

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751

'THE WINDOW'

29th September, 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



27th October, 2019

3.00pm

Holy Communion

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

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

Worship Leaders

29th September, 2019 – Walkerston (Baptism) – Mirani - Pastor Allen Soxsmith

6th October, 2019 – Walkerston (Baptism) – Mirani - Pastor Allen Soxsmith

13th October, 2019 – Walkerston – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

15th October, 2019 – Walkerston – Mirani – 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 16:19-31 New International Version (NIV)

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.

²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores

²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,

²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Discipleship Thought: Today’s reading, like many readings from the last few weeks, is about economic justice. Luke’s Gospel constantly talks about the poor. We can become uncomfortable when confronted with this preferential concern for the poor. We know too well that the great chasm that divided Lazarus and the rich man exists in our own world.

The rich man wasn’t condemned because he was wealthy. He was condemned because, though he knew Lazarus by name, every day as he departed and entered his gate, he ignored the discrimination between them.

It’s a deed of inaction that brings to mind the words of General David Morrison, former Chief of Army, when speaking about domestic violence, “The standard you walk by is the standard you accept”.

It's easy to walk by the poor when they are nameless faces in a crowd but each face is a person with a name and we are called to upend systems that exclude and deny God's people justice. We are called to notice, engage and respond.

Prayer: *Loving God, we live in the shelter of your kindness.*

When life pummels us about, when we are in danger of being snared in situations that might harm us, you provide us with a place of refuge, shielding us like a protective mother hen shields her chicks.

We have no idea what the future might bring, yet we will not fear what might lie ahead, for you assure us that when we call out to you, you will answer, that you will walk alongside us in times of trouble, that you will be a guide and protector all of our lives.

We know we can trust you and we are grateful.

We bless you and offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.

(Words for Worship 29th September, 2019)



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

Pray for....Kevin & Marion, Kevin, Margaret D, Colleen & Barry, Frances and their families.

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

....Judith who is working in Sapa.

....the family and friends of the Late Chris Potter whose funeral service was held in Proserpine yesterday. Chris's wife is **Rev Jenny Potter**, who is the UCA Minister in Proserpine.

....Janet Kennedy during her Study in Theology and her Period of Discernment.

....Chase David Browning, his parents, sister, extended family and friends as Chase is presented for Baptism this morning.

....the Hamill Family as they prepare for the Baptism of **Georgia**.

....Parish Elders - Bruce Kerr, Beth Higham, Morelle Coxwell, Sam Fernando, Colleen Brown and Lyn Gargano.

....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 – Glen & Kerith, Lyn and Estrellita.

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

....**Teachers, Students, RE Instructors, School Chaplains** as they begin their last week of holidays. Prayer that they return to school rejuvenated and ready for Term 4.

....**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 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 try.

....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.



This morning we welcome to Worship in St Andrew's, the family and friends of **Chase David Browning**. Chase's parents, Nikki and Jamie are presenting Chase for Baptism. Chase's Godparents, Dallas & Meranda Pearson. Chase's sister, Bella, was Baptised in this Church by Rev Arthur Tutin in February, 2012.

Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker: By your Spirit, strengthen us to be the people who bear witness to your goodness and faithfulness to creation and your human family. Amen



Happy Anniversary

Rick & Noela Thomson (29th)

Robyn & Robert Burns (1st)



Calder Higham (1st)



Ray Creese (2nd): Bruce Kerr (4th)

A Little Humour: A mother decided it was time that her three sons should be baptised. On the designated Sunday morning as they were on their way to church, the mother noticed that her 9 year old seemed to be a bit preoccupied. When she asked him what the problem was, he said, "Mum, I want to go first." "Why do you want to go first?" she asked.



"Because," he began and then paused for a few seconds, "I really don't want to be baptised in water that has all of my brothers' sins floating around in it."

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Prayer: Father, teach me to live in Your wisdom, knowledge, and joy. May your wisdom, knowledge and joy bless me, my family, and even the entire world around me. Amen

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOC. DROUGHT RELIEF MORNING TEA 9.30AM

MONDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 2019

ST JOHN'S HALL, ANN STREET, WALKERSTON

CENT SALE, RAFFLE, CAKE STALL



ADMISSION: \$10



Donations for Cent Sale & Baking would be appreciated

Numbers are required for catering so please phone:

Jill Oliver 0419 043 146 or Doris Vassallo 0487 593 338



A trip to Darwin recently gave David & Morelle Coxwell the opportunity to catch up with their son, Duncan and his wife, Stephanie and to meet for the first time, their new granddaughter, Sophie. At left you can see the joy in their faces as they cuddle with Sophie. I'm sure there will be lots of trips to Darwin in the years ahead.

