

## PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



# *'The Window'*

## *23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020*

**Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship this morning. Please stay for morning tea following the Service.**

**Take a moment to read this week's devotional:**

Isaiah 53:1-6 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Pierced Love** – Elisa Morgan

She'd called. She'd texted. Now Carla stood outside her brother's gated entry, unable to rouse him to answer. Burdened with depression and fighting addiction, her brother had hidden himself away in his home. In a desperate

attempt to penetrate his isolation, Carla gathered several of his favourite foods along with encouraging Scriptures and lowered the bundle over the fence.

But as the package left her grip, it snagged on one of the gate spikes, tearing an opening and sending its contents onto the gravel below. Her well-intended, love-filled offering spilled out in seeming waste. Would her brother even notice her gift? Would it accomplish the mission of hope she'd intended? She can only hope and pray as she waits for his healing.

God so loved the world that – in essence – He lowered His one and only Son over the wall of our sin, bringing gifts of love and healing into our weary and withdrawn world (John 3:16). The prophet Isaiah predicted the cost of this act of love in Isaiah 53:5. This very son would be “pierced for our transgressions,...crushed for our iniquities.” His wounds would bring the hope of ultimate healing. He took on Himself “the iniquity of us all (v. 6).

Pierced by spikes for our sin and need, God's gift of Jesus enters our days today with fresh power and perspective. What does His gift mean to you?

*How have you experienced God's pierced love? How have you seen Him transform a broken life by His amazing grace?*

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for Your gift of Jesus, sent over the fences in my heart to meet my need today.



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

....Morelle & David, Marion & Kevin, Rod, Michelle and families, Kathryn, Greg and families.

**....those receiving or recovering from medical treatment** – Carl, Richard, Len, Rev Nathan, Debbie, Ray, Irene, Stephen's father, Linda, Earl.

**....Ian and Lynn** in their missionary work.

**....Parish Elders** - Bruce, Beth, Morelle, Sam, Colleen and Lyn.

**....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.

**....Sara & Craig** as they prepare for the birth of their second child.

**....an abundance of finances for our Parish.**

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

**....Friends, Family and Members of the Parish** who are travelling – Marie as she spends time with her daughters in Tasmania.

**....safety in the workplace.**

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

**....those who are being affected by the 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 and disaster situations.

....**all who are experiencing the fury of natural disasters.**

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

....**the Emerald UCA Community** as they prepare to host the March CQ Presbytery Meeting.



**for....Pastor Allen Soxsmith, Moderator - Rev David Baker, our families and friends** and for the **freedom** we take for granted in our Country.

....**Teachers, RI Instructors, School Chaplains** and all those who work with children.

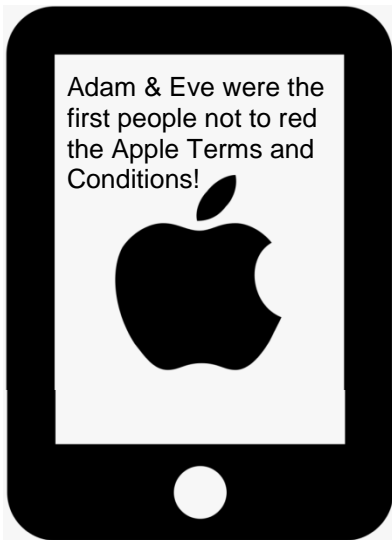
....**Lay Preachers** and **Retired Ministers** who give of their time and talents conducting Worship Services across the Mackay District.

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

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

....for the wonderful rain.

**A Little Humour:** ☺



**Mottos for Success:** Life without Liberty is like a body without without Spirit.

**Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker:** *Loving God, May Your spirit brood over our land; bring healing to the lives and communities devastated by fire, drought, and disruption; humble us to honour one another; help us to see you in our neighbour and fellow Australian.*



Matthew Gargano (24<sup>th</sup>)

Patricia McGilchrist (27<sup>th</sup>)

Dianne Hobbs (28<sup>th</sup>)

**A Quick Prayer:** Holy Lord, Thank You for grace. Please help me move beyond the hurdles that trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Saturday, 14th March, 2020

7:15pm for a 7:30pm start

Iona West Church Hall

Teams of 5

\$10 per person

To book a table phone 4952 2056

**S.H.I.N.E – (Seeking Him In Everything)**  
**For the youth and young at heart**

When Jesus was transfigured up on the mountain, God said, "This is my son whom I love, listen to him." Today, let us listen to Jesus.

**Bible Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

<sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

<sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

<sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

<sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**Story:** Jesus met with God on the mountain and was so transfigured that his radiance was clearly seen by the three disciples who were watching.

In this story, Spiky the caterpillar reluctantly heeds his mother's words and becomes something quite different.

If we heed the words of Jesus, we too can become transfigured and become very different people.

Spiky Is Transformed - "Eat your cabbage," ordered Spiky's mother.

Spiky groaned. He was fed up with cabbage. He hated cabbage. All he ever ate was cabbage and he hoped he'd never see another cabbage for as long as he lived.

