

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



30th August, 2026

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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

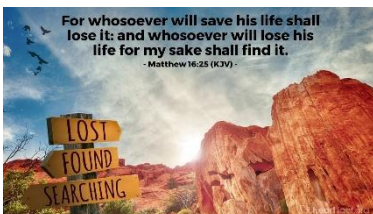
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No Services at present

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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.

Please Note: There will be NO WORSHIP SERVICE in ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH, WALKERSTON on SUNDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 2026!! If you are able, please join The Valley Congregation for their 30th Anniversary Celebration Service.



Selected Reading and Theme

Matthew: 16:21–28 - LIFE TO LOSE AND GAIN

Discipleship Thought: Following Simon's declaration of Jesus as God's chosen one, and his new name of Peter, foundation leader of the church, Jesus calls him 'Satan'—one who

stands in opposition to God's way. Peter moves from becoming the rock for Jesus followers to a stumbling block for Jesus. It is sobering to note that a step

of faith and revelation one day does not absolve us from being a barrier to someone's faith the next.

Then we find Jesus asking us to deny ourselves and take up a cross if we want to follow him. In a world where our instincts are for self-preservation, and the surrounding ethos of consumerism promotes 'you owe it to yourself,' Jesus' words are counter-cultural. Yet, the self-giving love that Jesus asks of us is what enables growth, acceptance, healing and second chances. Elsewhere, Jesus tells us to love our neighbour 'as ourselves.' This suggests that we do need to care for our own well-being and hold on to self-respect. If our being and identity are denied, or we are depleted, neglected, ignored and abused by ourselves or others, we have so much less to give. In the week ahead, what opportunities do we have to enrich life for others by putting their interests ahead of our own?

Prayer: Generous God, we are grateful for your love, experienced in many ways.

Thank you for those whose self-giving love has nurtured us and set us on the path to life—for those who care for us, walk beside us, and help us learn and grow.

We give thanks for those who have put their calling before their own needs, serving others with dedication and care.

We stand in awe of Jesus' commitment to his path in life, knowing that opposition and suffering were ahead of him as he was true to his identity as Son of Man.

We are humbled by those who have followed his way, denying themselves and taking up a cross that cost them much.

We wait in hope that those who have lost their lives will find true life in you.

Your life is a gift—we are grateful that we cannot earn it by costly service or achieve it by endless self-denial, but can show our gratitude in the way we live and love. Amen.

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

This week we pray for the Jenny, Jim & Family, Glen, Kerith & Family, Frosty & Heather, Earl, Stephanie, Eli and Ewan, the Peterson Family and Au.

....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' and Manda.

....members of the The Valley Congregation as they plan the 30th Anniversary Celebrations for The Valley Uniting Church in Mirani and also pray for safe travel for those who will be travelling to attend this event.

....Northside Congregation as they were work together to get the hall extension up and working in readiness for the fair.

....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.

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

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

....**families who have farewelled loved ones.**

....**Serena, Mick and Sapphire Lycett** as they prepare for Sapphire's Baptism next Sunday, 6th September, 2026 in The Valley Uniting Church. Sapphire is Morelle & Dave Coxwell's granddaughter.

....**safe travel** for all who are travelling at this time....Betty & Trevor, Rod & Michelle.

....**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 and Rev Suzi Sitton, Moderator - Rev Bruce Moore and Uniting Church President -Rev Charissa Suli.

....**our families and friends.**

....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.**

....for the completion of **Northside Worship Centres' building works.**

....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.

What's Happening!!



Save the date:
ST PAUL'S UCA ANNUAL
HERITAGE FETE
Saturday, 24th October, 2026



Noela Thomson (3rd)



The **September Iona West Men's Breakfast** is on at **7:30am Saturday, 5th September** at 7

Brooks Street, West Mackay, cost is \$5. The guest speaker for September is Rob Rasmussen. You may know Rob from Men's Breakfast as he comes when he is able. Rob is married with two adult children and will share about himself and his experiences and changes that have taken place in the sugar industry during his working life. Rob has held various roles within the sugar industry in the Mackay area for fifty years, before retiring last year as the Engineering Manager at Marian Mill. This is a great opportunity for Men to join us for breakfast in a casual atmosphere, any queries or to RSVP please contact Bruce and the team at mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au

Motto for Success: You can either do something about a problem or you can't, but either way, worrying won't help. Channel your energy into finding a solution, if one is to be found, or into other things that are within your control.



Are you able to help?

On Friday 4th September, the Valley Church Congregation will be doing the final preparations for the 30th Anniversary Celebrations on the 6th. Please let Beth know if you are available to help. Many hands make light work!!

A Little Humour: A little boy was ushered 15 minutes late into his Sunday School class. The teacher, looking stern, asked him why he was late. The boy replied, "I was going to go fishing, but my dad told me I needed to come to church." The teacher smiled and said, "I'm glad your dad explained why it's more important to be in church than fishing." The boy shook his head and said, "That wasn't it. He said he didn't have enough bait for both of us!"

Come Worship with us as we mark a special milestone at our



Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday, 13th September, 2026

9.00am

**The Valley Uniting Church
Cnr Louise & Victoria Streets, Mirani**

“Let us honour three decades of
Faith and Community together”

You are invited to stay for Morning Tea following the Service.

**RSVP: 6th September - Beth: 0428 583 158 Email: beth.higham@me.com
or Morelle: 0448 111 265 Email: dmcoxwell@bigpond.com**

A Quick Prayer: Remind me of Your blessings that have little to do with wealth: love, peace, good health, and the work of the Spirit in my life. Remind me, Lord, of the great cost of my salvation, and let me praise you forever. Amen



Another Birthday Celebration at morning tea after the Valley Congregation's Worship Service last Sunday. Thank you Gerry for the photo.

Back: Morelle, Beth, Marion, Au

Seated: Elspeth, Birthday Girl Thelma and Dianne.

Jesus Is Coming!!

Are You Ready!

ST ANDREW'S UCA - WALKERSTON					THE VALLEY UCA MIRANI			
Date	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop
30/08	Kerith	Colleen	Kerith	Kathryn	Au	Marion	Morelle	Thelma
06/09	Alun & Lesley HC	Kathryn	Kerith	Kathryn	Noela	Dianne	Au	Gerry
ST ANDREW'S UCA - WALKERSTON					THE VALLEY 30 th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE			
NO WORSHIP SERVICE					Rev Suzi Sitton	TBA	TBA	TBA
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:

30th August - Exodus 3:1-15: Jeremiah 15:15-21: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b:
Psalm 26:1-8: Romans 12:9-21: Matthew 16:21-28

6th September - Exodus 12:1-14: Psalm 149: Romans 13:8-14;
Matthew 18:15-20

13th September - Exodus 14:19-31: Psalm 114 or Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21:
Romans 14:1-12: Matthew 18:21-35

20th September - Exodus 16:2-15: Psalm 105:1-6,37-45: Philippians 1:21-30:
Matthew 20:1-16

27th September - Exodus 17:1-7: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16: Philippians 2:1-13:
Matthew 21:23-32