

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



3rd March, 2024

MISSION DONATIONS HAVE RECOMMENCED. THE FIRST RECIPIENT WILL BE PIONEER VALLEY SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY.

If you wish to contribute, please place your contribution into an envelope marked "MISSION". Thank you.

Selected reading and Theme: John 2:13–22

Jesus is the temple-in-person – the living God who dwells amongst us. Where Jesus goes, healing, forgiveness, and renewal happen.

Discipleship Thought: God's people had long been waiting for God to return to the temple – to rest and rule in their midst. The temple was supposed to be the place where heaven and earth interconnected and overlapped – the ultimate source of healing, forgiveness, and renewal for all of creation. This scene is the explosive picture of what happens when God returns to the temple. The verdict is fierce – the temple is corrupt and will be torn down. That's not the end of the story though: Jesus will rebuild the temple, but mysteriously, this new temple is tied up in his own presence and fate. Jesus' own story of death and resurrection is about the temple being broken apart and put together again. Jesus is the temple-in-person! Where Jesus goes, healing, forgiveness, and renewal happen; God dwells amongst the people in Christ.

Prayer: The sky is lit up with your radiance; the earth is your masterpiece! Each sunrise tells a God-story in silent brilliance.

Out comes the sun – full of joy; basking in love; brimming with purpose; programmed with divine genius; delighted at the task it has been given! Your wisdom is like sweet honey to us, O God.

Your leadership is pure gold.

We give you thanks, O rock and restorer, for you redeem and revive us.

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Each week during Worship we pray for families from our congregations. This week we **pray for**Vicki & Family, Neil & Family, Nicholas & Family, Dianne & Bill, Grace & Les, Thelma & Alan.

....**those who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results.** Pray for Rick's, Dianne's, Lyn's and Fiona's health. May they know God's hand is upon them in their time of need.

....**Jan** as she settles into Aged Care.

....all who are displaced.

....**the Wicks and Deacon Families** as they mourn the passing of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother, **Betty Wicks.** Our sincere condolences to Greg & Kathryn, Grant, Katie, Montana, Thomas, Isabella and Max, Craig, Sara, Harry and Oscar.

....teachers and students.

....**Mackay Regional Council Elections.**

....**Ian and Lynns' Missionary Work.**

....**the work the School Chaplains in the Mackay and District Schools.**

....**safe travel for all who are travelling.** Grant them the wisdom to make wise choices while driving on the roads.

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

....**for the soldiers at war, their families and all who are affected by devastation of war.**

Give thanks**for Queensland Moderator – Rev Bruce Moore and CQ Presbytery Minister – Rev Scott Ballment.**

....**for retired Ministers, Pastors and Lay Preachers** who willingly give of their time to conduct Worship Services.

....**for School Chaplains** and the work they do throughout the Pioneer Valley.

....**for the missionaries** all over the world.

....**for the volunteers** who give of their time and energy to work with the people in need.

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

....**for the many blessings** we receive in our daily lives.

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

A Quick Prayer: What you promise, Father, You will fulfill to the last word. I may not always be faithful, but You always are. In a world where I am afraid totally trust anyone, I know I can trust You. Amen

Mottos for Success: The way to reach a goal is to do something – anything – that will get you a little closer. Small steps are better than standing still.

A Little Humour: During Lent, a devout parishioner wanders through heavy rain, through hamburger huts and steak places into Mount Angel's Monastery - a Benedictine community of monks founded in 1882 on a hilltop overlooking Oregon's Willamette Valley and asks for shelter.

He had arrived just in time for dinner and received the finest fish and chips he'd ever tasted.

He walks into the kitchen after supper to thank the chefs. He is greeted by two monks. "Hi, my name is Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis".

The parishioner greeted them. "I am delighted to meet you. I just wanted to say thank you for a delicious dinner. I had the finest fish and chips I'd ever had. Who cooked what, just out of curiosity?"

Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."

Quizworx Christian Education School Seminars are coming to Mackay on 13th – 17th May. Among parents, there is strong demand in Marian and Mirani State Schools for Christian Religious Instruction. A Quizworx Seminar is a great way to generate interest among locals teaching RI.

For more information please contact Jay-Ellen Wright, Regional Development Officer, for Central Queensland - Email jay-ellen.wright@christianri.org.au or have a look at the website christianri.org.au

News from the Kennedy Family – The John Drama is coming to Toowoomba and 'our own' Aaron Kennedy is to play the role of 'Jesus'. He has to learn all of John. Everything Jesus says. Best of luck Aaron.

The write up says, "You don't go from carpenter to celebrity without a good story.

The John Drama is the action-packed and immersive story of Jesus and it's coming to Toowoomba.

Who can deny Jesus turned the whole world upside down? His contemporaries either loved or hated him – some hated him so much they killed him as a criminal. If you don't know the story, or you want to hear it again in a fresh way, come along."

The Director, Malcolm Barker says, 'The John Drama brings the story of Jesus to life in a powerful and intimate way'.