Motto for Success: If you want to see changes for the better, take one step forward, then another, then another.

IN THE FOYER OF YOUR CHURCH

you will find a form on which is written the two questions **Wouldn't it be great if! What is our purpose as a Church?**

Please take one, fill it out with your thoughts on the two questions and get it back to Pastor Allen as soon as you can, please. You do not need to put your name on them.

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 told a story about a rich man and a beggar to illustrate the way in which we fail to notice those who are poor. Let us remember the poor and ask God to teach us a real concern for them.

Story: The rich man's sin was that he failed to notice Lazarus even though Lazarus sat at his gate day by day, begging for scraps. Lazarus had become invisible to him because he cared only for himself and his own wealth and his own family.

In today's story Praxis, the pixie whose skin changes colour according to his moods, fails to notice a tiny pixie who is always left out of the pixie games.

Praxis Takes Care - Praxis, the pixie whose skin changed colour according to his moods, was in the pink. He was excited and healthy and full of fun, having the time of his life. All the pixie children were playing in the glade in the forest, kicking and throwing an acorn to each other. When one of them caught the acorn (which was quite difficult because it was oval in shape so they never knew where it would bounce) all the others would throw themselves on top of that pixie and wrestle the ball away. Praxis was usually to be seen in the centre of the melee amongst the jumble of pixie arms and legs.

There was a lot of screaming and shouting and laughter, so that some of the older pixies came to their toadstool doors and frowned at the youngsters. One shouted at them to keep the noise down, but they were having so much fun that they didn't hear. Another threatened to tell the Wise Old Pixie and get him to call the Pixie Police, but the youngsters led by Praxis made rude faces at him until he shook his fist at them, retired inside his toadstool house and slammed the door.

With one particularly hefty throw, the acorn flew right over to the side of the glade. Praxis scampered after it, but it was rather weakly thrown back into the glade.

"Thanks," called Praxis, barely pausing for breath.

The pixie children carried on playing for another ten minutes or so, until they gradually began to tire. One by one they dropped out of the game and disappeared to their homes for tea. Praxis was still full of energy, but he found himself kicking the acorn by himself, which wasn't nearly so much fun.

Then a tiny voice offered, "I'll play if you like."

Praxis was startled. He thought he was alone. He looked all round and eventually spotted a tiny pixie sitting rather forlornly at the foot of an empty toadstool. "Hello," Praxis said brightly, "who are you? How long have you been there?"

"All the time," returned the tiny pixie. "Once, I threw the acorn to you. I'll play with you if you like?"

Praxis felt his spirits drop and noticed his skin beginning to turn blue. It would be no fun at all playing with such a small pixie, who probably couldn't even catch an acorn if it was thrown gently.

He hesitated, wondering how to refuse without making it sound like a refusal. "Um, I have to get home for tea now."

"Oh!"

There was such a wealth of disappointment and hurt in the tiny pixie's voice that Praxis felt ashamed. He could see that his skin was turning even bluer, so he went to sit next to the tiny pixie. "I didn't notice you," he said, gently. To his horror a big tear formed in the corner of the tiny pixie's eye and began to roll down her cheek.

Praxis felt angry and ashamed all at the same time and his shame made him feel even angrier. He began to turn red. "Oh well," he said, getting up, "if you're just going to cry, I'm off! I was only trying to help," he added, with a hint of self-righteousness. But deep down inside himself he knew it was a lie and he was using the tears as an excuse to get away. He couldn't help turning yellow.

He resigned himself to sitting with the tiny pixie. "Come on then," he said with a sigh, "tell me all about it – but don't cry!"

The tiny pixie sniffed. "I'd just like to play in some of the games," she said. "But nobody ever sees me. I 'spect it's 'cos I'm so small." She turned to Praxis. "Do you think I'll ever grow to be big like you?"

