

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

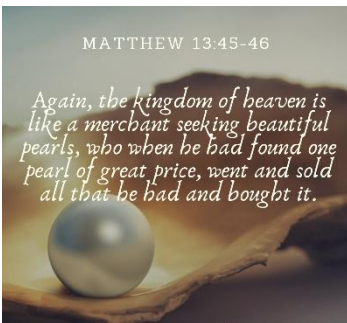
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No Services at present

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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 –

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52 - Parable Pearls

Discipleship Thought: There is such

richness in these short parables of Jesus.

They are glimpses of everyday routine and

cycles of nature that convey the wonders of

life. The tiny mustard seed becomes a great

tree—but not just a larger plant—a place of

nurture, safety and generosity. What small part

of our community could become something

hospitable to many? The yeast transforms the

dough into nourishing and sustaining bread. Where could our community benefit

from being enlivened? The treasure, buried and forgotten, is sought sacrificially by an owner who recognises its worth. What work are we prepared to do for God that is hidden and not yet seen? The pearl is discovered and acquired at great cost. To whom is it gifted or left as a legacy? The loaded net reveals a full catch. Where are there messy situations for us to sort out? Do we need to be thorough or patient?

Jesus speaks of teachers of the law who become disciples in the kin-dom of heaven, like those entrusted with a household who bring out treasures new and old. How are we being formed as learners in this way, receiving what has been given to us and sharing it with wisdom and generosity?

Prayer: *Creator God, we come with grateful hearts for the wonder of the world around us.*

We marvel that great trees can grow from small seeds, that pearls of beauty can be formed around irritants, that good can be gathered from what is unfit.

Thank you for the work of your Spirit in our lives, changing us as yeast transforms dough.

Thank you for the life and words of Jesus, bringing us hope when despondency threatens, courage when we are tempted to buckle and grace when we are less than generous.

Thank you for the life that you offer us new each day and the promise of your loving presence into eternity. Amen.

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Pray for....all members of our Parish and our Church Families.

This week we pray for the Alun & Lesley, Colleen, The Wallin Families, Morelle & David, Marion, Margaret D, Glenda.

....God's Comfort and Healing to enfold our congregation members, friends and family who are experiencing health issues at this time....Frank, Glen, Madison, Peter's daughter, Melanie, Lynn's husband, John, the Gargano's uncle, John, twins Hugo & Grayson and their friend, 'Stevie'.

....Young Adults on their Discipleship Journey.

....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 for missionaries all over the world.

....Alun & Lesley as they pack up their belongings and move into their home in town.

....new families to join our Congregations.

....people all over the world who are experiencing natural disasters.

....families who have farewelled loved ones.

....safe travel for Beth & John and all Presbytery Members who are travelling home from Yeppoon today.

....**safe travel** for the Wallin's.

....**the people of Calen**, that they may be encouraged to gather together and Worship God in their local Church.

....**Christians who live in countries where their lives are not safe and they need to secretly worship in church houses and are persecuted for their faith.** 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.**

....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.

....**for the gift of life and the opportunities ahead.**

....**for the leaders and congregation members of The Valley Uniting Church** as they plan the Worship Service acknowledging the 30th Anniversary since the opening of the 'new' Church.

START
YOUR
day
WITH
PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as I begin this day, I ask for Your strength and guidance. Help me to face the challenges ahead with courage and grace. May Your Holy Spirit be my constant companion, leading me in the path of righteousness. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

What's Happening!!



The Australian Church Women Fellowship Day Service will be held at St Josephs Church on Friday, 31st July at 10.00am.

Morning tea will follow. Come along and worship with women from other churches and have fellowship together.

A Quick Prayer: Show me the way to freedom through Your love and compassion, Father. Then, when I am free, let me help others who need my encouragement in their struggles. Amen



Jay-ellen Wright - Regional Development Officer for Central Queensland - It is my privilege to invite you and additional guests, who are interested in financially supporting the Alliance of Christian Religious Education (ACRE) and Mackay Paid RI to our Fundraising Dinner on Monday 3rd August 2026 at Rydges Mackay Suites, 8 Gregory St, Mackay.

Please arrive at 6pm for a 6:30pm start. You and your guests will be treated to a delicious three course meal, a presentation and update on the work of Christian RI in Mackay, Central Queensland and more broadly across Queensland with local testimonies and entertainment. There will be a financial appeal for the work of ACRE and Paid RI in the region that will be used to continue to expand the reach of RI in our schools.

I look forward to welcoming you and enjoy-

ing a time of good food, encouragement, and inspiration together.

Please register via the link on the attached invitation by the 24th July 2026 to reserve your seat and please feel free to invite others whom you think would love the opportunity to be inspired and give to Christian RI.

Motto for Success: Love has creative power. In the home, love does its magic by engendering unselfish acts and helping each family member to see the others in a positive light.

Elliott Just (27th): Barry Brown (27th)



54 yrs - Geoff & Dal Dodd (29th)

Bev Currie (1st)



Pictured is **Michael Wallin**, during a training Ride as he prepares to take part in the 2026 UCI BMX Racing World Championships in the 35yrs and over division in Brisbane tomorrow. Ride well, Michael! I'm sure Rod, Michelle and the family will be cheering you on!!

10yr old Ashton, Troy & Sams' son, competed on Thursday against 83 riders but didn't make it into the semis, however, I am sure it was a great experience for him and a lot of fun! Well done Ashton!!

A Little Humour: A Sunday School Teacher asked, "Do you think Noah did a lot of fishing on the ark?"

"How could he?" one boy answered. "He only had two worms!"

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The monthly **Iona West Men's Breakfast is on Saturday, 1st August, 2026** at 7 Brooks Street, West Mackay, cost is \$5. The guest speaker is Alun Tunnah. Alun has worked as a science teacher, university lecturer and a school chaplain. His chat will be about what has changed his thinking about the long debate between Science and Faith and how each of us can move our friends closer to asking the right questions about the meaning of life. We look forward to Men joining us for breakfast, any queries or to RSVP please contact Bruce and the team at mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au

Some time ago, Vicki made some knee rugs for those who feel a little bit cold in church. Two weeks ago more than one person put them to good use!!!! Brrrrr





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 July - Genesis 29:15-28; 1
 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;
 Psalm 128; Psalm 119; 129-136;
 Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-
 33, 44-52

2nd August – Genesis 32:22-31;
 Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5;
 Matthew 14:13-21

9th August - Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28;
 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-2, 45b;
 Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

16th August - Genesis 45:1-15 or Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 133 or Psalm 67;
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

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Date	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop
26/07	Phil	Leanne	Kerith	Kathryn	Au	Marion	Manda	Stephanie
02/08	Alun & Lesley HC	Kathryn	Kerith	Kathryn	Noela	Elspeth	Morelle	Stephanie
09/08	Kerith	Colleen	Michelle	Leanne	Au	Dianne	Beth	Bruce
16/08	Alun & Lesley	Neil	Kerith	Kathryn	Noela	Thelma	Bruce	Gerry
23/08	Phil	Leanne	Michelle	Kathryn	Manda	Elspeth	Marion	Au
30/08	Kerith	Michelle	Kerith	Kathryn	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Please pray 'The Lord's Prayer' at the end of the Prayer for Others except on Holy Communion Sundays								

Jesus Is Coming!! Are You Ready!