

# PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751

*'THE WINDOW'*

27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019



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## Worship Times:



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**



27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

3.00pm

*Holy Communion*

ECDA Hall

**EUNGELLA**

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

## Worship Leaders

27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 – Walkerston – Mirani – Eungella (HC) – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2019 – Walkerston (HC) – Mirani (HC) – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 – Walkerston – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 – Walkerston – Mirani (HC) – Pastor Allen Soxsmith



**Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship this morning. Please join us for morning tea after the service.**

**Luke 18:9-14** <sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

<sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

<sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people-robbers, evildoers, adulterers-or even like this tax collector.

<sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

<sup>13</sup>"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

<sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

**Discipleship Thought:** *Today's parable of Jesus brings a confronting image: the tax collector, a most corrupt, greedy and unethical person; or the Pharisee, a respected pillar of the righteous living? What do we hear? What nuance is coming to us behind these words? These two people are living in ordinary occupations of the times. They are doing exactly what everyone knows and expects. How then shall we live? We could all reach into our dreams and recall a person who lived in humility, with justice, created peace and loved all who came their way. Perhaps they are a quiet member of the community. Or possibly a colleague, or a leader whom you met. Pharisee or tax collector? What does the parable teach us? What vision does Jesus offer us to reflect upon about our everyday life? Sit for a while, in the Spirit. Share with God your yearnings of being a child of God. Let the vision of all that could be in you, unfold in this sacred time and space. How then shall you live?*

**Prayer:** O God, it is right for us to praise you and keep our promises to you. Happy are those you bring to live in your sanctuary.

We shall be satisfied with the good things of your house, the blessings of your sacred temple.

You do wonderful things to save us.

People all over the world, across the distant seas, trust in you.

You set the mountains in place by your strength, showing your mighty power.

You calm the roar of the seas and the noise of the waves.

You calm the uproar of the peoples.

The whole world stands in awe of the great things that you have done.

Your deeds bring shouts of joy from one end of the earth to the other.

You show your care for the land by sending rain, making it rich and fertile.

You fill the streams with water; you provide the earth with crops.

Everything shouts and sings for joy. Amen

(Words for Worship 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019)



Each week during Worship we pray for 1 or 2 families from our congregations. Remember to uphold one another in prayer.

**Pray for – Janet, Aaron, Sinead, Finn, Oscar and Emlyn, Bruce, Pian, Brooklyn and Bayla.**

**....those receiving or recovering from medical treatment – Carl, Len, Richard, Rev Gerhardt, Rev Nathan, Margaret, Rick, Debbie Gussey and Peter, Ray C.**

**....Judith** who is working in Sapa.

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

**....Janet Kennedy** during her Studies and her Period of Discernment.

**....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.

**....our Parish as it continues to struggle financially.**

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

**....Friends, Family and Members of the Parish** who are travelling.

**....the safety in the workplace, especially for people involved in the sugar crushing season.**

**....Teachers, Students, RI Instructors, School Chaplains** as they return to work and study.

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

**....those who are being affected by the ever-increasing 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 situations.

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

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

**....Rev Dr Kerry Pierce and all who are preparing for the CQ Presbytery Meeting.**



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

**....all 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.**

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

**Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker:** Lord, remind us of the Saints who showed us the way of Jesus: show us how we can point the way ourselves. Amen



**Sacraments Training** will be conducted on **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019** from **11am - 4pm**. Rev. Prof. James Haire has agreed to conduct this training, which will be after Presbytery at Iona West Uniting Church.

Anyone can take part in this training, but in order to be a Lay Presider within your church community, a request must come from your Church Council to Presbytery for approval.

Completion of this course and subsequent approval from the CQ Presbytery will enable Parish Members to Preside over Holy Communion and Baptisms should the need arise (eg Minister's illness or absence from the Parish etc)



***If you would like to take part in this course, please let an Elder or Pastor Allen Soxsmith know as soon as possible so your name can be taken to our Church Council for their approval. Your name will then be forwarded to the CQ Presbytery Secretary in time for the Presbytery Meeting in a couple of weeks time.***

**Motto for Success:** When you feel as though you have the weight of the world on your shoulders, it's time to remember that you are only human, that true strength comes only from God, and that He is able to help you bear any load.



