

# PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751

## 'THE WINDOW'

28<sup>th</sup> July, 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**



**No July Service**

**3.00pm**

**Holy Communion**

ECDA Hall

**EUNGELLA**

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

### Worship Leaders

28<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Congregation Members

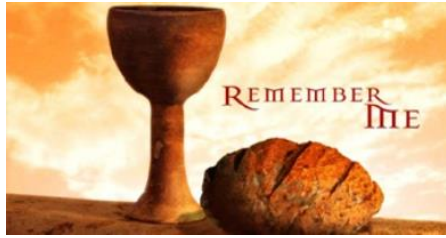
4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Noela Thomson

11<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Noela Thomson

18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 - Walkerston



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



**Pastor Allen Soxsmith is at CQ Presbytery this weekend and then on Annual Leave until the end of August. Please note the changes during these weeks. Worship Services will still be conducted however there will be:**

**NO** Wednesday Holy Communion Service  
St Andrew's UCA, Walkerston  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019

**NO** Sunday Holy Communion during Worship  
St Andrew's UCA, Walkerston or The Valley UCA, Mirani Sunday  
4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019  
18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

**NO** Sunday Service  
Eungella  
August?



**Luke 11:1-13 New International Version (NIV)**  
**Jesus' Teaching on Prayer**

11 <sup>1</sup>One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

<sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.'

<sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?

<sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

<sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

**Discipleship Thought:** *Have you ever faithfully and persistently asked for something in prayer and it has not been given to you? Perhaps it was the healing of a sick family member, or relief from drought, or the restoration of a fractured relationship? Has it made you question the validity and vitality of your faith? Have you been accused of lacking faith?*

*In his book **Wishful Thinking**, Frederick Buechner writes, ‘Don’t start looking in the Bible for the answers it gives. Start by listening for the questions it asks...’ The question “Does God answer prayer” plagues us when the answer appears to be “no” and reassures us when it appears to be “yes”. As we ponder today’s reading are we using it to give people scorpions instead of bread or are we open to questions it raises that might reveal the good things God desires to gift us?*

**Prayer:** God, we have received your mercy.

You offer us boundless grace and so we respond with our thanks and praise.

We are conscious of the journey of faith that we take, of the large strides, the baby steps, the tumbles that scrape our knees bruise our egos, and we are grateful that you are with us on the way, building our strength and resilience, lighting our path with good things.

In every aspect of life, you are present with love and grace.

We thank you. We praise and adore you.

Receive the love we offer you, this day, we pray. Amen

(Words for Worship 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2019)



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

**Pray for....** John & Beth, Dianne & Bill, Kristie and Brooklyn, Geoff & Dal.

....**those receiving or recovering from medical treatment** – Carl, Len, Richard, Rev Gerhardt, Rev Nathan.

....**Ian and Lynn.**

....**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 – Allen Soxsmith.

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

....**all Teachers, Students, RE Instructors, School Chaplains** as they continue to educate our young people.

....**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.**



**Give Thanks for....Pastor Allen Soxsmith, CQ Presbytery Minister - Rev Dr Kerry Pierce, 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.

**Mottos for Success:** Enjoy the pleasant little things, for they are part of the essence of life. Appreciate the senses God has given you; use them to their fullest. When you see look. When you eat, taste. When you smell, savour. When you hear, listen. When you touch, feel.

**A Little Humour:** Touring New York City, a young family decided to visit Saint Patrick's Cathedral. The kids were especially curious about the votive candles, and the priest asked if they'd each like to light one. The priest explained that it was customary to say a prayer of petition or thanks when

lighting and he was careful to tell the kids that votives were not like birthday candles. "Do you have any questions?" he asked.

"No," said the five-year-old. "But if there's a pony outside, it's mine!"

"From the Big Book of Church Jokes, published by Barbour Publishing, Inc. Used by permission."

**What's happening in Mirani Worship (21<sup>st</sup> July):** We made musical instruments today. There were 10 children attending. 8 made instruments. Norm had us all sing "This little Light of Mine" and after we made the instruments we re-sung the song with the various instruments. Lots of creative inspiration and everyone changed ideas after seeing each other's ideas. Very interesting how a person can influence a group! We ended up with drums, shakers, flutes and didgeridoos and other instruments without names with balloons. We have arranged for the older boys to do the bible readings next week and Sinead and Bayla to play their violin so we are continuing to include as many children/youth as possible. Janet is giving the sermon. Beth is running the service.

## Encore

2.30pm

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

Former Students of  
Margaret Harvison Vocal  
Studio and the Harvisongs

Artists include:

Caitlyn Schurmann

Lauren Menzies

Chantal Kay

Vanessa Dale (Worthington)

Entry: paper note donation

Proceeds will go to the  
St Paul's UCA  
Music Ministry

SATURDAY  
10 AUGUST 9AM-1PM

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FOOD  
ENTERTAINMENT  
FOR ALL AGES  
STALLS

ACTIVITIES  
FOR  
CHILDREN

VINTAGE  
CARS

LAVISH  
DESSERTS  
DEVONSHIRE  
TEAS

NORTHSIDE  
COMMUNITY  
FAIR

BEDFORD RD  
& FLEURS WAY  
ANDERGROVE

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

AN ACTIVITY OF  
NORTHSIDE MACKAY  
UNITING CHURCH

**Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker:** Lord, you call us to do great things; to love others as we love ourselves; to tend this home you have given us; may your Spirit enable and strengthen us to do your will.

