

# PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



**1<sup>st</sup> June, 2025**

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**Church Council:** Morelle Coxwell (Chairperson): Lynette Gargano (Vice-Chairperson); Michelle Wallin (Secretary): Kerith Noy (Treasurer).



**8.00am Every Sunday**

St Andrew's UCA  
Bold Street

**WALKERSTON**



**10.00am 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 join us for morning tea following the Service.*

## MISSION DONATION FOR JUNE TBA

**Selected Reading: John 17:20–26 - Jesus prays that all would be at home within a world of love and unity**

**Discipleship Thought:** Jesus, in his prayer holds all aspects of life and faith and relationships within a vision of wholeness and connectedness: it's all union and communion. This is the purpose of our lives—to be at home within a world of relatedness, of intimacy, of participation. What begins in God as a community of love reaches out to include us and then continues to ripple outwards. Jesus' desire is for people to know and experience the love and relationship that is so core to his being. God's glory is located in this oneness.

The implications of Jesus' prayer are profound. Jesus' prayer challenges our ideas of a private or a separate religion. The heartbeat of this prayer invites us to recognise God in each other and in ourselves. This requires that we recognise the inherent dignity and worth that our lives and relationships are bound up in. It means that we love God as we love our neighbours and vice versa. There is no separation. We are drawn into a world of relationships. This is what Jesus is praying for.

**Prayer:** Bring your awe, O people of God!

Give thanks and celebrate God Almighty!

Our holy God stands upon a platform of justice that makes the whole world right. Lightning strikes and fire blazes, the earth trembles with respect and mountains crumble before God!

Heaven and earth on the same page: God is awesome; God is glorious!

All the pretenders are fully exposed and we, the people of God, rejoice, for God has had our backs and shines rays of hope over our trusting lives.

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Words for Worship CCLI 386034

Each week during Worship we pray for families from our congregations.

Remember to uphold one another in prayer.



**Pray for....**Alan, Cathy & Paul, Kerith & Family, Ross & Sai, The Turner Families, Norm & Heather, Manda.

....those we know who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, .....and test results. We pray that God's Healing Hands continue to enfold Neil, Manda, Lyn, Frank, the two Margarets, Christopher, Gwen, Rick, Glen, Madison and the two John's.

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

....all who have lost loved ones and are struggling in their daily lives.

**....Ian and Lynns'** Missionary Work and missionaries all over the world and we give thanks to God that they are doing well.

**....safe travel** for all who are travelling.

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

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

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

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

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

**affected by the devastation of war.** We pray that **Your Will** be done in the deteriorating situation in Israel and Gaza.

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

**....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.**

**....Phil and Alun in their roles as School Chaplains.**

**....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.**

**....Scripture Union Queensland and Mackay Street Chaplaincy.**

**GIVE** for....CQ Presbytery Minister - Rev Scott Ballment, Qld  
**THANKS** Moderator - Rev Bruce Moore.

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

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

**....Alun and Lesley and their commitment to our Parish.**

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

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

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

**....for 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:** You might be a preacher if: You've been told that you get a week's pay for only Why can't preachers get to sleep at night? They count lost sheep.

*From The Big Book of Church Jokes, published by Barbour Publishing, Inc. Used by permission."*

**Motto for Success:** Love is still God's solution, even in such a highly complex and confused society as today's.



Glen Noy (1<sup>st</sup>): Janet Kennedy (3<sup>rd</sup>)

*Happy 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

*Heather & Frosty McLean (6<sup>th</sup>)*



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY,  
8<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2025 IN THE VALLEY UCA FROM  
11.30AM.**

## *What's Happening Locally!?*

A conversation on Life, Faith and Purpose, utilising the Alpha Youth Series of resources is being held online and in Mirani.

You can JUMP ON-LINE to join in: <http://mirani.info>

The NEXT SESSION is from **6.00 – 7.00pm, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, in the **Mirani Medical Centre Lounge Room**, 42 Victoria Street, Mirani.

