

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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'THE WINDOW'

6th October, 2019

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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



27th October, 2019

3.00pm

Holy Communion

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

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

Worship Leaders

6th October, 2019 – **Walkerston (Baptism & HC) – Mirani (HC)** - Pastor Allen Soxsmith
and Noela Thomson

13th October, 2019 – **Walkerston – Mirani** – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

20th October, 2019 – **Walkerston – Mirani (HC)** – Pastor Allen Soxsmith



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

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (GNT)

¹ From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, sent to proclaim the promised life which we have in union with Christ Jesus—

² To Timothy, my dear son: May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

³ I give thanks to God, whom I serve with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did. I thank him as I remember you always in my prayers night and day.

⁴ I remember your tears, and I want to see you very much, so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵ I remember the sincere faith you have, the kind of faith that your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice also had. I am sure that you have it also.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to keep alive the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

⁷ For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of witnessing for our Lord; neither be ashamed of me, a prisoner for Christ's sake. Instead, take your part in suffering for the Good News, as God gives you the strength for it.

⁹ He saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace. He gave us this grace by means of Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

¹⁰ but now it has been revealed to us through the coming of our Saviour, Christ Jesus. He has ended the power of death and through the gospel has revealed immortal life.

¹¹ God has appointed me as an apostle and teacher to proclaim the Good News,

¹² and it is for this reason that I suffer these things. But I am still full of confidence, because I know whom I have trusted, and I am sure that he is able to keep safe until that Day what he has entrusted to me.

¹³ Hold firmly to the true words that I taught you, as the example for you to follow, and remain in the faith and love that are ours in union with Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us, keep the good things that have been entrusted to you.

Discipleship Thought: We are God's people, in all places and times. God believes in us, surrounds us with grace, even at the changing times where we feel thin, burdened, alone and confused. We are never exiled from God. It is we who do not 'see' God's presence. The Good News is here. We live in its presence. We remember it in our past; yet, we cannot see the future. Wherever we are now, let us continue to sing God's song of inspiring hope and

abundant love. Faithful people have gone before us and are here today. As we remember those whose witness encouraged us, may our faith encourage and teach others of God's compassionate love for them. Keep the good things that have been entrusted to you. Proclaim the Gospel with encouragement and thanksgiving, holding firm to the faith and love that are ours in our union with Christ. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Let the words of our mouths, the meditation of our hearts and minds, and the actions of our hands enable ministry to continue.

Prayer: Shining Light of Hope, we see you in unexpected places, revealing, inspiring and leading us in dynamic and life-giving ways.

Together, we give thanks that we are family and friends together.

Loving and nurturing one, we are surprised by your kindly presence, holding us in bonds of compassionate love.

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Ever-present and unchanging Lord, we give thanks for your constancy in times of change and your vitality in times of renewal.


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Wise and all-knowing Wisdom, we yearn for your teachings, unexpectedly awakening us to new understandings.

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Make our faithful greater, O God. Amen

(Words for Worship 6th October, 2019)

 Each week during Worship we pray for 1 or 2 families from our congregations. Remember to uphold one another in prayer.
Pray for.... Glenda, Len, Margaret and Christopher, Ray & Bill, Kristy and Brooklyn, Geoff & Dal.

....those receiving or recovering from medical treatment – Carl, Len, Richard, Rev Gerhardt, Rev Nathan, Margaret, Rick, Debbie Gussey and Peter, Ray Creese, Jan.

....Judith who is working in Sapa.

....Ian and Lynn who are currently on leave and back home for a visit.

....Janet Kennedy during her Study in Theology and her Period of Discernment.

....Georgia Willow Hamill, her parents, sisters, extended family and friends as Georgia is presented for Baptism this morning.

....Parish Elders - Bruce Kerr, Beth Higham, Morelle Coxwell, Sam Fernando, Colleen Brown and Lyn Gargano.

....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.

....the safety in the workplace, especially for people involved in the sugar crushing season.

....**Teachers, Students, RE Instructors, School Chaplains** as they return to work and study.

....**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.

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



This morning we welcome to Worship in St Andrew's, the family and friends of **Georgia Willow Hamill**. Georgia's parents, Shane & Katrina are presenting her for Baptism. Georgia's Godparents are Kellie Plate, Angela Nicholas, Michelle Freeman, Andrew Prior. Georgia's sisters, Johanna and Ariana, were Baptised in this Church by Rev Arthur Tutin in July, 2010 and May, 2012.

Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker: By your Spirit, strengthen us to be the people who bear witness to your goodness and faithfulness to creation and your human family. Amen

Motto for Success: Most of the time you have to work your way through your problems. If you try to ignore them, waiting for them to go away, you don't stand much chance of overcoming them. You will also miss the opportunity to grow stronger through adversity.

