

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



'The Window'

Trinity Sunday

7th June, 2020

Preparations are being made for the resumption of the Parish Worship Services. **It is planned to resume Worship Services in The Valley UCA and St. Andrew's UCA on Sunday, 5th July, 2020.** However, please watch this space and wait for confirmation from Pastor Allen or myself. In the meantime, please continue to join our Zoom Worship Services using the Link below:

This Sunday (7th) the Pioneer Valley Church's Worship Service will be available on Zoom from 8.15am:- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/559169125>

If you are able, please continue to support our Parish financially, using the Bank Details below or post a cheque to P O Box 152, Walkerston Qld 4751:

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Bible Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Discipleship Thought: The idea of the Trinity is no easy matter to grasp. Threeness and unity seem, on the face of it, to be contradictory. The problem for the first Christians, those who wrote the creeds, and for us today is, who would we exclude from our understanding of God? Would we give up on the idea of an eternal creator who births and sustains the billions of galaxies of which we are just a tiny part? Or would we sacrifice the idea of the incarnation, the example of God portrayed in the life of Christ, or his saving grace or the power of the resurrection – all of which Christians perceive to be God with us, Emmanuel? Or, would we deny the presence, gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit, God present with us forever? Perhaps the way to look at the conundrum of the Trinity is not to see definitions and particularity, but instead, to rejoice in the many ways God is made known amongst us.

Prayer: Gracious God, though we can never fully know you, we know the order of being enveloped in your love.

For your grace and goodness: We give our thanks.

For the beauty of your universe expanding over billions of years: We adore you.

For the fullness of grace that gives us confidence for living, hope for the future and a sense of belonging: We praise your name.

God of wonder, God of goodness, God of abundant beauty, we offer you all praise, adoration and thanksgiving, for you are the centre of all our days. Amen

(Words for Worship 7th June, 2020)



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

Pray for....Aaron, Janet, Sinead, Finn, Oscar and Emlyn, Bruce, Pian, Brooklyn and Bayla, Jenny, Jim, Jack and Thomas, John & June.

....those receiving or recovering from medical treatment – Carl, Richard, Len, Rev Nathan, Debbie, Ray, Stephen's father, Earl, Ruth, Kevin, Angus, Megan.

....commonsense amongst members of our communities. Pray that they take notice of the self-isolation regulations.

....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.

....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 and our community services. Please bless and care

for them and grant wisdom and care to all our chaplains seeking to bring comfort and care at this time.

....teachers, parents and children as they return to school on Monday.

....Ian and Lynn in their missionary work.

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

....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.

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

....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.**

....for retired ministers who are doing supply ministry and for the **lay people** who are working to keep Parishes functioning.

....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.

Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker: Loving God, we give you thanks for the changing of the season that reminds us again that we are a part of something so much bigger than ourselves.

In the midst of times of distancing and isolation may we know even more keenly your presence and your plenty.

By your spirit, prompt us to know where we can serve you and love our neighbour, near and far, in new, unexpected and generous ways. Amen. Rev John Ruhle

From the Annual General Meeting: Reports were presented by Pastor Allen Soxsmith, Chairperson – Morelle Coxwell, St Andrew's Congregation – Kerith Noy, The Valley Congregation – Beth Higham, Presbytery Report – Beth Higham, Treasurer's Report – Kerith Noy, Auditor's Report – Mirani Accountants, The Valley Sunday School Report – Morelle Coxwell. All reports were approved and accepted. Below are the Office Bearer's for the next twelve months:

Chairperson – Morelle Coxwell

Vice Chairperson – Lyn Gargano

Secretary – Michelle Wallin

Treasurer – Kerith Noy

Banking Stewards: Kerith Noy, Lyn Gargano, Kathryn Wicks, Greg Wicks, Sneha Fernando for St. Andrew's. Beth Higham, Margaret Hall, Thelma Johnston, Morelle Coxwell and Bruce Higham for The Valley.

Property Committee: Neil Lenahan, Bruce Kerr, Chris Hall, Margaret Hall and consultation with Paul Rogers when necessary.

Presbytery Representative: Beth Higham. Lyn Gargano to fill in as Backup Representative when necessary.

Church Council Members: The Elders are automatically members of the Church Council, Michelle Wallin, Kerith Noy. It was moved that if any of the members are unavailable, they will be able to ask a congregation member to attend in their absence.

Auditor: Mirani Accountants

Next AGM: 12th March, 2021 in St Andrew's UCA or via Zoom, whichever applies at that time.

From the General Meeting: Michelle is or organise the testing of the Fire Extinguishers and the purchase of new extinguishers if required. Mirani extinguisher to be brought to Walkerston Site for testing. Thank you again to all who helped with the painting of the toilets and the acquisition of new louvres where necessary. Your generosity is much appreciated. BlueCard Register and Safe Ministry with Children Letters are still in the process of being updated. Margaret Hall reported that the Mirani Medical Centre Zoom Services are very much appreciated by The Valley Congregation. A motion of Thanks was expressed to Pastor Allen for the work he is doing on Zoom Services and to those who are taking part. A Home Group via Zoom is in the Pipeline. RI recommences in Term 3 in the schools. The Roby Rogers School of Dance to be advised that the Hire of the Pioneer Memorial Hall can recommence in Term 3. **The Parish is working towards the recommencement of Worship Services in The Valley UCA and St. Andrew's UCA on Sunday, 5th July, 2020 at 10.00am and 8.00am respectively.** This will be a Service of Holy Communion and it has been suggested it also be a Service of Celebration. If you have any ideas, contact Pastor Allen or one of the Elders. In order to get our buildings ready (putting away all books, papers etc, dusting and disinfecting surfaces, erecting signage and so on), working bees will be held at Mirani and Walkerston in late June. Please discuss a suitable time with your members. **MORNING TEA AFTER WORSHIP**

WILL NOT BE PERMITTED FOR THE TIME BEING. *The Children's Activity Areas will still be available and individual paper booklets provided for colouring or puzzles, however please be aware that **children will need to use their own Pencils/Crayons etc so please bring them with you and when finished, take the leaflet and your Pencil Cases home with you.*** The Next Church Council Meeting will be held via Zoom on Friday, 19th June, 2020 at 7.00pm.

