

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



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8.00am Every Sunday

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

WALKERSTON



9.00am Every Sunday

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

MIRANI

EUNGELLA

No Services at present

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Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship. You are invited to stay for morning tea following the Service.

Selected Reading and Theme – John 10:1–10 - Knowing the Shepherd's voice



Discipleship Thought: Jesus speaks of sheep who recognise the voice of the one who leads them. They do not follow out of fear, but out of trust, because they know the one who calls them.



This image points to relationship. The sheep recognise the voice because it is familiar—the voice of the shepherd who guides, protects, and leads toward safety and nourishment, as the psalmist proclaims. It is a voice that leads into life.

As disciples, we are invited to listen attentively for Christ's voice among the many voices that surround us. Over time, through prayer, scripture, and shared life in community, we learn to recognise the voice that speaks peace, offers guidance, and leads us toward abundant life.

Where do we hear Christ's voice calling us today? How does trusting that voice shape the way we live and care for one another?

Prayer: God of love and care, we give thanks that you watch over us and lead us in your ways.

You provide what we need and restore us when we are weary.

You guide us with compassion and surround us with your peace.

In times of uncertainty, you are present.

In times of fear, you bring comfort and assurance.

You lead us into life that is full and abundant, and hold us in your steadfast love.

With grateful hearts, we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, now and always.

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Prayer for ANZAC Day - God of peace and mercy, we remember with gratitude the courage, sacrifice, and service of the ANZACs and all who have worn the uniform.

Grant rest to the fallen, comfort to the grieving, and strength to those who still bear wounds of body or spirit.

May their legacy inspire us to walk in justice, to live in unity, and to seek peace among all nations. Amen



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.



Pray for....all members of our Parish and extended Church Families. This week we pray for the Marie, Colleen & Barry, Jim & Judith, Bill, Stephanie, Earl, Eli and Ewan, Unice Allan, Sanea, Alinice and Cedric, Au.

....those we know who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results. We pray that God places his Healing Hands on Frank, Glen, Madison, Margaret, the two John's, twins Hugo and Grayson and their family and Ian.

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

....**Nikhil and Ash** have arrived in Victoria. Continue to pray for them as they search for suitable accommodation.

....**Ian and Lynns'** Missionary Work and for missionaries all over the world.

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

....safe travel for members of our Parish who are travelling – Morelle & Dave, Bruce and Bayla.

....**Christians who live in countries where their lives are not safe and they need to secretly worship in church houses.** Pray these believers will be able to worship together without fear.

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

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

....**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 the Gideons International Local Group.**

....**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 and Uniting Church President -
Rev Charissa Suli.**

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

....**Alun and Lesley** and their commitment to St Andrew's and Calen Congregations and **Noela** for her commitment to The Valley Congregation, as well as all who are 'stepping up' to conduct Worship Services in 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 Quick Prayer: Father God, remind me to be glad, to rejoice before You when worship services become mere routine. Give the service leaders a new

enthusiasm that catches my hear and brings it alive again, full of joy and delight at being Your child. Amen

A Little Humour – Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible? David. He rocked Goliath to sleep.

When was Joseph mentioned playing tennis? When he served in Pharaoh's court.

What's Happening Locally!?



You can also get tickets from St Paul's Church Office (beside the church). Ph 4957 3557 Open: 10am-12pm Tuesday; 9am-12pm Wednesday and Thursday.

Iona West Men's Breakfast is on Saturday, 2 May at 7.30am at 7 Brooks Street, West Mackay, Cost is \$5. The guest speaker is Doug Foster. Doug Foster lives in Cairns and recently retired from being State Chaplain coordinator in the Uniting Church after many years as a Police Chaplain and congregation minister before that. Doug is married with three children and seven grandchildren and will share about himself and his recent role as police chaplain. We look forward to you joining us and for any queries or to RSVP please contact Anthony and the team at mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au



The Calen Community is changing to one Worship Service per month. 10.30am on the first Sunday of the Month. The Service will include Holy Communion. All are welcome to attend on Sunday 3rd May, 2026.



**Northside's Church Fair –
Saturday, 5th September - (9am-1pm)**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Harrison Wallin (27th): Heather Tilse (28th)

Jack McFarlane (29th): Indy Noy (30th)

Picture Differences. A good shepherd takes good care of his sheep. Below are two pictures of a good shepherd, but there are 6 differences in the pictures. As soon as you find something different, circle it. See if you can find all 6.



Motto for Success: Don't be afraid to invest time in getting to know people and learning from them; you won't regret the results

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: 24th May, 2026 – 10.30am – The Valley UCA, Mirani.

Date	WALKERSTON				MIRANI			
	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop
26/04	Phil	Leanne	Kerith	Kathryn	Au	Elspeith	Manda	Stephanie
03/05	Alun & Lesley	Neil	Michelle	Leanne	Noela	Thelma	Marion	Gerry
10/05	Kerith	Michelle	Kerith	Leanne	Manda	Elspeith	Beth	Au
17/05	Alun & Lesley	Colleen	Michelle	Kathryn	Noela	Dianne	Au	Thelma
24/05	Phil	Leanne	Kerith	Kathryn	Bruce HC	Beth	Marion	Stephanie

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

Lectionary Readings:

26th April - Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

3rd May - Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

10th May - Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

14th May - Ascension Day - Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93;

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

24th May - Pentecost - Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalms 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

31st May - Trinity Sunday - Genesis 1:1–2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

7th June - Genesis 12:1-9; Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 33:1-12: Psalm 50:7-15:

Romans 4:13-25: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

14th June - Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Exodus 19:2-8a: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19:
Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8: Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

