

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



25th February, 2024

Selected reading and Theme: Mark 8:31–38

Jesus summons us to experience unparalleled aliveness by following him.

Discipleship Thought: Jesus calls to the crowd with his disciples, saying, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' Let's take what Jesus says here seriously. To take up your cross is to live as though you are a criminal condemned to death. In Jesus' context, a criminal no longer held any legal claim on possessions. A criminal no longer held any status in their community. Think about what Jesus is placing before us. Consider how it might challenge the normal pursuits and claims of our ordinary human lives – lives shaped around getting ahead, lives shaped by what others might think of us. Jesus is inviting us to discover a new true north. Jesus did not underestimate the challenge. It's like dying ahead of time. But he also described it in terms of living like we had never lived before – a way of losing one's life to gain it. What kind of aliveness might we experience if we take Jesus' invitation to follow him seriously?

Prayer: Here's our story; here's our song; here is the joy of our hearts: Our God is present in the eye of the storm – even those storms of our own making. This God does not turn away, does not leave us out in the cold – naked, empty, abandoned.

Our God is with us; never lets us go.

We cry out and know that we are heard.

Which is why we cry out in our heartache and we cry out in our praise.

for you, God, are with us through thick and thin.

You gather us and bring us to the table and feed all that is good and hopeful within us – strengthening us, guiding us, leading us into life.

Shout hallelujah, family of God, Give thanks and praise, brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Each week during Worship we pray for families from our congregations. This week we **pray for**Gargano Family, Peter & Margaret, Gwen, Glenda, Margaret H, Christopher, Beth & John.

....those who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results. Pray for Rick's, Dianne's, Lyn's, Jan's, Fiona's and Vicki's health. May they know God's hand is upon them in their time of need.

....Jan who has now moved into Aged Care.

....all who are displaced.

....all who have lost loved ones in recent weeks.

....teachers and students.

....Mackay Regional Council Elections.

....Ian and Lynns' Missionary Work.

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

....safe travel for all who are travelling. Grant them the wisdom to make wise choices while driving on the roads.

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

....for the soldiers at war, 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.

....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.



Dianne Hobbs (28th)

A Quick Prayer: Some days my faith is so strong I can almost see it, Lord. Other days, my faith seems puny and weak. Be with me on both my strong and weak days, because no matter how I feel, I want to do Your work. Amen

Mottos for Success: As you go about your day, ask yourself, "How can I show love to God and others?" give that love, and watch your own problems shrink.

IONA WEST MEN'S BREAKFAST - 7:30am, Saturday, 2nd March, 2024. The cost is \$5 per person. The speaker is Rhys Bowman, a commercial pilot who recently moved to Mackay with his family and attends Northside Church. Rhys is currently working for a cattle property group and has developed strategies using drones for inspecting and managing properties. Rhys will show how he

uses drones for mustering, locating cattle, and inspecting fences, water troughs, etc. Men, why not join us for breakfast and fellowship and to hear about Rhys' work with drones. Please RSVP mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au to assist with catering.

World Day of Prayer 2024

9.30am Morning Tea - 10.00am Worship Service - St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, 11 McColl Street, Walkerston.



The Pioneer Valley World Day of Prayer Worship Service - St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, Gargett on Friday, 1st March, 2024 at 9.00am and will be followed by Morning Tea.

Quizworx Christian Education School Seminars are coming to Mackay on 13th – 17th May. Among parents, there is strong demand in Marian and Mirani State Schools for Christian Religious Instruction. A Quizworx Seminar is a great way to generate interest among locals teaching RI.

The Mackay District Religious Instruction Reference Group is asking local churches to facilitate with school Principals a Seminar (and if necessary to sponsor the cost which is from \$220 for repeat performances – the first session is free).

For more information please contact Jay-Ellen Wright, Regional Development Officer, for Central Queensland - Email jay-ellen.wright@christianri.org.au or have a look at the website christianri.org.au

Thursday, 29th February, 2024, Pioneer Valley Combined Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting - Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Walkerston 5:15pm. All are welcome to attend.

Date	WALKERSTON			MIRANI		
	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayer	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayer
25/02	Congregation	Colleen	Lyn	Rev Jim Brown	Beth	Manda
03/03	Congregation HC	Michelle	Lyn	Noela	Thelma	Manda
10/03	Rev Jim Brown	Gwen	Lyn	Rev Jim Brown	Elsbeth	Bruce
17/03	Alun & Lesley	Kathryn	Lyn	Noela	Stephanie	Manda
24/03	Rick	Neil	Lyn	Rev Jim Brown	Thelma	Beth
29/03	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE TBA					
31/03	TBA	Colleen	Lyn	TBA	Elsbeth	Bruce

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Elders: Beth Higham 4958 3158: Morelle Coxwell 0448 111 265: Bruce Kerr 4966 6924: Lynette Gargano 0408 775 632: Colleen Brown 4954 5470



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:

25th February - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalms 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25;
Mark 8:31-38 or Mk 9:2-9

3rd March - Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

10th March - Numbers 21:4-9; Psalms 107:1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10;
John 3:14-21

17th March - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

24th March - Liturgy of the Palms - Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Mark 11:1-11 or
John 12:12-16

31st March - Easter Day - Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9;
Psalms 118:1-2,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18
or Mark 16:1-8

