

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



21st April, 2024

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If you wish to contribute, please place your contribution into an envelope marked "MISSION". Thank you.

Selected reading and Theme: John 10:11–18

Living with the Good Shepherd

Discipleship Thought: *Jesus said I am the good shepherd. Here, he uses good in the way it is used in the first creation story in Genesis. There God declares all creation to be good, not in any kind of moral sense – not good as opposed to bad. It is goodness in a functional sense – good as opposed to useless. The good shepherd is the shepherd who does what a shepherd does and does it well. The good shepherd is like the good plumber, the good cook, or the good dentist – they perform all their duties well; they are functionally good. Jesus is the good shepherd in the same way as creation is good.*

Prayer: God of all life, you are with us; **beside still waters.**

God, you are with us; **in the darkest valley.**

God, you are with us; in green pastures

God, you are with us; **in right paths.**

God, you are with us; **in the presence of my enemies.**

God, you are with us; **my cup overflows**

God, you are with us; **God, you are with us. Amen**

Words for Worship CCLI 386034



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

This week we **pray for....**Bill, Geoff, Dal, Kristie and Brooklyn, Sam, Stephen & Family, Dave, Margaret and Christopher, John & Beth.

....those who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results. Pray for Rick's, Dianne's, Lyn's, Ian's, Thelma's, Au's, Manda's and Peter McL's health. May they know God's hand is upon them in their time of need.

....the **McLean Family** as they support Peter during his health issues.

....**Lesley, Alun and their extended family as they mourn the passing of Lesley's Mother.** Our sincere condolences to the family.

....all who are displaced.

....teachers and students.

....all who are travelling. Pray that they make wise decisions at all times.

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

....**Ian and Lynns' Missionary Work.**

....**the work the School Chaplains in the Mackay and District Schools.**

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

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

Give Thanks**for Queensland Moderator – Rev Bruce Moore and CQ Presbytery Minister – Rev Scott Ballment** who is on holidays until early May. Pray for a restful break away and safe travel for Scott and his family.

....**for retired Ministers, Pastors and Lay Preachers** who willingly give of their time to conduct Worship Services.

....**for School Chaplains** and the work they do throughout the Pioneer Valley.

....**for the missionaries** all over the world.

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

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

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

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



Brooklyn Dodd (24th): Pian Kerr (24th)

Harrison Wallin (27th)

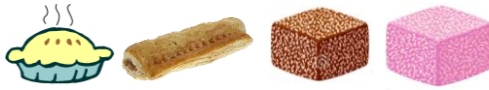
What's Happening Locally!?



Please note that the next **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** is **TODAY Sunday, 21st April, 2024** in **St Andrew's Church/Hall** from **11.45am!**



Iona West's UCA Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, 27th April, 7:15 pm for a 7:30 pm start. Five people to a team. \$12 per person. Come along for a fun night. To book – Phone 0417 151 709.



IONA WEST'S PIE, SAUSAGE, LAMINGTON AND PEACH SQUARE DRIVE

If you want to order from the above fundraiser, **please phone Andrea Nicholson (Mob: 0487 100 268). Orders are to be in by Wednesday, 24th April.** The delivery/collection date is Thursday, 9th May, from the Iona West Hall.

On **Sunday, 5th May**, Chappy Rex and Chappy Judy will be coming to talk about their work as School Chaplains in the Pioneer Valley.



Congratulations to Robert & Courtney Dawson on the safe arrival of their first child, a daughter, "Charlotte Gwen". Charlotte was born on Sunday, 7th April and weighed 8lbs 5ozs. She is a second grandchild for Scott & Robyn Morgan and another great grandchild for Paul & Cathy Rogers.

The Joy Chimers in action and the Young People holding STARS that the Choir brought with them.



From Beth - It was an interesting experience to hear and see the Chimes being played. There were 6 members in the choir and they each played several different Chimes. The conductor, Cynthia Delaney was very skilled in leading the group as well as also playing various chimes. The 7 Children present were given the opportunity to play the Belle-Plates, each group sounding one note together with Cynthia indicating when each group were to play.

The children's talk was introduced by the story of creation and how the Stars were 'breathed into the sky'. "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" was performed successfully by the young ones. Then it was the turn of both adults and youth to have a go. "This is the Day" was performed with great gusto. The interaction of the Chimes choir with the congregation was a wonderful feature of the morning. It was restorative to have times of reflection while the choir played during the worship, "Amazing Grace" being one of the items. They certainly are a talented group and we were blessed to have them worship with us.

We had a chance to mingle and chat together over the cuppa and eats afterwards. (Thank you to everyone for bringing food to share) At one o'clock the choir gathered at Nanyima Nursing Home to entertain the residents there. We were privileged to be the first venue the Joy Chimes Choir played at this year. We sincerely thank them for the time and effort involved in providing us with this service.

A Quick Prayer: Help me to realise that humility and doing Your will should come first, no matter what my present situation is. Help me keep my eyes on You, heavenly Father, and the rest will take care of itself. Amen

A Little Humour: "And how are you, my dear?" a kind relative asked a widowed woman at her husband's funeral.

"As good as can be expected, I guess," replied the old woman. "I'll miss him dearly, but it was his time to go."

"Are you in pretty good health?" the relative asked.

"Well, my eyes are so bad I can hardly tell what I'm eating. My hands shake so much that I can't drink anything hot. My medicine makes me dizzy and I can't turn my neck because of my arthritis. But thank the good Lord, I can still drive!"
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Mottos for Success: When there is a conflict, be willing to hear the other person out, no matter how difficult it may be to hear their side or how much you may disagree. If the other person sees that you're willing to listen, be reasonable, and apologise if warranted, chances are they will do the same.

A Prayer for Anzac Day: God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to

preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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"I am the good shepherd." *John 10:11*

Date	WALKERSTON			MIRANI		
	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayer	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayer
21/04	Congregation	Michelle	Lyn	Noela	Stephanie	Bruce
28/04	Rick Thomson	Colleen	Lyn	Rev Jim Brown	Elsbeth HC	Beth
05/05	Alun & Lesley HC - Lyn	Kathryn	Lyn	Noela	Thelma	Manda
12/05	Rick Thomson	Gwen	Lyn	Rev Jim Brown	Beth	Manda
19/05	Alun & Lesley	Neil	Lyn	Noela	Stephanie	Bruce
Please pray 'The Lord's Prayer' at the end of the Prayer for Others except on Holy Communion						

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EUNGELLA

8.00am Every Sunday

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

WALKERSTON

10.00am Every Sunday

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

MIRANI

3.00pm

No Services at present

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

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
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KYB (Know Your Bible) – 1.30pm Every Thursday, The Valley UCA, Victoria & Louise Streets, Mirani.

Lectionary Readings:

21st April - Acts 4:5-12; Psalms 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

28th April - Acts 8:26-40; Psalms 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

5th May - Acts 10:44-48; Psalms 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

12th May - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalms 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

19th May – Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 104:24-34, 35b;

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

26th May, 2024 - Trinity Sunday - Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalms 29; Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17

