

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751

'THE WINDOW'

4th August, 2019

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Minister: Pastor Allen Soxsmith

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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 August Service

3.00pm

Holy Communion

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

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

Worship Leaders

4th August, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Noela Thomson

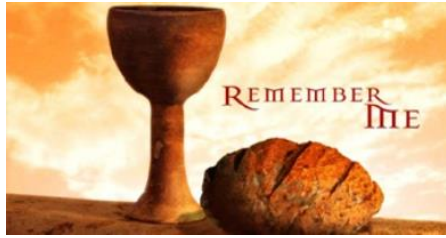
11th August, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Noela Thomson

18th August, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Noela Thomson

25th August, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Noela Thomson



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



Pastor Allen Soxsmith sends his greetings. Please note he is on Annual Leave until the end of August. Below are the changes during these weeks. Worship Services will still be conducted by Rick and Noela, however there will be:

NO Wednesday Holy Communion Service
St Andrew's UCA, Walkerston
Wednesday 21st August, 2019

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

NO Eungella Service on the third Sunday

Hosea 11:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

God's Love for Israel

11 ¹"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

²But the more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images.

³It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them.

⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.

⁵"Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent?

⁶A sword will flash in their cities; it will devour their false prophets and put an end to their plans.

⁷My people are determined to turn from me. Even though they call me God Most High, I will by no means exalt them.

⁸"How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused.

⁹ I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man—the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities.

¹⁰ They will follow the Lord; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.

¹¹ They will come from Egypt, trembling like sparrows, from Assyria, fluttering like doves. I will settle them in their homes,” declares the Lord.

Discipleship Thought: *Today's reading from Hosea gives us a vivid picture of God as an anguished father grieving that the child he loved, kissed and cuddled, has, as an adult, rejected everything the father holds dear. Commenting on this passage Howard Wallace writes, "There is here no cheap grace, no easily won indulgent love... the hope for such a relationship and for the future of the child lies in the 'turning' within the heart of the parent rather than in any change with the child." God is often spoken of as unchanging, yet here we see God imaged in the tumultuous journey of a father coming to terms with what it means to give away ideas of legalism and vengeance, and choose love over all else. What is revealed to us when we accompany God, the grieving parent, on this particular journey?*

Prayer: People of God give thanks, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Though we might wander to the ends of the earth, we are never far from God's grace, as God remembered the Israelites in the wilderness, so God remembers us.

We praise and adore you, loving and merciful one.

You provide food when we hunger and quench our thirst.

You hear our cries in times of trouble, provide comfort in our mourning, healing in our brokenness, and shelter in times of distress.

We remember God's goodness to us, with grateful hearts. Amen

(Words for Worship 4th August, 2019)



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

Pray for.... Grace, Thelma & Alan, Kristie and Brooklyn, Sam & Stephen and Family, Lyn and family.

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

....Ian and Lynn.

....Rick & Noela Thomson as they conduct the Parish Worship Services this month.

....Rev Dr Kerry Pierce and her family as they mourn the passing of Kerry's mother.

....**Janet Kennedy** as she continues her Study in Theology and begins her Period of Discernment.

....the **Hamill Family** as they prepare for the Baptism of their third daughter, Georgia in late September.

....**Bruce Kerr** as he prepares to be Commissioned as an Elder.

....**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: If you show people real love, you won't have a hard time winning or keeping friends.

A Little Humour: "Dad says that if it wasn't for your sermons, he'd never get any sleep!!!"

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What's happening in Mirani Worship: John & Del Williams joined The Valley Congregation last Sunday. Members of the congregation took part in

the Service: Janet Kennedy was their Preacher: Brooklyn & Finn read the Bibles readings: Heather & Norman sang a Chorus to commence the service. Sinead played the violin during the offering. With Prayer being the theme last week, the children wrote out and decorated 'The Lord's Prayer' and made a Lego Tabernacle.



Sinead & Morelle



Brooklyn & Oscar



Aaron, Janet, Emlyn & Oscar enjoying morning tea after Worship with Rev John & Mrs Del Williams.



