

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



7th April, 2024

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Selected reading and Theme: John 20:19–31

'Do not doubt but believe.'

Discipleship Thought: *Twice in our text, Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace be with you.' This reminds us of how fraught and dangerous the situation was for these disciples; they were living behind locked doors. It reminds us of how Jesus was aware of their physical and emotional situation and how willing he was to comfort them. And it reminds us that 'peace be with you' reaches across the centuries and is offered to every reader of the gospel. Finding ways to express the peace that the writer of Philippians says, 'surpasses all understanding' is a gift we can offer each other.*

Prayer: God of promise, we give thanks for all the good earth that sustains us with the miracle of life and growth.

We give you thanks that just as Jesus came to his disciples after his resurrection and showed himself to them, you come to us and show us yourself in so many ways.

We see you in the world around us, and we see you in the faces of each other.

We thank you that you remind us today and every day of the great joy and miracle of life.

We celebrate your gift today. Amen

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Each week during Worship we pray for families from our congregations.

This week we **pray for**....Wallin Families, Wicks Families, Marie, Manda, Simon & Alison, Bob & Bev.

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

....the **McLean Family** as they support Peter during his health issues.

....**Rev Subramaniam Manopavan and Family** as they mourn the passing of 'Mano's' wife, Ranjini who passed away last week after a tragic accident. You may remember 'Mano' when he was a Supply Minister at Iona West.

....all who are displaced.

....teachers and students.

....all who are travelling. Pray that they make wise decisions at all times.

....the Congregations of our local Uniting Churches - **St Paul's, Armitage, Calen, Iona West, Northside Worship Centre, Proserpine and Sarina.**

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

....**the work the School Chaplains in the Mackay and District Schools.** St Andrew's Congregation will be receiving a visit from Chappy Rex and Chappy Judy on the First Sunday in May.

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

....**for the soldiers at war, aid workers, 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** who is on holidays until early May. Pray for a restful break away and safe travel for Scott and his family.

....**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.

Bible Verse: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. Roman 8:26 NIV

Mottos for Success: There is a lot of competition out there. If you don't work as a team, the competition will win: but if you can learn to work together, you will win together and be able to enjoy the rewards of victory together.



Oscar Kennedy (7th): Lance Noy (8th):
 Grant Wicks (10th): Izaac Noy (11th):
 Noah Wallin (12th): Emlyn Kennedy (13th)



Rodney & Michelle Wallin (45 yrs):
 Sarah & Zac Woolston (11 yrs)
 Dylan & Melissa Just (14 yrs)

What's Happening Locally!?



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO GATHER IN THE VALLEY UNITING
 CHURCH, MIRANI NEXT SUNDAY TO HEAR THE
 MELODIOUS SOUNDS OF THE**

Joy Chimes Choir

CHOIR MEMBERS WILL BE LEADING WORSHIP

Cynthia & Brian Delaney formed the Joy Chimes Choir in Mackay in 2002 following a Women's Ministry Conference attended by 2 of the founding

members of the group. The group first began playing Belleplates and eventually graduated to the Hand Chimes in 2004.

The **J.O.Y** stands for '**Jesus First, Others Second and Yourself Last**'.

There have been over 40 members involved with this music ministry, and although it began as a Women's Ministry they have been blessed to be supported by a small number of Men lending their talents over the years.

The group has travelled to Vanuatu and New Zealand and performed around regional and major centres throughout Queensland. The JOY Chimers have performed in Churches, Aged Care settings, Handbell Symposiums and Community events.

The JOY Chimers are always eager to share the Good News about Jesus through music and we thank you for the opportunity to fellowship and worship with you.



Iona West UCA Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 27th April, 7:15 pm for a 7:30 pm start. Five people to a team. Come along for a fun night. More information as it comes to hand.

A Little Humour: The children were learning about Communion during Sunday School. The teacher told them: "The Bible talks of Holy Communion being a '*joyful feast*'. What does that mean? Well, *Joyful* means happy, right? And a *Feast* is a meal. So a '*Joyful Feast*' is truly just a happy meal."

The teacher paused and asked, "What are three things we need for a happy meal?"

A little boy put up his hand and said, "Hamburger, fries, and a regular soft drink!"
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Easter in The Valley Church



We are forever thankful for the wonderful group of people we have leading our Worship Services on a regular basis. Thank you to St Andrew's Congregation for taking part in our Good Friday Service and to Rev Jim Brown who preached

at St Andrew's and The Valley Churches on Easter Sunday. Both churches were decorated for the Easter Services, depicting the sadness of Good Friday and the Resurrection of Jesus. At St Andrew's Good Friday Service we welcomed family members of the Late Mr Bob & the Late Mrs Elsie Jarrott's Family – their daughter, Rhonda, her daughter, Linda, and Rhonda's grandchildren Luke and Lilly and the Jarrott's youngest daughter, Merrill. It was interesting listening to them reminiscing about growing up in St Andrew's Congregation. Merrill commented that 'there were no fans in the church when they worshipped here' and Rhonda was pointing out in which pews various members of the congregation sat. It was lovely to see them. We also had some visitors join us for the Easter Sunday Service and they too were made feel welcome.



Update from Thelma - Competitors came from the USA, Canada, Italy, NSW, QLD, SA, WA, Tasmania and New Zealand.

The QUEENSLAND Team was triumphant — winning all 3 rounds. Alan & Thelmas' grandson, Usha Johnston, cut brilliantly on Monday with the team. They blitzed the first 2 rounds and smashed the last round on Monday. Usha was awarded a Second Place individually in a heat on Friday but didn't get a place in the final (Individual) but he was chopping very well. This is an amazing result.

Thelma said that just watching the wood chopping over all is unreal. The Family have been enjoying it immensely. What an amazing experience for Usha, the the Johnston Families and the Queensland Team. Pictured at left is Usha and at right the Queensland Team receiving their sashes.



Date	WALKERSTON			MIRANI		
	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayer	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayer
7/04	Congregation HC	Gwen	Lyn	Noela HC	Thelma	Manda
14/04	Rick Thomson	Neil	Lyn	Joy Chimes Choir	Joy Chimes Choir	Joy Chimes Choir
21/04	Alun & Lesley	Michelle	Lyn	Noela	Stephanie	Bruce
28/04	Rick Thomson	Colleen	Lyn	Rev Jim Brown	Elsbeth HC	Beth
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:

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

21st April - Acts 4:5-12; Psalms 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

28th April - Acts 8:26-40; Psalms 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

5th May - Acts 10:44-48; Psalms 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

12th May - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalms 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

19th May – Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 104:24-34, 35b;

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

26th May, 2024 - Trinity Sunday - Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalms 29; Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17

