

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



'The Window'
6th September, 2020



What Makes A Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad*

Author Unknown

MORNING TEA WILL NOT BE SERVED FOLLOWING WORSHIP FROM THIS SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2020, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Bible Reading: Matthew 18:15-20 NIV

Dealing With Sin in the Church

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^{lo} loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Discipleship Thought: The recent film *Just Mercy* is based on the book and life of US lawyer Bryan Stevenson, who has spent his career defending children sentenced to the death penalty.

In one interview, Stevenson explains why he wrote the book. “One of the things I just wanted people to understand is we can’t continue to have a system of justice defined by error and unfairness and tolerate racial bias and bias against the poor and not confront what we are doing to individuals and to families and to communities and to neighbourhoods.”

Today’s Gospel reading offers us a way of dealing with conflict that looks toward restoration, dignity and wholeness for all involved – individuals and their communities - a way that emerges from Jesus’ concern for ‘little ones’ and the one in a hundred.

Prayer: As we gather here, we will sing a new song of rejoicing to God who is our maker, a sovereign whose realm is open to all.


Let there be music and dancing.

Bands strike up and orchestras play, for God delights in who we are.

No more shall the unjust have their way, discrimination and bias will be a thing of the past.

It is God’s good and merciful judgement that will win the day. Praise God!

Let us celebrate God’s goodness and faithfulness to us with thanksgiving, adoration and praise, now and always. Amen

P Each week during Worship we pray for families from our congregations.
 please  This week we **Pray for....** Deanna, Jessica and Ollie, Helen, Colleen & Barry, Frances.

....those receiving or recovering from medical treatment – Carl, Len, Rev Nathan, Kate, Debbie, Ray, Stephen’s father, Ruth, Kevin, Angus, Megan, Esther, Margaret and Pastor Jeff, Lynne H.

A Prayer for Comfort and Healing: Lord Jesus, heal me in whatever You see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from You. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay Your hands gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen

....our Church Members who are unable to return to Worship in our Churches just yet.

....**safety for the many workers in the sugar industry** as the crushing season proceeds.

....**commonsense amongst members of our communities.** Pray that they take notice of the COVID-19 regulations as our country opens up after the pandemic.

....the Leaders of our Country as they make decisions in these uncertain times.

....the safety of medical staff across the world as they provide medical treatment for those who have been in contact with the coronavirus and other diseases.

....the people of Victoria as they cope with the severe restrictions, those who have contracted COVID-19, for those who are recovering and for those who have lost loved ones.

....**all who work in frontline services:** Hospitals, Schools, Residential Care, Emergency Services, Counsellors and our Community Services.

....**Ian and Lynn** in their missionary work. Pray for their health and that of their co-workers as COVID-19 causes them a great deal of concern.

....**Parish Elders** - Bruce, Beth, Morelle, Sam, Colleen and Lyn.

....members of our Parish who are travelling and those who are attending the CQ Presbytery Meeting this weekend either via zoom or physically in Rockhampton.

....**individuals and families** who are feeling stressed, sad and lonely, the homeless and for those who have lost their jobs.

....**individuals, families** to come to know the Lord and join our members in Worship as soon as we are all able.

....**an abundance of finances for our Parish.**

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

....**safety in the workplace.**

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

....**those who are being affected by the violence in our community, in our nation and all over the World.**

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

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



....**Pastor Allen Soxsmith, Moderator – Rev David Baker, Rev Suzy Sitton** who is the Interim CQ Presbytery Minister and for **Rev Scott Ballment** as he prepares to become the CQ Presbytery Minister.

....**for retired ministers** who are doing supply ministry and for the **lay people** who are working to keep Parishes functioning, especially Rick & Noela who have willingly taken our Worship Service in recent weeks.

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

....**for Teachers, RI Instructors, School Chaplains** and all those who work with children.

....**for Lay Preachers** and **Retired Ministers** who give of their time and talents conducting Worship Services across the Mackay District.

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

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

A Little Humour: Bloopers in the bulletin – Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.

The “Over 60s Choir” will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire Church.

The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.

Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker: Loving God, as we live in uncertain and trying days, ground us in the life of your son, open our hearts to one another in grace and forbearance. Amen

Giulius Gargano (today)

Theo Noy (9th)

Jasmina Higham (11th)



Madeleine & Damien Connors (9th)

August Income \$3970.50

August Expenditure \$2704.00



Bible Study



**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP at the
Mirani Medical Centre, 42 Victoria Street, Mirani
6pm - Tuesday**

You are also welcome to login via Zoom
Zoom login number is: 858 155 77576

Please phone Simon (07 4959 1140) each Tuesday to ensure the Bible Study is meeting.

A Quick Prayer: My suffering will never approach Yours, Lord. I cannot imagine everything You sacrificed for me, but I thank You from the bottom of my heart. Amen

Mottos for Success: If people are usually having to give in to *your* preferences and the way *you* think things should be done, eventually they will feel they can't count on you to be open-minded.