Praxis suddenly began to realise what it must feel like to be left out. He suddenly began to realise what it must feel like to be smaller than everyone else, and he suddenly began to realise what it must feel like to be treated as though you're invisible and don't exist. He felt very sorry that like everyone else, he too had never noticed the tiny pixie. He turned orange with remorse.

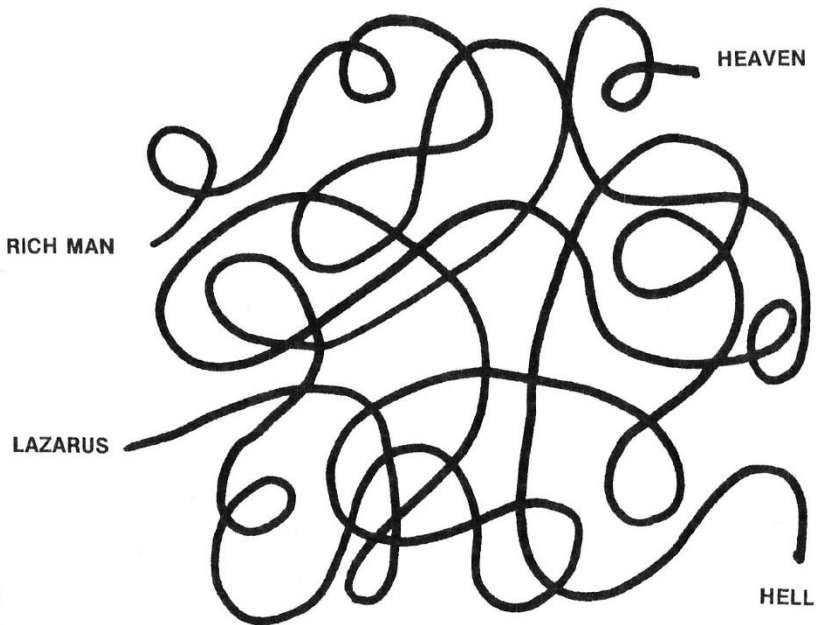
Praxis jumped up. "Come on," he said, holding out his hand to the tiny pixie. "You can come with me. I'll be your friend. And I'll teach you how to throw and

catch and kick an acorn, and then you can join in with our games, however small you are."

The tiny pixie's face lit up with delight. Her eyes shone as she took Praxis' hand. And Praxis himself suddenly changed back to a healthy, bright, shocking pink as he took care of the tiny pixie.

Blessing: *As you go on your way may you notice the stranger at your gate, the poor at your feet and the lonely at your door. 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.*

Follow the Trails. Here are two pathways. Each one leads to a different place. In today's Gospel story, the rich man did not end up in the same place as did the poor man, Lazarus. Follow each path carefully to see where each person ends up.



Mark your Calendars

29th September, 2019 – Chase David Browning - Baptism St Andrew's

6th October, 2019 – Georgia Willow Hamill - Baptism St Andrew's

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

1st December, 2019 – Combined Churches Christmas Carols, Mirani

Matching Game. Here are some words from today's Gospel story. Each word in the first column can be matched with one in the second column. The first word is already done for you.

LITTLE	MISPLACE
PLENTY	PRICE
LOSE	DUMP
COST	MUCH
BEGGAR	PEASANT
SPILL	SMALL

	WALKERSTON			MIRANI	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>
29 th Sept	Kathryn	Lyn	Kerith	Thelma	Aaron
6 th Oct	Colleen	Lyn	Sam	Janet	Margaret
13 th Oct	Sam	Lyn	Michelle	Kerr Family	Bruce

SPILL - DUMP
 BEGGAR - PEASANT
 COST - PRICE
 LOST - MISPLACE
 PLENTY - MUCH
 LITTLE - SMALL

What was the poor man's name?



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

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

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or Eungella in the payment description

Newsletter

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Prayer Warrior

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

Lectionary Readings

29th September, 2019 - Pentecost 16

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

6th October, 2019 – Pentecost 17

Lamentations 1:1-6: Lamentations 3:19-26 or Ps 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14;
Luke 17:5-10

13th October, 2019 – Pentecost 18

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

20th October, 2019 – Pentecost 19

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5; Luke 18:1-8

27th October, 2019 – Pentecost 20

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

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

8.30am - 3rd Wednesday of the month

Mid Week Prayers

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



September Income \$7942.38

September Expenditure \$8009.58