Emlyn, Sinead and Finn

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.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS – Wednesday 4th September, 9:30am-11:30am, at St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall. Sponsored by the Mackay and District Religious Education Reference Group and informed by the Department of Education, Queensland, Karen Grenning,

Queensland Christian RI Network (QCRIN), will outline changing requirements and provide specific information about ministers' responsibilities for RI in state schools. Contact mdrerg@gmail.com or Heather Fischle, Chairperson, 0477 462 783, Alison Cliffe 4956 1596 or Melita Parchert 0422 343 663.



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Duncan & Stephanie Coxwell on the safe arrival of their first child, **Sophie Carmen Coxwell**. Sophie was born in Darwin on Thursday, 25th July, 2019, weighing 3.165kg and measuring 49cm in length. Sophie is a second granddaughter for David & Morelle. May God richly bless this new little family.

Encore

2.30pm

Sunday, 4th 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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RACQ

FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT
FOR ALL AGES
STALLS

ACTIVITIES
FOR
CHILDREN

LAVISH
DESSERTS

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If you would like to hear **Rev David Ellis**, from the **Frontier Services - McKay Patrol and Townsville Disaster Recovery Ministry** speak, he will be at the

following services on Sunday, 25th August, 2019: 7.45am Armitage: 9.15am St Paul's service and morning tea and 6pm St Paul's BBQ and service.



In relation to the PIONEER VALLEY PARISH - Plans are in the making for a BBQ after Worship on Sunday, 15th September, 2019 at The Valley UCA Church at which time you will be given the opportunity to contribute financially to the work of the Frontier Services – McKay Patrol. There will be more information as times goes by.

Greg Wicks (today)

Isabella Wicks (5th)

Alan Rogers (6th)

Shaylee Noy (7th)

Matthew McNichol (7th)

Sienna Wallin (7th)



The Parish is now registered with Containers for Change to receive funds via cans, tetra pack containers and bottles. Anything that has 10c written on the side or back of it can be presented for cash. Remove any lids and make sure the containers are empty, bag them and take them to:

ANYTHING ENVIRONMENTAL
19 INTERLINK COURT,
PAGET



Quote the Parish's Registered Number **C10195946** and ask for the cash to be assigned to that number and banked. Alternatively, bring your bagged containers to Church and I will be happy to take them in. Thank you.

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

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

Bible Reading: Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

¹³ *Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."*

¹⁴ *But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"*

¹⁵ *And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."*

¹⁶ *Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly."*

¹⁷ *And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'*

¹⁸ *Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'*

¹⁹ *And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'*

²⁰ *But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'*

²¹ *So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."*

Story: We all have different interests and sometimes those interests can be so absorbing that we cut out anything else, including God. Sometimes that intense focus is on money or the things money can buy, like fame and a luxurious life-style. Sometimes the focus is on something quite different, like computer games or gambling. If the focus becomes too intense and inward looking, we lose our way in life.

Zog and Ergerol - Dixon was thrilled. He'd just cracked level one on his latest computer game and it was the hardest game he'd played so far.

It was set on the planet Zog which was inhabited by aliens. The space ship had to land on the planet, then the astronauts had to disembark and find deposits of the mineral Ergerol to ship home. Ergerol was extremely valuable, more valuable than gold, because it was a lightening fast fuel to power earth vehicles, and it had no harmful emissions. But it could only be found on the planet Zog and the aliens who lived there were hostile to enemy invaders.

Level one was quite difficult, because you had to manoeuvre the space ship between tall trees and avoid unexpected quarries and land the space ship on the only possible patch of Zog earth, which was purple in colour, soft and very small.

Dixon couldn't wait to go on to level two, where the first aliens would appear with their weapons at the ready.

There were twenty-nine levels in all, and you didn't get to the Ergerol unless you reached level twenty-nine. And naturally, the hazards and dangers became more demanding on each level.

When Dixon's Mum called up to him about his homework, he muttered a reply then ignored her. Some hours later when she came up to see that he was

ready for bed, he slipped into his pyjamas in ten seconds, leapt into bed, turned out the light and snuggled down.

As soon as his Mum had disappeared, he was out of bed again and back to the game. When he heard his parents come up to bed hours later, he turned off the light again and pretended to be asleep, but as soon as he heard his father's first snores, Dixon was out of bed.