S.H.I.N.E – (Seeking Him In Everything) For the youth and young at heart

Call to Worship: Jesus said that if two of us agree on earth about anything we ask, it will be done for us by God. Today, let us consider what we would like God to do for us.

Jesus, sometimes my demands are utterly selfish. Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, sometimes I'm angry because it seems that my demands aren't met. Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, sometimes I fail to understand what is best for me. Lord, have mercy.

The Delivery - Jethro was terrified. He was driving a lorry full of food and clothing to a remote part of the country where the people were dying from hunger. In amongst the food and clothing he had hidden a large carton of medicines and another large carton of Bibles.

Christianity was forbidden in that country, as were all forms of Western drugs. It didn't matter that Jethro's carton was full of drugs to make people better. They were still regarded as drugs and anyone found in possession of drugs could expect to be executed.

Knowing that, Jethro had decided to include the Bibles. He would certainly be executed if they were found, so he thought he might as well double the risk and take both medicines and Bibles. After all, he could only be executed once. It had all sounded so reasonable and so exciting back home in England. But now that he was alone and driving such a dangerous truck, it felt very frightening.

To make matters worse, Jethro had spotted a road block ahead. There were five or six soldiers with rifles aimed in his direction and another soldier was flagging him down. If he stopped, they would certainly search the lorry. If he drove through the road block they would fire at him. If he turned round and went back the way he had come, he would be hunted down.

Jethro prayed a brief, arrow prayer. "Help me, Jesus. Tell me what to do. Please protect my cargo, for you know how the people need everything I'm carrying."

Then he slowed to a stop. He climbed out of the cab. He nodded and smiled at the guards and showed them his papers. All were in order. Then he waited trembling as the soldiers walked around the truck.

Suddenly there was barked order. "Open the truck!"

Jethro forced himself to continue smiling and nodding. His hands shook as he struggled to unlock the rear door of the lorry. Then he stepped back.

One of the soldiers climbed inside and began to poke about amongst the different cartons. He pulled out a few clothes and threw them on the ground, and he tossed a packet of biscuits to his laughing comrades. Then he pushed his way to the end of the truck where the contraband cartons were hidden. Jethro closed his eyes and prayed.

Jethro waited with his eyes shut, knowing that he was about to be arrested and thrown into some terrible gaol and knowing that his mission had failed. But it seemed like he was waiting a long time, so he opened his eyes and looked up. To his astonishment the soldier was climbing down from the truck and the guard was waving him on.

Still trembling, Jethro climbed back into the cab and drove off, waving and smiling at the soldiers as he passed.

Jethro reached his destination without further incident. He handed out the food and the clothes and the Bibles and gave the medicines to the local doctor. The people were astonished at his courage and at the gifts he had brought, and without knowing quite what he was saying, Jethro promised to bring more.

As he drove back with his empty truck, he realised that he had been stopped at the road block on a Sunday morning.

'They must have been praying for me that morning in church,' thought Jethro. 'I'll definitely make another journey when I've picked up more supplies, because if they pray for me back home, I know I'll be safe.'

And up in heaven God smiled, for the job had been well done by all.

Blessing: May you remember that God hears your prayers. May you remember that God grants your prayers. May you pray in accordance with God's will. And may 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.

	WALKERSTON		MIRANI	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>
6 th Sept	Michelle	Lyn	Bruce	Margaret
13 th Sept	Kerith	Lyn	Thelma	Beth
20 th Sept	Kathryn	Lyn	Beth	Bruce

Picture Differences

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



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8.00am Every Sunday

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

WALKERSTON



10.00am Every Sunday

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

MIRANI

EUNGELLA

20th September, 2020?

3.00pm

Holy Communion

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

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

Electronic Banking Details

UCA Pioneer Valley – ANZ Bank - BSB: 014-010

Account No: 2115 57247

Containers for Change

ANYTHING ENVIRONMENTAL, 19 INTERLINK COURT, PAGET.

Parish's Registered Number **C10195946**

Alternatively, collect the cash and drop it into the offering plate.

Newsletter: Kerith Noy: 07 4959 2328: **email:** glen.noy@bigpond.com or P O Box 346, Walkerston Q 4751

Prayer Warrior: Vicki Kiem: Mob: 0408 767 331:

email: vakmoss@gmail.com

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

Lectionary Readings:

6th September, 2020 - Pentecost 14 – Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

13th September, 2020 – Pentecost 15 – Exodus 14:19-32; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

20th September, 2020 – Pentecost 16 – Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

27th September, 2020 – Pentecost 17 - Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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1. Apple in tree 2. Coloured bird wing 3. Missing squirrel tail 4. Missing hair parting 5. Different shirt sleeve 6. Pocket on pants 7. Hollow in tree 8. Leaf on ground 9. Sock on boy's leg 10. Coloured sole on shoe 11. Bunny's ears