 119 minutes.



It is great to see **The Valley Sunday School Young People** being so involved in craft activities depicting the lesson for the week under the very capable guidance of Morelle. Sinead Kennedy is going to step-in and work with the children while



Morelle is off attending her School Reunion and spoiling their brand new granddaughter.

On page 7 are Matthew and Kelsey with Sinead and Morelle and below are Sanea, Matthew, Kelsey, Ewan and Eli, Sinead and Morelle.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Baby Bundle** for Duncan & Stephanie Coxwell and their daughter, Sophie. Morelle will give the gift to them when she and David arrive in Darwin in the coming days.



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## S.H.I.N.E – (Seeking Him In Everything)

For the youth and young at heart  
Children’s Liturgy and Story

### Read the Bible Reading on Page 2

Jesus said that life would not be easy for Christians, but calls us to stand up for our beliefs. Today let us acknowledge and explore the difficulties of standing as a Christian in today's society.



**Story:** It's difficult to be different and to stand apart from the crowd, especially for children and young people, and it may be a long while before those who stand apart feel justified in their stance. But this what Jesus called us to do.

**Bunker Stands Alone** - Bunker always knew he was different, although he was never sure why. His earliest memory was running, leaping, skidding across the field with his brothers and sisters, then scooting down the passage into the burrow whenever there was a loud noise or some other sign of trouble. Bunker was never afraid at such times. He thought it was a great game and he always tried to be the last to disappear into the burrow, so that the others would know he was the bravest of them all.

Bunker had to be brave, because he was different. Being brave was the only way he felt the other rabbits would accept him.

Bunker's mother told him why he was different. "You aren't a wild rabbit," she said. "Wild rabbits always have brown fur, but your fur is the colour of coal. We discovered you when you were very tiny. You must have been born to a pet rabbit, then the owners threw you out because they couldn't look after you."

Bunker gulped down a big, black tear. "What happened then?" he asked in a small voice.

"Why, then we took you in and you became one of our family with a father and a mother and lots of brothers and sisters." And she groomed Bunker's fur in the way that he loved.

He felt better then because he was fairly sure that his parents loved him, but he still felt different. He still felt as though he didn't quite belong, so he made up for it by being the bravest and the most daring of all the rabbits.

One day, Bunker ventured into a strange field with his brothers and sisters. There were delicious green cabbages just waiting to be eaten by small and hungry rabbits. Bunker led the dive into the cabbages, but then he stopped. The cabbages smelt odd. He nibbled tentatively at the edge of a cabbage leaf. It tasted strange.

"I don't think we should eat these," he exclaimed.

His brothers started to mock him and deride him. His sisters laughed at him. "Bunker's afraid," they cried. "Bunker's a coward," crowed his brothers in delight. And they began to eat with gusto, pausing every now and then to sneer at Bunker.

"I'm not a coward," shouted Bunker angrily. "I'm not afraid!"

"Prove it then," shrieked his sisters. "Come and join us, Bunker the bunny with no guts!"

Bunker was very upset. He was tempted to dive right in there and then and eat more than all of them put together, but something still held him back. He somehow felt that it was wrong, so he hung his head in shame at his brothers' taunts and went on feeling hurt by his sisters' scorn, but he didn't join in.

When they all went home, Bunker's parents were cross with him. "All that good food and you didn't eat any?" they scolded. "Then it's off to bed with no supper for you. You're such a naughty bunny."

Bunker felt angry and miserable and hurt and upset and stupid, all at the same time. How could he have been such a fool? He was now very hungry indeed.

Next day, Bunker's whole family went back to the cabbage field, but Bunker refused to go with them. He had to stay at home and nibble what little grass he could find. He went on feeling very hungry indeed.

Over the coming weeks and months the whole rabbit colony raided the cabbage field. They ate and they ate and they ate, until they were all fat and sleepy. But Bunker remained thin and hungry and alone.

Some months later, when the cabbages were finished and all but forgotten, one of Bunker's brothers found he had difficulty moving his leg. He was quickly followed by another brother and a sister. Gradually the whole family became full of aches and pains and had difficulty in walking. Gone were the games and the fun, for it spread throughout the whole colony and only Bunker was unaffected.