He got stuck on level ten. Try as he would, Dixon couldn't get past the aliens. In the end, he was so afraid of losing all his lives and being sent back to the beginning again that he reluctantly shut down the game and climbed into bed, promising himself that he'd reach level eleven tomorrow.

He groaned when it was time to get up, for he'd only been asleep for a couple of hours. He kept dropping off in class which amused all his classmates but not the teacher. He failed that morning's maths test and had a fight with his best friend. But he didn't care, because his mind wasn't in the classroom or the playground, but was on Zog.

As soon as he returned home, Dixon booted up his computer and started to play. Again he spent all evening and most of the night playing, but he only reached level fifteen. It was getting really hard.

Dixon couldn't tear himself away from Zog and the promise of finding Ergerol. It filled his mind during the day and in the few hours' sleep he managed at night, his dreams were full of the final triumph of mining Ergerol.

He became grumpy and morose at home and grumpy and morose at school. His family were very worried about him and there were frequent rows. His friends left him alone because he was so bad tempered, and he was constantly in trouble.

But Dixon didn't care. He knew everything would be alright once he achieved level twenty nine. He thought he might be the first person ever to mine Ergerol, because the game was so difficult. He struggled and fought and worked his way through the levels, until his fingers ached with the speed of the joystick.

At last he reached level twenty nine. He flashed his laser weapons and obliterated the aliens until they were lying in sad little heaps all over Zog. He fought his way through razor wire and thought his way through booby traps until at last he reached his goal. There was Ergerol glinting in the side of the mountain. Dixon set explosives and brought in mining equipment and gradually, trucks began to fill with Ergerol. By the end of the night he'd filled the trucks and they trundled off down the mountain.

Dixon experienced a feeling of immense satisfaction. 'I've done it!' he thought to himself, and went to sleep happy. But when he woke next morning, he was strangely at a loss. He went to look for his friends at school, but discovered that they weren't his friends any more. While he had been so absorbed by the game, they had moved on and made new friendships.

He looked at his school work, but discovered that he was way behind the rest of the class and had no idea how to catch up.

At home, there was something different about his family. They weren't so free and easy or as happy as they used to be.

Dixon thought about buying a new computer game to hide from all his troubles, but he suddenly realised that in the end, they gave him nothing. Suddenly he was bored with computer games, for Zog with its Ergerol was an empty experience. And Dixon longed for things to be the way they used to be in the days before Zog.

Blessing: *May you be so filled with God's love that your eyes are fixed upon Jesus.*

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now, be in your homes and in your families and with all those whom you love and for whom you pray, now and always. Amen.

Can you find the 10 differences between these photos?



	WALKERSTON			MIRANI	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>
4 th Aug	Colleen B	Lyn	Colleen W	Margaret	Morelle
11 th Aug	Michelle	Lyn	Colleen B	Beth	Margaret
18 th Aug	Neil	Lyn	Sam	Kerr Family	Bruce
25 th Aug	Kathryn	Lyn	Kerith	Thelma	Beth

Prayer: If I obey You, Father God, I will have nothing to fear from my critics. Fill my ears with Your words so I won't hear the complaints of those who hate You. Amen

Fallen Letter Puzzle: It is for those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.

Jumble Puzzle: Divide, Brother, Greed, Family, Judge, Crops, Grain, Treasures, Soul, Parable, Drink, Merry, Demanded, Ample, Friend, Crowd, Possessions, Rich

Picture Differences:

Landscape, Heart, Grass, Bandido, Armband, Belt (Scarf), Sole of foot, String on saw, Bolts on sawhorse, Axe blade

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 \$14,349.45 July Expenditure \$9937.03

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

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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

4th August, 2019 – Pentecost 8

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

11th August, 2019 – Pentecost 9

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

18th August, 2019 – Pentecost 10

Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:1-2, Heb 11:29-12:2 Lk 12:49-56 G

8-19

Aug 25 2019 Pent 11 [21] Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6 Heb 12:18-29 Lk 13:10-17

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

8.30am - 3rd Wednesday of the month – cancelled July and August

Mid Week Prayers

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