

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



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Church Council: Morelle Coxwell (Chairperson): Lynette Gargano (Vice-Chairperson); Michelle Wallin (Secretary): Kerith Noy (Treasurer).



8.00am Every Sunday

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

WALKERSTON



10.00am Every Sunday

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

MIRANI

EUNGELLA

No Services at present

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Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship. You are invited to join us for morning tea following the Service.

MISSION DONATION FOR AUGUST – MISSIONARIES IAN & LYNN

Selected Reading: Luke 14:1, 7–14 - Humility, hospitality, and the image of God

Discipleship Thought: The readings today encourage us to see ourselves and others with the right amount of respect. In Luke 14:1, 7–14, the reader is cautioned not to think of themselves too highly at a wedding banquet. Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 similarly talks about inviting guests over, the treatment of prisoners and others who are marginalised. Human society often has hierarchies that value some people over others, but these readings encourage us to rethink those hierarchies.

The way we treat others is a visible demonstration of the kind of people we are. The way we think of ourselves is important, too. In Genesis, we are told that each person is made in the image of God. What might it mean to see the image of God in each and every person we meet? Through humility, hospitality, and recognising the image of God in every person, we reflect the very heart of Christ's call to discipleship.

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for bringing us into your presence today.

We praise you as the hostess par excellence.

We thank you for the food we have eaten.

We thank you for the drink we have been given.

We praise you for the way you draw us into community and give each of us opportunities to serve one another.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Each week during Worship we pray for families from our congregations.

Remember to uphold one another in prayer.



Pray for....Trevor & Betty, Lyn and Family, Geoff, Dal, Kristie and Brooklyn, Deanna, Jessica and Ollie, Helen, Norman & Heather.

....those we know who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results. We pray that God's Healing Hands continue to enfold Lesley, Manda, Lyn, Frank, the two Margarets, Rick, Glen, Madison, Lisa, Maree, Gwen, Grant, Paul and the two John's.

....individuals and families who are feeling sad and lonely, the homeless and for those who have lost their employment and income.

....all who have lost loved ones including the Mansell and Green Families. The Late Mrs Lesley Green's Memorial Service will be held in St. Andrew's Church on Friday, 5th September.

....for **Siaosi** (Iona West's Pastor), **Malo** and the extended family as they mourn the passing away of Siaosi's brother-in-law in Brisbane last week.

....**Ian and Lynns'** Missionary Work and missionaries all over the world.

....**safe travel** for those who are travelling.

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

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

....the Congregations and Ministry Teams of our local Uniting Churches - **St Paul's, Armitage, Calen, Iona West, Northside, Proserpine and Sarina**.

....**Teachers, Teacher's Aides, Students, RI Teachers, School Chaplains and Students** during Term 3 of the School Year.

....**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.

....protection and blessings for those who are persecuted for their faith.

....the members of **Local, State and Federal Governments.**

....**Scripture Union Queensland and Mackay Street Chaplaincy.**

....**ACRE – Alliance of Christian Religious Education.**

....**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.

....**our families and friends** and for the **freedom** we take for granted in our Country.

....all **Lay Preachers, Retired Ministers** and **friends of the Parish** who give of their time and talents conducting Worship Services and Funerals across the Mackay District.

....the members of our congregations who are helping to ensure our Worship Services continue to be provided in our Churches.

....**for** the lovely day of celebrations on the occasions of Heather McLean's

....**Alun and Lesley** and their commitment to St Andrew's and Calen Congregations.

....**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.

A Little Humour: A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

*"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, **Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.**"*

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, *"Ryan, you be Jesus!"*

A Quick Prayer: Father, I thank You for Your promises and provision. You touch my life in every way, never denying me that which I truly need and always helping me flourish. Without You, I would surely fail, but with You, anything is possible for me. Amen



Noela Thomson (3rd)

Giulius Gargano (6th)



On Saturday evening, 23rd August, 2025 Rod & Michelle's Grandsons, Lachlan Woolston and Emmett Wallin and Glen & Kerith's Grandson, Theo Noy, were Confirmed by Bishop Michael McCarthy in St John's Catholic Church, Walkerston. Lachlan is the son of Zac and Sarah and Emmett's parents are Brett & Kerrie-ann. After asking Michelle to make sure she got a photo with her two grandsons at their Confirmation, I slipped up and didn't get a Photo with Theo. 😊

Lachlan's Sponsor was Shane Muscat, Emmett's Sponsor was his Nunu, Peter Muscat and Theo's Sponsor was his

cousin, Shaylee Noy.