Last Saturday morning, the Wallin and Woolston Families and their friends, gathered in St John's Catholic Church for the **Baptism of Georgia Ann Woolston**. Georgia is Zac and Sarahs' third child and Lachlan and Abigails' baby sister. Georgia is also Rod & Michelle's 9<sup>th</sup> Grandchild and David & Marees' 10<sup>th</sup> Grandchild.

Michael Wallin and Sarah Keen are Georgia's Godparents.

**A Little Humour:** “Well, No, Brandon, I don’t think the Bible tells us whether Samson could beat up Spiderman, but I’m sure he could have!”

“From *The Big Book of Church Jokes*, published by Barbour Publishing, Inc. Used by permission.”



**Prayer:** O Lord, please help me hold my head high, caring less about what others have to say and more about what You would have me do. Give me the courage I need when I need it most. Amen



Kate McNichol (27<sup>th</sup>)

Sam Fernando (28<sup>th</sup>)

Robyn Burns (1<sup>st</sup>)

Karen Shields (2<sup>nd</sup>)

## S.H.I.N.E – (Seeking Him In Everything)

For the youth and young at heart  
Children’s Liturgy and Story

### Read the Luke Bible Reading on Page 2 of ‘The Window’.

We all dislike people who blow their own trumpets, although sometimes we may be in awe of them. Jesus too deplored such behaviour and was never in awe of those who practised it. Let us open ourselves to Jesus, allowing him to see what is in our hearts.

We don't always spot other people's inner motivation because we're so dazzled by their outer appearance. But Jesus made it clear that it's our inner being which is most important and an inner being which loves only itself is not right before God.

In this story, Praxis the pixie whose skin changes colour according to his moods is dazzled by a newcomer to the pixie village.

**Praxis Is Apple Green** - Praxis the pixie, whose skin changed colour according to his moods, was gleaming. He was rather a lovely shade of apple green and he was gazing with awe and delight at Raymondo. Raymondo had recently joined the pixie village, but he was unlike any pixie Praxis had ever seen.

Raymondo was quite tall for a pixie, so that all the other pixies looked up to him. He was also very handsome, so that all the girl pixie would giggle and blush whenever Raymondo strolled in their direction. And Raymondo wore the most beautiful clothes Praxis had ever seen.

Praxis wanted desperately to be just like Raymondo, hence his gleaming apple green colour. So Praxis practised secretly at home in his little toadstool in front of his tiny pixie mirror. He would strut this way and that, craning to see whether he was strolling as Raymondo strolled and whether his smile was as cool as Raymondo's smile.

Praxis took to following Raymondo at a safe distance. But he needn't have worried, for Raymondo never noticed him. Raymondo only noticed pixies who would be useful to him in some way, and Praxis didn't fit into that category.

One day, the Wise Old Pixie spotted Praxis hanging about behind Raymondo and called to him. Praxis frowned. Normally he was overjoyed when he was with the Wise Old Pixie, but just at the moment the Wise Old Pixie was boring and Praxis wanted to be where things were happening. But it didn't do to ignore the Wise Old Pixie, so Praxis slouched over to him with his shoulders hunched and the frown still on his face.

"Why, Praxis!" said the Wise Old Pixie looking at Praxis' skin. "Why so blue? What's wrong?"

Praxis shrugged. "Nothing."

The Wise Old Pixie nodded. "You know, Praxis," he began, "just because someone or something is glamorous and exciting and good to look at doesn't mean that they are good or that thing is good."

Praxis turned red with anger. He could never remember being angry with the Wise Old Pixie before. Perhaps he was growing up and the Wise Old Pixie was just too old. "I suppose you're talking about Raymondo?" he replied. Then he added virtuously, "I thought you taught us to love everyone. Are you telling me I'm wrong when I try to put that into practice?"

