

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

EUNGELLA

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 APRIL IS PIONEER VALLEY SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Selected Reading: John 21:1–19 - Jesus restores and renews.

Discipleship Thought: *John 21:1–19 offers us a striking image of Jesus cooking fish over a charcoal fire for his followers. Jesus is providing for them, caring for them. Is he creating space for something else as well, something important for Peter to revisit? The last time we hear about people gathering around a fire was in the high priest's courtyard (John 18:15–18). Peter, standing with others around a fire to keep warm, was asked if he was one of Jesus'*

followers. Peter would deny Jesus on three occasions. No resurrection could erase this wound for Peter. Peter, in the kind presence of Jesus, comes face to face with his shame.

Jesus offers tenderness and empathy. He creates time and space just for Simon Peter to speak to his heart, to encourage him, to restore and renew him. His three questions— ‘Simon, son of John, do you truly love me?’ —match Peter’s three denials. Does Jesus call him by his old name because he knows he is speaking to someone who has reverted to their former self and former ways? Jesus is providing Peter with an opportunity to re-write his own history, to re-claim his identity and vocation. More than this, he builds on it— ‘Feed my lambs’, ‘Take care of my sheep’, ‘Feed my sheep’—Peter is given great responsibility; how precious it is that Jesus reveals the truth of who we are becoming rather than dwelling on where we’ve been, our failures or even where we’re at now.

Prayer: O God, when we fall to pieces and cry out, you are the one who takes up our cause!

You hear our stories of struggle and meet them with kindness, your loving ways lead us back to life— out of our sackcloth and into vibrant colour once again.

And then something beautiful rises within us, something that matches our experience of goodness—a spirit of gratitude and songs of praise!

Even the terrible dancers among us find ourselves on our feet, praising and celebrating, telling everyone how wonderful you are.

O God, spectacular God, we can’t thank you enough.

Words for Worship CCLi 386034

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, Grace & Les, Thelma & Alan.

....those we know who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results.

We pray that God’s Healing Hands continue to enfold Lyn, Frank, the two Margarets, Manda, Christopher, Gwen, Rick, Glen, Madison and the two John’s.

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

....all who have lost loved ones and are struggling in their daily lives.

....Ian and Lynns’ Missionary Work and missionaries all over the world and we give thanks to God that they are doing well.

....the support, comfort and medical treatment given by those who are part of **Pioneer Valley School Chaplaincy.**

....safe travel for all who are travelling during the school holidays. We also pray for safe travel for Ash & Nikhil as they return to India for a catch-up with family.

....everyone who is being affected by the current weather conditions.

....**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**.

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


....**Reach Out Activities**.

....**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**.

....for the **emergency services members** and for the **counsellors** who care for the communities and people in crisis situations.

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

 **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.

....**Alun and Lesley and their commitment to our Parish**.

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

....**the friendship our congregations share over morning tea each Sunday**.

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

....**for 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: One day each week, the pastor set aside time to visit the parish school. During one visit he observed the children studying the states and he asked them how many they could name. They came up with about 40 out of the 50 names. He jokingly told them that in his day, students knew the names of all the states.

One lad raised his hand and said "Yes, but in those days there were only thirteen!" 😊 (Obviously an American Joke!)

From "*The Big Book of Church Jokes*" published by Barbour Publishing, Inc. Used by permission."

Motto for Success: If someone is out of sorts or is not being as productive as usual, think about what might be causing that person to act that way – or ask. Do what you can to correct the cause of the problem, even if all you can do is sympathise, and you will assist in that person's effectiveness.



Saskia Allan (6th): Kerrie-Anne Wallin (8th)

Rex Frazer (10th)



Angus & Val McGregor 57yrs (4th)

Bible Verse: I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. John 14:18

What's Happening Locally!?

Jump Camp Mackay

When - 29 Jun 2025 – 2 Jul 2025

Location - Camp Eagle Mountain Retreat, QLD

Category - Camps

Price - \$145.00



Jump Camp is all about equipping young Christians—like you—with the tools to live out your faith confidently, even when the world around you might believe differently.

During the camp, you'll dive into fun activities, make new friends, and explore how to read and understand the Bible in a real and personal way. Through group chats, reflection times, and shared experiences, you'll be encouraged to strengthen your relationship with Jesus and grow in your confidence to live out your faith every day.

Our prayer is that you'll leave camp not only with awesome memories, but with a deeper understanding of your beliefs, a stronger connection to God's Word, and a heart ready to share your story with others.

Season - Winter Season 2025

Grades - 7-9

Team Leaders - Alun Tunnah and Phil Hall

The leadership team are Chaplains and local youth group leaders experienced in running camps, youth activities and facilitating group discussions.

Go to: su.org.au for more information or to register.

SOLD OUT – Kerith has paid for our tickets

Scottish Afternoon Tea – An afternoon of Pipe Band Music, Scottish Dancing and a Fashion Parade on Saturday, 17th May, 2025 at 2.00pm. Clothes and

Shoes supplied by M'Ladys and Children's Outfits supplied by Flowers for Fertility. For more information and to book tickets, contact Di Chataway: 0409 988 185.

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are ten differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in the second drawing, then check the answers on the back.



	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</i>
04/05	Alun & Lesley	Neil	Kerith	Noela	Elsbeth	Manda	Stephanie
11/05	Congregation	Michelle	Kerith	Manda	Thelma	Beth	Au
18/05	Alun & Lesley	Kathryn	Michelle	Au	Manda	Au	Gerry
25/05	Congregation	Colleen	Gwen	Noela	Thelma	Manda	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:

4th May, 2025 - Acts 5:27-32; Psalms 118:14-29; Revelations 1:4-18;
John 20:19-31

11th May, 2025 - Acts 9:36-43; Psalms 23; Revelations 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

18th May, 2025 - Acts 11:1-18; Psalms 148; Revelations 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

25th May, 2025 - Acts 16:9-15; Psalms 67; Revelations 21:10, 22:5;

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

29th May, 2025 - Ascension Day - Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47 or Psalms 93;

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

1st June, 2025 - Acts 16:16-34; Psalms 97; Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;
John 17:20-26

8th June, 2025 - Pentecost - Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalms 104:24-34,
35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21: Jonn 14:8-17, (25-27)

15th June, 2025 - Trinity Sunday - Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalms 8;
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

22nd June, 2025 - 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a or Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalms 42 and
43 or 22: 19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Jesus IS Coming!

PICTURE DIFFERENCES

1. Hand moved
2. Fire smaller
3. Fish scales added
4. Nail scar missing
5. Strap on Jesus
6. Beard/Mustache missing
7. Bell stripes
8. Hat is bigger, black
9. Mouth changed
10. Wave missing