**A Quick Prayer:** Thank You, Lord for those who work as missionaries or evangelists, whether they work here at home or in a foreign land. Bless their efforts and give them Your protection and guidance. Keep them in my mind and heart. Amen



**Men, you are invited to the Iona West Men's Breakfast at 7.30am on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7 Brooks Street, West Mackay. The cost is \$5 and the guest speaker is James Corkill.** After serving in the Royal Australian Navy for 6 years as a Hydrographic Surveyor, James moved to

Mackay to study nursing, working in rural areas (Bowen, Dysart and Clermont) then working in Mackay Emergency, Sarina Hospital, and also in the Community. With Men's Health Week coming up 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June, James will share his perspective on Living a Healthy life. For any enquiries or to RSVP please contact Bruce and the team at [mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au](mailto:mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au)



Over the last couple of weeks we have received enquiries from groups interested in hiring our Parish's Hall. With this in mind, we do need to organise some extra cleaning. The tables need to be dragged out from under the stage and the stacks of chairs on the stage need cleaning. Are you able to help? Have a chat over morning tea to Phil and Neil who are organising a time to do this job. If you are able to help, contact Kerith and I will pass on your contact details to Phil. Thank you.

**Are you interested in helping with our Worship Services? There are vacancies for Bible Readers, Laptop Operators and Prayers of the People presenters.** There is a book in each of our churches (Let us Pray) that can be used as a resource for the prayers. If you would like to help with one of these, please talk to Beth Higham or Kerith Noy so you can be added to the Roster. "Many hands make light work!!"

**Make Words** – Using the letter 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. **"RIGHTEOUS FATHER"**

## *Harvest Blessing Service - 2025*

### *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, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**

**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**



At left Heather & Frosty McLean married on 6th June 1959 in St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Mackay (now Uniting) by Rev Trafford Walker. And at right, Pictured with daughter, Susan, celebrating Frosty's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with family and friends at West's Leagues Club.



	WALKERSTON			MIRANI			
Date	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop
01/06	Alun & Lesley	Kerith	Kerith	Noela	Thelma	Manda	Stephanie
08/06	Congregation	Nikhil	Lyn	Au	Morelle	Beth	Thelma
15/06	Alun & Lesley	Neil	Michelle	Noela	Elsbeth	Manda	Gerry
22/06	Congregation	Kathryn	Gwen	Manda	Thelma	Beth	Stephanie
29/06	Alun & Lesley	Michelle	Kerith	Manda	Elsbeth	Morelle	Thelma
Please pray 'The Lord's Prayer' at the end of the Prayer for Others except on Holy Communion Sundays							

**Electronic Banking Details – UCA Pioneer Valley – ANZ Bank –  
BSB: 014-010: Account No: 2115 57247**

**Containers for Change – Parish Registered Number C10195946.**

Alternatively, collect the cash and drop it into the offering plate.

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**Prayer Warrior: Vicki Kiem: Mob: 0408 767 331**

**email: [vakmoss@gmail.com](mailto:vakmoss@gmail.com)**

**KYB (Know Your Bible) – Every Thursday 1.30pm, The Valley UCA, Mirani**

**Lectionary Readings:**

29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 - Ascension Day - Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47 or Psalms 93;

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

1<sup>st</sup> June, 2025 - Acts 16:16-34; Psalms 97; Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;

John 17:20-26

8<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 - Pentecost - Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34,

35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21: John 14:8-17, (25-27)

15<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 - Trinity Sunday - Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8:

Romans 5:1-5: John 16:12-15:

22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025 - 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a or Isaiah 65:1-9;

Psalm 42 and 43 or 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025 - UCA Anniversary - 2 Chronicles 30:1-9: Psalm 100;

Ephesians 2:19-22: John 17:1-11

29<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 - 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;

Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

6<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 - 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16;

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

13<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 - Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10: 25-37

MAKE WORDS

HER	HEAR
HOUR	EAT
HOUSE	FAITH
OTHER	FAR
OUR	FAT
RATHER	FEAR
RIGHT	FIGHT
SEAT	FIT
SET	FOUR
SOUR	GET
SOUTH	HAT
THAT	HAIR
THERE	HEAR
TIGHT	HEARTS
TRUTH	

*Jesus IS Coming!*