But his mother was remorseless. "You'll need it if you want to grow big and strong," she scolded. "And it'll soon be time for your long sleep. What will you do without proper food to sustain you?"

Spiky sighed and crawled along the leaf, munching as he went. He figured it was the easiest method of getting away from her. But he could feel himself growing fatter and heavier with every mouthful and he was sure she'd soon catch up with him, nagging away as she always did.

At last, Spiky was so full of cabbage that he couldn't manage another mouthful. He curled himself into a little ball and fell fast asleep. So fast asleep, in fact, that nothing could waken him. He slept and he slept and he slept. He slept for fourteen days without waking up, but he didn't realise that during that time, a hard shell had grown around his body to protect him.

When Spiky yawned and stretched a fortnight later, he discovered that he couldn't move. He was tightly wedged within the hard shell and his mother was nowhere to be seen.

Spiky pushed and pulled, pulled and pushed with all his strength. Eventually the hard shell began to give under his exertions and he wriggled and squiggled and jiggled until he began to emerge.

But then he discovered something very strange. He was no longer the fat caterpillar who had gone to sleep on a cabbage leaf. As he shook and stretched and flexed, Spiky discovered that he was now transformed into a beautiful butterfly.

And Spiky remembered his mother and was suddenly very glad that she had made him eat his cabbage.

**Blessing:** May the transforming love of God fill and transfigure your life. 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.**

WALKERSTON			MIRANI		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Kathryn	Lyn	Kristie	Kerr Family	Kerr Family
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Michelle	Lyn	Michelle	Thelma	Beth
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Kerith	Lyn	Kerith	Morelle	Margaret
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Neil	Lyn	Sam	Margaret	Bruce



March 2020  
**Pray for Zimbabwe**

Date: **6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**



**RISE! Take Your Mat and Walk**

*Everyone is welcome to attend.*  
[worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)

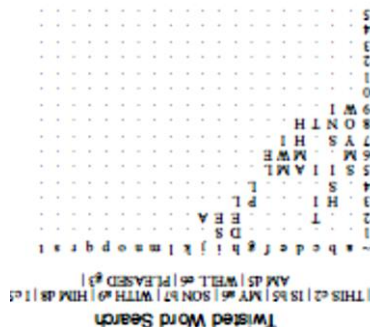
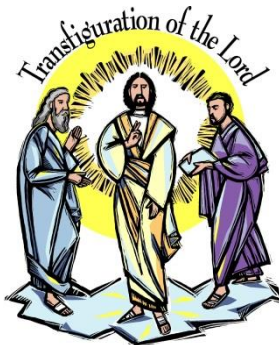
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
ST MARY MAGDALENE  
ANGLICAN CHURCH  
McColl Street  
WALKERSTON  
Morning Tea 9.30am  
Church Service 10.00am**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
THE VALLEY UCA  
Victoria Street  
MIRANI  
Church Service 9.30am  
Morning Tea to follow Service**

**March Holy Communion Elements – Kerith Noy**

**April Holy Communion Elements – Colleen Brown**

**FALLEN LETTER PUZZLE:** Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”



## Twisted Word Search

Find each of the words in the verse in the puzzle. If a word appears more than once, you must find it more than once. Remember, words in a twisted word search **DO NOT** always go in a straight line! One word has been done for you.

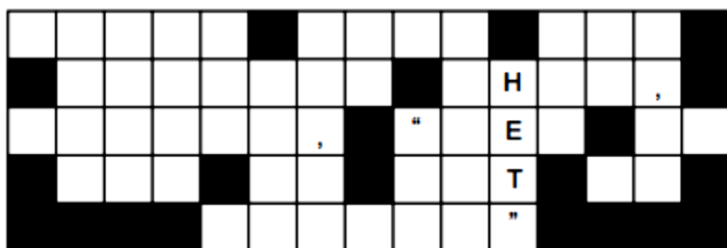
Matthew 17:5

"This is my Son with him I am well pleased."



## Fallen Letter Puzzle

Place one letter from each column into the spaces above to rebuild the words.  
The phrase is a verse in today's Gospel story, Matthew 17:1-9. One column has been done for you!



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E Y U A G O A N T H T B D

J A S D C H E D M O E A N U

S T N U N D C A I D E M E P



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**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> March, 2020**

**3.00pm**

**Holy Communion**

ECDA Hall

**EUNGELLA**

### Worship Leaders

23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020 – Walkerston – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 – Walkerston (HC) – Mirani (HC) – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 – Walkerston – Mirani - Pastor Allen Soxsmith

**Elders:** Beth Higham 4958 3158: Morelle Coxwell 4959 1229: Bruce Kerr 4966 6924: Lynette Gargano 4951 4075: Colleen Brown 4954 5470: Sam Fernando 4959 3298

### **Containers for Change**

ANYTHING ENVIRONMENTAL, 19 INTERLINK COURT, PAGET.

Parish's Registered Number **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

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

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

7.40am-7.55am – St Andrew's Vestry – Sundays

### **Lectionary Readings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 - Lent 1** - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 - Lent 2** - Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17: 1-9

**15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 - Lent 3** - Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

**22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 - Lent 4** - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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