Anthony & Jonelle Nielsen (12th)





Max Wicks (7th): Rodney Wallin (9th)
 Colleen Brown (9th): Melissa Just (11th)
 Luke Allan (11th)

A Little Humour: Retirees on a plane headed for Florida were gripped with fear when the pilot announced, "Two of our engines are on fire. We are flying through a heavy fog and have virtually zero visibility."

The passengers were numb with fear, except for one, a semi-retired minister. "Now, now, keep calm, folks," he said. "Let's all bow our heads and pray."

Immediately, the group bowed their heads to pray, except one fellow near the back.

"Why aren't you bowing your head to pray? The minister asked.

"I don't know much about prayer," the man replied.

"Well, at least try to do something religious," the minister begged.

The man then grabbed a hat and started passing it around.

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Prayer: Father, when questions arise in my heart, help me be quick to search Your Word for the evidence of truth. Keep me daily in the scriptures so that I will always be ready to respond to doubt. Amen

Fashion Parade

When: 12 October, 2019

Where: Iona West Hall

Time: 2:00pm

Cost: \$15.00



This year the fashions are by Noni B, Rockmans and Be Me. 'One of a Kind Jewellery' is proudly donating the jewellery for the parade and will have a stall, where all proceeds from this stall will go to Iona West. There will also be prizes, entertainment and afternoon tea. Go along and join in the fun, take a friend and have a wonderful time with other ladies in our community. Please see Andrea if you can assist with set up or help on the day of the parade.

IN THE FOYER OF YOUR CHURCH

you will find a form on which is written the two questions **Wouldn't it be great if! What is our purpose as a Church?**

Please take one, fill it out with your thoughts on the two questions and get it back to Pastor Allen as soon as you can, please. You do not need to put your name on them.

Baptism of Chase David Browning



Last Sunday we welcomed to Worship in St Andrew's, the family and friends of **Chase David Browning**. Chase's parents, Nikki and Jamie presented Chase for Baptism.

Pastor Allen with the assistance of Elder, Sam Fernando, conducted Chase's Baptism while the Godparents, Dallas & Meranda Pearson made vows to support Chase's parents as they encourage Chase to grow within the fellowship

of the church, so that he may come to faith in Christ. Chase's sister, Bella, was Baptised in this Church by Rev Arthur Tutin in February, 2012.



Looks like Joseph and his coat of many colours was the theme for the young people last Sunday.

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

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

Luke 17:5-10 (NRSV) - The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?"

⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?"

⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?"

¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

His friends and followers said to Jesus, "Increase our faith!" Let us explore faith and ask that he might increase our faith too.

Story: A mustard seed is about the size of a grain of rice, but grows into a tree large enough and leafy enough to offer shade. We only need about as much faith as grain of rice to make all the difference to our lives.

In this story, Toby Mouse and Fluffy Cat doubt each other, with sad consequences.

The Apple Pip - "How big," asked Toby Mouse, "is a mustard seed? Is it as big as a house?"

Fluffy Cat paused. She was sitting on her red velvet cushion, fastidiously washing her pure white fur. She had no idea how big mustard seeds were, but she didn't want to appear ignorant to her tiny friend. "Not quite," she said thoughtfully.

Toby Mouse danced around her, making her tail swish. She hated it when he did that, but he was always so persistent. "Well, how big then? As big as -as -" Toby Mouse searched for inspiration. "As big as a chair?"

Fluffy Cat thought that was unlikely. She had a hazy idea about seeds because once when her Master had planted some she had immediately dug them all up with her claws and had been shouted at for her trouble. Her Master had even thrown an old boot at her. Fluffy Cat bridled at the undignified memory.

She shook her head. "Not as big as a chair. Humans have to carry seeds in their hands, so they can't be too big."

"Oh!" Toby Mouse hadn't thought of that. "What exactly are seeds, then?" he wanted to know.

Fluffy Cat was on safer ground here. "You plant them in the ground and they grow into plants and things."

"Oh!" Toby Mouse ceased his aggravating dancing as he digested this piece of information. "Like daffodils, you mean?"

"Hmm," murmured Fluffy Cat uncertainly. Then she brightened. "More like those little pips you get inside apples. They're kind of seeds. If you plant those, you get apple trees."

Toby Mouse's eyes widened and he gasped. "D'you mean that just one of those tiny pips will grow into a whole tree? That can't be true! They're so small and trees are so big. How could something that small grow into something so big? You must be wrong!"

Fluffy Cat was annoyed. She was fairly sure that she was right, but not absolutely certain. Put like that, it did sound a bit unlikely, but she wasn't about to admit that to Toby Mouse. Fluffy Cat yawned. "You mice are so stupid," she said, crossly. "If you had half a brain cell, you'd know." Then she curled up on her red velvet cushion and closed her eyes.