A Little Humour: ☺ Children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. Here are a few of their answers as they were written – no corrections.

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinness. God tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. Sampson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
5. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Finn Kennedy (8th)

Carmen McDonald (12th)



Heather & Frosty McLean (6th)

Craig & Sara Wicks (11th)

Katie & Grant Wicks (13th)

Richard & Katie Noy (13th)

May Income \$5997.40

May Expenditure \$5479.00

The Government JobKeeper Scheme is now subsidising Pastor Allen's Stipend by \$3,000 per month. I do not know how long this will continue but for now we can give thanks for this financial relief.

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

Read the Bible Reading on Page 2 - On his last appearance on this earth, Jesus reassured his disciples that he would always be with them, until the end of the

age. The age has not yet ended, therefore as his disciples, we too receive his promise, "I am with you always."

Jesus, sometimes I behave as though you are not with me. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Jesus, sometimes I prefer to forget that you are with me. ***Christ, have mercy.***

Jesus, sometimes I yearn for you, but do not feel you with me. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Story: There is only one way in which Jesus' promise to be with us always can be fulfilled, and that is through his Spirit. This story attempts to examine the concept of Spirit, or the God Within.

Jordan's Story - "I don't believe in God," announced Jordan. He could tell that his parents were shocked by the way they looked at each other.

"Why not?" asked his mother, frowning.

"Because God doesn't love me," said Jordan. "Besides, science has all the answers. We don't need God any more."

His father began to argue. "Depends on the questions. Science has some of the answers to the 'how' questions, but it can't answer many of the 'why' questions."

"What d'you mean?"

"Well, science can tell you how we're put together and how to treat illness and how to build a house, but it can't tell you why we're on this earth or why we fall in love or why we have free will. Anyway, what did you mean about God not loving you?"

Jordan shrugged. "I can't feel God loving me. Besides, when there are billions of people on earth how could one God possibly love all of them at the same time? How could God listen to me when I pray, when there are shedloads of people out there who don't even have enough to eat? If he's going to listen to anyone, God would have to listen to them, if he's a God of justice."

Jordan's dad laughed. "You're growing up fast! Maybe you should change your idea of God, Jordan! Don't you remember, when Jesus was seen on this earth for the very last time, he promised his friends that he would always be with them, to the end of the age."

"What's that got to do with me? All that happened two thousand years ago!"

"But the age hasn't ended, therefore the promise applies to people who are friends of Jesus now. And there's only one way Jesus can keep that promise."

Jordan looked puzzled. "I don't see how he can keep it. He's not here any more; he's in heaven. And there's only one of him, like God. How could he possibly be with every single person, all at the same time?"

"That's the point, Jordan," said his dad. "After Jesus left this earth, he sent his Spirit to be with his friends. Your spirit is the real you, deep inside where nobody usually sees. Jesus was God in a human being, so his Spirit is the deep inner part of him. And if Jesus was God, then the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God are exactly the same Spirit -- usually called the Holy Spirit. If you follow Jesus today,

his Spirit will be deep inside you, so of course he can love you and guide you and protect you -- and love and guide and protect everyone else all at the same time."

"Oh, I see!" cried Jordan and his face lit up. "God isn't just up in heaven miles away, he's part of me. Like, he's right inside me. Is that why God told Moses at the burning bush that God's name was 'I am'? I've always thought that was such a stupid name, but now I can see it's really clever. It means you can't say God's name without it being part of yourself. This is brilliant! Dad, I usually hate being known as your son, but just this once I'm really glad that you're the Vicar."

Jordan's dad smiled, adjusted his dog collar and put his arm round his son. "I love you, Jordan," he said. "And I always will -- just like God!"

Prayer: Creator God, you created the universe and all that is in it. You created the Church to act as your agent on earth, carrying on the work begun by Jesus. May our church be so filled with your Spirit that we shine with your light and are able to offer love and compassion support and healing to those in need.

Holy Spirit of God, we experience you now on earth through your Spirit. May we become so tuned to your Spirit that we demand equality for all human beings and refuse to rest until poverty is history and all human beings enjoy basic human rights.

Jesus the Son, you were God in humanity showing us how we too could become like God. In your compassion, hold in your arms those who need your strength, especially those who are confused, sad, lonely or sick. We name in our own hearts those for whom we particularly pray today.

Blessing: May you be filled with the Spirit of the three-in-one 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.

Mathematical Genius

Try to fill in the missing numbers. The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9. The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom. The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

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	0		6	19
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Mottos for Success: When a group of people admire and respect each other enough to hear one another out and give one another the benefit of the doubt, when they are each willing to put the common good and others' preferences ahead of their own, they've got the makings of a winning team.

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	16	19	20	10

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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

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

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

Lectionary Readings:

7th June, 2020 – Trinity Sunday – Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

14th June, 2020 - Pentecost 2 - Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

21st June, 2020 - Pentecost 3 - Genesis 21:8-21 or Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

28th June, 2020 – Pentecost 4 - Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

5th July, 2020 – Pentecost 5 - Genesis 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

12th July, 2020 – Pentecost 6 – Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

19th July, 2020 – Pentecost 7 – Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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