If you are heading down that way, The John Drama is being held at the:-

ChristLife Presbyterian Church, 492 South St, Glenvale QLD 4350, Australia

Date & Time: 9th March 2024, 7:00pm – 8:30pm, 10th March 2024, 2:00pm – 3:30pm.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024



Two World Day of Prayer Services were held in The Pioneer Valley on Friday. The Walkerston Service was held at 10am, preceded by a scrumptious morning tea. The Gargett Service was held at 9am, followed by morning tea. Above is a picture of the congregation at the Walkerston Service along with a picture of the Guest Speaker, WSS Chaplain, Judy Dalrymple. Judy spoke a little about Palestinian culture then reported on her work at the Walkerston State School. 25 ladies were in attendance. Below is a picture of the attendees at the Gargett Service. Beth reported that about 18 attended. They felt the service was very moving, especially considering what is happening in Palestine at the moment. Rev Maggie Kirby gave a meaningful address about understanding the cultures of other nationalities and making them welcome in our communities.



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

The Right Place – John 2:16 – He told those selling the doves, “take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market place!”

Cindy walked into her Sunday School Class ready to hear a story about Jesus. She and her classmates were very surprised to see their teacher sitting up front with rollers in her hair, slippers on her feet, sipping tea, and knitting a scarf.

The whole class just stared quietly for a while until Cindy said, “Mrs Smith, are you alright?”

Mrs Smith smiled, “I was waiting for you to ask me that,” she said. “I’m ready for today’s lesson.” The class was looking around at each other and making funny faces because they still did not understand.

Mrs Smith went on: “Today’s lesson is about knowing the right place and the Right time for doing things.

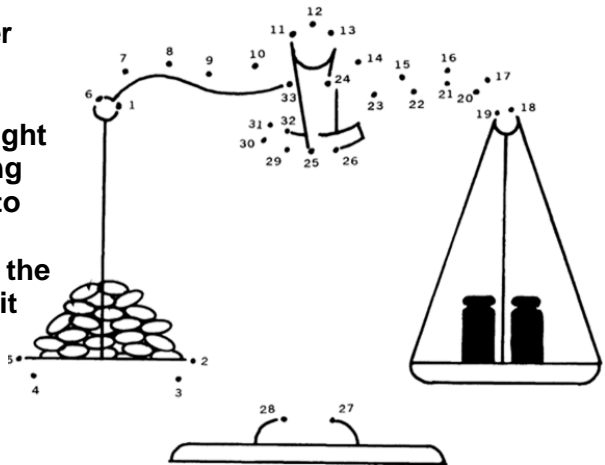
Everything has a time and a place. Wearing rollers and slippers to Sunday School is not what we consider proper. Drinking tea and knitting while I am teaching is not considered proper.

“One day Jesus went to the temple to pray. When he got there, many people were selling doves, or sheep or cattle. They were shouting for people to come in and look at the animals and buy them. This made Jesus angry. He knew the temple was a house of prayer. He knew it was God’s house. He made the sellers leave and he was very upset.

"When you walked into class today, you were upset with me. You were all polite and sat quietly waiting, but I could see the look on your faces. Sunday School is not the place for rollers or slippers or knitting. It is for learning about Jesus.

The temple was for learning about God, and Jesus had to make it right. I promise to never dress like this in Sunday School again!"

Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Jesus really cleaned house at the Temple, didn't he! At right is a picture of something they were using there, to cheat and collect too much money. Connect the numbers and see what it is!!"



	WALKERSTON			MIRANI		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayer</i>
03/03	Congregation HC	<i>Kerith</i>	<i>Lyn</i>	<i>Noela</i>	<i>Thelma</i>	<i>Manda</i>
10/03	Rev Jim Brown	<i>Gwen</i>	<i>Lyn</i>	Rev Jim Brown	<i>Elsbeth</i>	<i>Bruce</i>
17/03	<i>Alun & Lesley</i>	<i>Kathryn</i>	<i>Lyn</i>	<i>Noela</i>	<i>Stephanie</i>	<i>Manda</i>
PALM SUNDAY						
24/03	<i>Rick</i>	<i>Neil</i>	<i>Lyn</i>	Rev Jim Brown	<i>Thelma</i>	<i>Beth</i>
GOOD FRIDAY						
29/03	Congregation	<i>Colleen</i>	<i>Lyn</i>	Rev Jim Brown	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
EASTER SUNDAY						
31/03	Rev Jim Brown	<i>Colleen</i>	<i>Lyn</i>	Rev Jim Brown	<i>Elsbeth</i>	<i>Bruce</i>
Please pray 'The Lord's Prayer' at the end of the Prayer for Others except on Holy Communion						

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EUNGELLA

8.00am Every Sunday

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

WALKERSTON

10.00am Every Sunday

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

MIRANI

3.00pm

No Services at present

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

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) – 1.30pm Every Thursday, The Valley UCA, Victoria & Louise Streets, Mirani.

Lectionary Readings:

3rd March - Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

10th March - Numbers 21:4-9; Psalms 107:1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10;
John 3:14-21

17th March - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

24th March - Liturgy of the Palms - Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Mark 11:1-11 or
John 12:12-16

31st March - Easter Day - Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9;
Psalms 118:1-2,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18
or Mark 16:1-8

7th April - Acts 4:32-35; Psalms 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

14th April - Acts 3:12-19; Psalms 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