Toby spent a little longer doing his best to irritate Fluffy Cat by pulling her whiskers and dancing on her cushion, but she took no notice. Besides, he wanted to know the answer to his question and it was clear that Fluffy Cat wasn't going to help any further.

Toby Mouse darted back into his little house behind the skirting board and nibbled a piece of cheese to help him think. Then he had a blinding flash of inspiration. He would plant an apple seed and see what happened!

Toby ran out of his little house and began to rummage through the rubbish bin. He discovered a half-eaten apple core and settled down to enjoy the rest, but he made sure to keep the pips in his mouth. Then he scampered outside, found a patch of earth and began to dig. When he thought the hole was big enough he spat the pips into it and covered it up again. Then he went back indoors to tell Fluffy Cat how clever he had been.

Toby Mouse went out every day to look at the patch of earth, but nothing happened. After a while he began to jeer at Fluffy Cat, "You think you're so clever! But you're wrong! Pips don't grow into trees - I've proved it!"

Fluffy Cat was angry and upset and felt very foolish, all at the same time. She didn't like being proved wrong. She refused to play any more with Toby Cat and she chased him away when he came to share her food. They became enemies instead of friends and spent their time growling and spitting at each other.

Then one day, many months later, Fluffy Cat wandered out into the garden. She was astonished to discover a tiny apple tree emerging from the soil where Toby Mouse had buried the apple pips. Fluffy Cat forgot how much she hated

Toby Mouse. She forgot that they were enemies now and didn't play together any more. And she forgot her dignity. She raced into the house, calling for Toby. "Come outside! Come and see what I've found!"

Toby Mouse was so intrigued that he too forgot that they were enemies. He forgot that Fluffy Cat didn't share her food anymore. And he forgot that they didn't play together or talk to each other. He scampered outside and stared in amazement.

"You were right, Fluffy Cat," he said humbly.

"But you were the one who proved it," Fluffy Cat responded magnanimously.

"You know," said Toby Mouse thoughtfully, curling up beside Fluffy Cat on the red velvet cushion. "If I'd believed in and trusted you, and you'd believed in and trusted yourself, about as much as that tiny apple pip, we'd never have had all these months of hating each other. We only needed a tiny seed of faith but we couldn't find it and that ruined our lives. I'm sorry, Fluffy Cat. I'll never doubt you again."

Fluffy Cat preened a little and washed her whiskers. Then she settled down to sleep, keeping only half an eye on Toby Mouse.

Blessing: *May you have the faith to move mountains, to grow in strength and to trust utterly in the Lord your God. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, be in your homes and in your families, with those whom you love and with those for whom you pray, both now and always. Amen.*

	WALKERSTON			MIRANI	
Date	Bible Reader	Prayers	Morning Tea	Bible Reader	Prayers
6 th Oct	Colleen	Lyn	Sam	Janet	Margaret
13 th Oct	Sam	Lyn	Michelle	Kerr Family	Bruce
20 th Oct	Michelle	Lyn	Kerith	Morelle	Beth

ST ANDREW'S UCA – COMMUNION ROSTER - 2019		
MONTH	ELEMENTS PROVIDER	ELEMENTS SERVERS
November	Lyn Gargano	Colleen Brown – Bread Sam Fernando - Wine
December	Sam Fernando	Lyn Gargano – Bread Colleen Brown - Wine
January	Colleen Brown	Lyn Gargano – Bread Sam Fernando - Wine

Mark your Calendars

8th–10th November, 2019 – CQ Presbytery Meeting at Iona West

1st December, 2019 – Combined Churches Christmas Carols, Mirani

Please Note: THE IONA WEST CONGREGATION NO LONGER NEEDS OUR PARISH'S HELP WITH THE CATERING FOR THE CQ PRESBYTERY MEETING NEXT MONTH!!!!

Elders

Beth Higham 4958 3158: Morelle Coxwell 4959 1229: Bruce Kerr 4966 6924
Lynette Gargano 4951 4075: Colleen Brown 4954 5470:
Sam Fernando 4959 3298

Containers for Change

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7.40am-7.55am – St Andrew's Vestry – Sundays

Lectionary Readings

6th October, 2019 – Pentecost 17

Lamentations 1:1-6: Lamentations 3:19-26 or Ps 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14;
Luke 17:5-10

13th October, 2019 – Pentecost 18

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

20th October, 2019 – Pentecost 19

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5; Luke 18:1-8

27th October, 2019 – Pentecost 20

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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

8.30am - 3rd Wednesday of the month

Mid Week Prayers

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



September Income \$8895.83

September Expenditure \$8009.58