

# PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



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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 SEPTEMBER – BlueCare

**Selected Reading: Psalm 79:1–9 - Called to pray, even for the enemy**

**Discipleship Thought:** The psalms offer words for a range of emotions. Reading Psalm 79 might stir up in us righteous anger and a desire to punish others we see as responsible. However, if we look at it another way, this might be read as an indictment of Christian communities that have failed to look after each other and the vulnerable in their midst. When put in contrast with the words of the epistle reading, we might feel a little sheepish. The writer of 1 Timothy reminds us that God wants all people to be saved, in contrast to the psalmist, who is calling for the enemy to be destroyed.

In a world where grief can harden into anger and justice can become vengeance, God calls us to a deeper response: to pray, even for those who have wronged us, trusting in a mercy that reaches farther than our pain. Let us heed the call to pray for all people.

**Prayer:** Gracious God, may your glory shine in this place, calling us into your radiant presence, filling us with your loving-kindness.

Loving God, may your mercy fill this space, calling us into gratitude and forgiveness, filling us with your peace.

Merciful God, may your truth fill our hearts, calling us into accountability and justice, filling us with your grace. Amen

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



**Pray for....**Frosty & Heather, Adam, Dustyn and Family, the Morgan Families, John & Beth, Dianne & Bill, Grace & Les.

....those we know who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results. We pray that God places his Healing Hands on Lesley, Manda, Lyn, Frank, Margaret, Rick, Glen, Madison, Lisa, Gwen, Paul, the two John's, Au and Elspeth.

**....Beth Higham and family** as they mourn the passing of Beth's Brother, Eric. Please also pray for Eric's wife, Elizabeth, and their daughters Rosemary, Margaret and Catherine, their extended family and friends.

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

**....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.** As the school holidays begin, keep those who are travelling safe and we pray that the teachers and students come back for Term 4, safe and refreshed.

**....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.**

....**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.**

....**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.

....the members of our congregations who are helping to ensure our Worship Services continue to be provided in our Churches.

....the accommodation has become available for our Parish Member and she is in the process of settling in.

....**Alun and Lesley** and their commitment to St Andrew's and Calen Congregations. Phil, Au, Manda and other members of our congregations who are 'stepping up to conduct our Worship Services across 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:** Why wasn't Boaz a nice man before he got married? He was Ruth-less.

Aside from Adam & Eve, who in the Bible had no parents? Joshua, son of Nun ("none").

Need a boat? I Noah guy.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Thomas Higham (26<sup>th</sup>): Unice Peterson (27<sup>th</sup>)

Geoffrey Dodd (27<sup>th</sup>)

**61<sup>st</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY

Rick & Noela Thomson (26<sup>th</sup>)

**A Quick Prayer:** What I seek is Your presence, Father. I trust in You, and You have promised to be with me forever, surrounding me with Your sheltering arms. Thank You for the security You bring to my life. Amen

**Christian One Liners:** What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Nineveh? Mmmm. Seems fishy!!

## *What's Happening Locally!?*



**When - 28 Sep 2025 – 1 Oct 2025**

**Location - Camp Eagle - Rowallan Park**

**Price - \$200.00**

**Camp Activate** is a faith-based camp designed to help students in years 6 – 8 discover their true potential, by finding their place in God's big story. Camp Activate is filled with fun, laughter and friendships as campers engage with a wide variety of activities such as scavenger hunts, campfire nights, messy games and trivia. Come along to Camp Activate where you can challenge your limits, connect

with peers and build lasting friendships. So much fun and much more. Book online NOW: <https://su.org.au/events/camp-activate-2025/>

**WANTED – Donations of plates of goodies for morning and afternoon tea during Camp Activate. MUST NOT need to be refrigerated. If you are unable to bake, you can donate money towards the purchase of ingredients. Please bring your baked goods to church on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. Phil Hall will ensure they get to their destination.**



**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**

**St Andrew's UCA, Walkerston**

**Shared Lunch from 12.30pm.**

**Motto for Success:** One key to working well with others is being willing and open to change your mindsets and ways of doing things when necessary for the sake of unity.

**DATES TO WRITE ON YOUR CALENDARS. THESE DATES WILL BE CONFIRMED IN DUE COURSE**

**Parish Congregational Meetings following Worship – Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.**

**Ecumenical Carols Service – 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 or 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

**Turning on of the Christmas Lights at The Valley Church – Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December – 7.00pm – Supper afterwards. No morning Service on that day!!!**



**FREE**

**DON'T MISS THIS NIGHT OF LIGHT JOY & LAUGHTER**

**Come and celebrate the light with some family fun:**

- Awesome **FREE** activities and candy
- Food trucks & stalls
- Live music & entertainment
- Dress up in your most fun, positive costume!

THANKS TO MACKAY CHURCHES AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

**FRI 31 OCT 4 - 9PM**

**BLUE WATER QUAY RIVER STREET**


**LIGHT PARTY MACKAY**



Last week was a busy birthday week! Pictured above celebrating at Glen & Keriths' on Friday night, was their daughter, Amanda with her daughter, Sylvie and below left celebrating over morning Tea after Worship in The Valley Church are Beth and Marion with Manda, Bruce, Margaret, Thelma, Gerry and Elspeth.



At right Manda, Marion, Beth, Bruce, Margaret, Thelma, Morelle and Elspeth. Beth's Birthday was on Tuesday and Marion's Birthday was on Friday. Happy Birthday to everyone!!!!

 **Congratulations to Kenneth Brown and Chantal Kay on their engagement.** Kenneth is Jim & Judith Brown's son. Chantal is an accomplished organist and pianist and is currently the music teacher at Walkerston SS and Chelona SS. Chantal and Kenneth are planning their Wedding for 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. Chantal was recently presented with a Mackay