A twinkle appeared in the Wise Old Pixie's eye. "I'm delighted to see that you're obeying instructions," he said gravely. "What exactly is that you love about Raymondo?"

Praxis was stunned. Surely Raymondo's glory obvious to anyone, even someone as old as the Wise Old Pixie. Praxis began to return to his apple green colour and his eyes took on a dreamy look as he responded. "Well, he's so good looking and he's taller than anyone else in the village. And his clothes! Wow! They're so cool. I wish I had clothes like that. And he has this way of smiling, so that all the girls adore him and - and - he can have anything he wants in the whole world because he's just perfect."

"Does he know he's perfect, would you say?" asked the Wise Old Pixie.

Praxis nodded. "Well, yes! Of course he does! Everyone kind of worships him and I guess he does rather enjoy that."

"Who does he worship? Who's at the centre of his life?"

Praxis thought for a minute, then his skin began to slowly change to pink. He looked at the Wise Old Pixie and met those kind and gentle eyes, holding

nothing but love for him, Praxis. "Oh," he said. "I think I begin to see. You mean, Raymondo only loves himself?"

"What do you think?" responded the Wise Old Pixie. But as Praxis walked away, the Wise Old Pixie was delighted to see that Praxis was now once again becoming a bright, healthy pink And so they did.

**Blessing:** *May our God enable you to be the same on the inside as on the outside and teach you true humility. 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.*

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE COME FORWARD WITH OFFERS OF HELP WITH THE CATERING FOR THE CQ PRESBYTERY MEETING. THE WALKERSTON CONGREGATION WILL BE CATERING FOR AFTERNOON TEA ON THE SATURDAY AND THE VALLEY CONGREGATION WILL SUPPLYING FOOD FOR FRIDAY EVENING AND FOOD TO BE USED WHEN NEEDED.**



	WALKERSTON			MIRANI	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kerith	Lyn	Colleen B	Thelma	Margaret
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Neil	Lyn	Colleen W	Beth	Aaron
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kathryn	Lyn	Lyn	Morelle	Bruce

# COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS CAROLS

FROM 6.00PM

SUNDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2019

IN THE GROUNDS OF THE

**PIONEER CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH**

Cnr Augusta & Maud Streets, Mirani

PLEASE BRING A PLATE FOR SUPPER AFTERWARDS



**October Income \$1984.75**

**October Expenditure \$4977.49**

ST ANDREW'S UCA – COMMUNION ROSTER - 2019		
MONTH	ELEMENTS PROVIDER	ELEMENTS SERVERS
November	Lyn Gargano	Colleen Brown – Bread Sam Fernando - Wine
December	Sam Fernando	Lyn Gargano – Bread Colleen Brown - Wine
January	Colleen Brown	Lyn Gargano – Bread Sam Fernando - Wine

How many words can you make using this table. You can only use each letter tile once per word.

E	N	G	C
E	H	I	S
S	O	U	E
E	E	E	B



*Can you find the 10 differences between the two photos below?*



### *Mark your Calendars*

**8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019** – CQ Presbytery Meeting at Iona West

**1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019** – Combined Churches Christmas Carols, Mirani

**8<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – End of Year Youth Service – The Valley Congregation

### 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*

**Newsletter**

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

**Lectionary Readings**

**27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 – Pentecost 20**

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

**1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019 – All Saints Day**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

**3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2019 – Pentecost 21**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

**10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 – Pentecost 22**

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

**17<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 – Pentecost 23**

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**24<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 – Christ the King**

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**Prayer and Holy Communion Service – St Andrew's Church, Walkerston**

8.30am - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

**Mid Week Prayers**

Wednesday Evenings in your own home - 8pm to 8-30pm



Thank you to those who are donating their cans/bottles/tetra packs etc to our Parish. Keep collecting!!!! The dollars soon add up. \$36.70 so far.