John Currie (29<sup>th</sup>)

Barry Brown (31<sup>st</sup>)

Don Leckenby (31<sup>st</sup>)

Bev Currie (1<sup>st</sup>)

Christopher Hall (2<sup>nd</sup>)



Geoff & Dal Dodd (29<sup>th</sup>)

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

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

### Read the Bible reading on Page 2:

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." In our worship today, let us search, knock and ask.

**Story:** Even for people who take time out to be with God, prayer can be difficult, especially at times of stress. But if we have an armoury of different types of prayer, we can use them on different occasions - as Molly discovers in this story.

**Molly's Prayer** - Molly knew about listening prayer because she loved to lie on her back on the grass and gaze at the clouds scudding by. She discovered that when she was quiet and just wandering amongst the trees at the bottom of her garden or gazing at the clouds, unexpected thoughts would pop unbidden into her mind and she realised that these thoughts often came from God.

Occasionally she had even asked God for help, like when she lost her silver bracelet. God had helped her to find it.

But today was different. Molly had just heard that her Grandma was seriously ill in hospital. Molly was so upset by the news that she found she couldn't settle on the grass and she couldn't wander amongst the trees. She was angry and anxious all at the same time and nothing she did seemed to help.

So she followed her mother round until her mother said sharply, "For goodness sake, Molly! You're driving me mad! Can't you read a book or watch television or something?"

And Molly pouted and ran out of the room and slammed the door.

She was desperate for somebody to comfort her, to tell her that everything would be all right. But nobody even seemed to want her around just at the moment.

As Molly mooched in the garden not knowing what to do with herself, her Sunday School teacher happened by.

"What's up, Molly?" she asked. "You don't look too happy."

With that, Molly burst into tears. She poured out all about her Grandma to her Sunday School teacher who listened carefully then said, "Shall we say a prayer together, Molly, asking God to help your Grandma?"

Molly nodded vigorously but she was scared. She didn't know how to pray out loud or what to say. But it was all right because her Sunday School teacher prayed out loud and Molly was able to manage "Amen" at the end of each little prayer. That seemed to be enough and Molly's Sunday School teacher didn't mind a bit.

After a few minutes Molly felt strangely calmer. She still didn't know whether her Grandma would get better, but somehow she felt she could begin to cope even if the worst happened and Grandma died.

Later that day, Molly's Mum took her to see Grandma who was sitting up in bed looking and feeling much more cheerful.

"My Sunday Schoolteacher prayed for you and I helped her," whispered Molly.

Grandma beamed at her and squeezed her hand. "Prayer helps no end," she said. "I feel so much better, just knowing that you're all praying for me. I'm sure that's why I'm recovering so quickly."

Molly felt better too and she decided then and there that she would learn to pray out loud, just as her Sunday School teacher did.

When she got home she went and lay on the grass and watched the clouds scudding by, and told God all about it. And although she couldn't see anything, she was sure that God smiled.

**Blessing:** *May you wait upon God in prayer, be aware of his response to you and thus do his will. 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>
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Kathryn	Lyn	Michelle	Youth	Beth
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Colleen B	Lyn	Colleen W	Margaret	Morelle
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Michelle	Lyn	Colleen B	Beth	Margaret
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Neil	Lyn	Sam	Kerr Family	Bruce

## Mark your Calendars

**Until 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019** - Pastor Allen is on holidays

**8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019** – Church Council meeting

**8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019** – CQ Presbytery Meeting – Iona West - Pioneer Valley Parish has offered to assist with catering

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



**July Income \$11,929.25    July Expenditure \$9395.03**

**Can you find the ten differences between these pictures?**



- PICTURE DIFFERENCES
1. Beard is longer
  2. Eyes are open
  3. Plate is missing
  4. Urn is different
  5. Sash is missing
  6. Hat is different
  7. Mouth is open
  8. Headress is longer
  9. Finger is missing
  10. Window is smaller



## CQ Presbytery in Pictures



O	H	I	I
R	A	G	E
E	R	A	N
O	R	E	T

How many words can you make with this table of letters? Form words by using letters that touch. Words can go forward, backward, diagonal, up or down. Each letter tile can only be used once per word.

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### Elders

Beth Higham 4958 3158: Morelle Coxwell 4959 1229:  
Lynette Gargano 4951 4075: Colleen Brown 4954 5470:  
Sam Fernando 4959 3298

### Containers for Change – 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

**Kerith Noy 07 4959 2328**  
email: [glen.noy@bigpond.com](mailto:glen.noy@bigpond.com) or P O Box 346, Walkerston Q 4751

### 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

#### **28<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – Pentecost 7**

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

#### **4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 – Pentecost 8**

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

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

8.30am - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month – cancelled July and August

### **Mid Week Prayers**

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