They sent for the rabbit doctor. As he examined each rabbit in turn, his face grew long and sombre.

"What have you eaten?" he asked. "It looks as though you've eaten food which has been sprayed by the farmer. You all have rabbit paralysis, all except Bunker."

Bunker nursed all those rabbits back to health all by himself. And after that, they always believed him when he warned them. Bunker never again had to stand alone.

**Blessing:** *May you know such love in your hearts that you stand strong and are free before the Lord. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, be in your homes and in your families, with those whom you love and with those for whom you pray, both now and always.*

**Amen.**

46th  
Anniversary

Morelle & David Coxwell

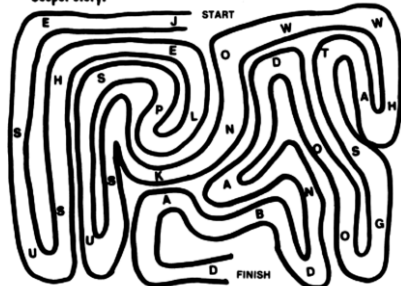
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11  
YEARS

Allan & Unice Peterson

(24<sup>th</sup>)

**Follow the Path.** Follow this path with your pencil. As you come to each letter, write it on one of the blanks below, the first letter on the first blank. When you get to the end of the path you will have a special message from today's Gospel story.



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## *Mark your Calendars*

**Until 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019** - Pastor Allen is on holidays

**8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019** – Church Council meeting

**15<sup>th</sup> September, 2019** – Proposed date for Elder's Commissioning Service and Fundraiser BBQ for Frontier Services – McKay Patrol

**6<sup>th</sup> October, 2019** – Baptism St Andrew's

**8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019** – CQ Presbytery Meeting – Iona West - Pioneer Valley Parish has offered to assist with catering

	<b>WALKERSTON</b>			<b>MIRANI</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Bible Reader</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Bible Reader</b>	<b>Prayers</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Neil	Lyn	Sam	Kerr Family	Bruce
25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Kathryn	Lyn	Kerith	Thelma	Beth
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Sam	Lyn	Lyn	Margaret	Aaron
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Kerith	Lyn	Michelle	Janet	Margaret

<b>ST ANDREW'S UCA – COMMUNION ROSTER - 2019</b>		
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>ELEMENTS PROVIDER</b>	<b>ELEMENTS SERVERS</b>
September	Sam Fernando	Colleen Brown – Bread Lyn Gargano - Wine
October	Colleen Brown	Lyn Gargano – Bread Sam Fernando - Wine
November	Lyn Gargano	Colleen Brown – Bread Sam Fernando - Wine

### **Elders**

Beth Higham 4958 3158: Morelle Coxwell 4959 1229:  
Lynette Gargano 4951 4075: Colleen Brown 4954 5470:  
Sam Fernando 4959 3298

### **Containers for Change** – C10195946

### **Electronic Banking Details are as follows:**

UCA Pioneer Valley – ANZ Bank - BSB: 014-010  
Account No: 211557247. Please enter your surname **OR** Walkerston, Mirani  
or Eungella in the payment description

### **Newsletter**

**Kerith Noy      07 4959 2328**  
email: [glen.noy@bigpond.com](mailto:glen.noy@bigpond.com) or P O Box 346, Walkerston Q 4751

### **Prayer Warrior**

**Vicki Kiem      Mob: 0408 767 331**  
email: [yakmoss@gmail.com](mailto:yakmoss@gmail.com)  
7.40am-7.55am – St Andrew's Vestry – Sundays

**Lectionary Readings****18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Pentecost 10**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**25<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Pentecost 11**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

**Prayer and Holy Communion Service – St Andrew's Church, Walkerston**8.30am - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month – cancelled August**Mid Week Prayers**

Wednesday Evenings in your own home - 8pm to 8-30pm

**August Income \$2821.27****August Expenditure \$2116.12****Congratulations to Andrea and Andrew Nicholson who were married yesterday.**