The role of the sponsor is to encourage and guide the young people to practice their Catholic faith both before and after Confirmation. They also present the candidate to the Bishop during the Ceremony and overall they serve as a mentor and guide the children throughout the confirmation journey.

Top left – Zac and Sarah with Abigail, Lachlan and Georgia, Middle right - Michelle with Lachlan and Emmett. Below Left – Shaylee and Theo. Below Right – Yoon, Kyle, Bree, Myer, Indy and Theo.

Congratulations to these young people. Next

Saturday they will celebrate their First Communion.



What's Happening Locally!?



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Sign up here to
volunteer for
Christian RI

If you would like to become
an RI Instructor to be
considered for this role,
please visit
christianri.org.au and apply
to volunteer



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Iona West Men's Breakfast is on **7:30am, Saturday 6th September** at 7 Brooks Street, West Mackay. The cost is \$5 and this month we will hear from Jeff Howard who is the Manager of Mission and Pastoral Care with Uniting Care Qld and manages BlueCare Chaplains

across the state. He also has oversight of the Grief and Loss and Care and Wellbeing roles. Jeff is married with 2 adult children. He worked with Scripture Union Australia for 16 years before starting with the Uniting Church in Queensland, 18 years ago. Jeff has a passion for coaching, developing leaders, partnerships, leading teams, and community building, and when not at work loves all things sports, travel and being outdoors. For any queries or to RSVP please contact Bruce and the team at mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au

The Light Party (providing a free, fun, family-friendly alternative to Halloween) is being held again this year. If you are interested in volunteering, attending or donating to the cause, email lightpartymackay@gmail.com



It is a bit hard to see but at right are Eli Neilsen and Morelle showing the Valley Congregation the activity they did as they spoke about the Parable of Building on the Rock. This is a compelling story from the Bible that presents this eternal question:

Is your life built on solid rock or unreliable sand?

Are you humming the children's chorus 'Build on the Rock' now!! 😊

Motto for Success: Yesterday is past. Today is a fresh new start, a clean slate, the beginning of a new life.



ARE YOU READY FOR ACTION?

CAMP ACTIVATE 2025

REGISTER HERE

CAMP DETAILS

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 1ST, 2025

WHERE: CAMP EAGLE ROWALLAN PARK

WHAT: GRADES 6-8

• MESSY GAMES • SCAVENGER HUNT
• SLIP & SLIDE • CAMP FIRES • CATAPULT • CRAFTS
• GREAT FOOD • NEW FRIENDSHIPS •
• EXPLORE CHRISTIAN FAITH •

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	WALKERSTON			MIRANI			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Laptop/ Music</i>
31/08	Phil	Leanne	Kerith	Beth	TBA	Marion	Stephanie
07/09	Alun & Lesley	Neil	Michelle	Noela	Beth	Bruce	Au
14/09	Congregation	Colleen	Lyn or Kerith	Manda	Elspeth	Morelle	Bruce HC
21/09	Alun & Lesley	Kathryn	Alun or Lesley	Noela	Thelma	Manda	Gerry
28/09	Congregation	Nikhil	Michelle	Au	Beth	Marion	Thelma
05/10	Congregation	Michelle	Kerith	Noela	Elspeth	Au	Stephanie
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:

31st August, 2025 - Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

7th September, 2025 - Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

14th September, 2025 - Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14;
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

21st September, 2025 – Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7;
Luke 16:1-13

28th September, 2025 - Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16; 1
Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

5th October, 2025 - Lamentations 1:1-6: Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137:
2 Timothy 1:1-14: Luke 17:5-10

12th October, 2025 – Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15;
Luke 17:11-19

Crypogram
You will be repaid at the resurrection.
of the righteous.

