

# PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



**7<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**

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**8.00am Every Sunday**

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

**WALKERSTON**



**9.00am Every Sunday**

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

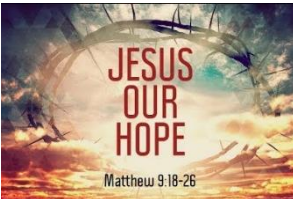
**MIRANI**

**EUNGELLA**

*No Services at present*

**EUNGELLA**

*Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship. You are invited to stay for morning tea following the Service.*



**Selected Reading and Theme – Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26 - Responding in hope.**

**Discipleship Thought:** Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26 brings together three stories of people drawn toward Jesus in hope: a tax collector seeking a new beginning, a woman longing for healing, and a child restored to life. Only one of these people

is named, yet each story reveals trust, risk, and a longing for life made whole.

In these stories, hope takes different forms: the courage to leave what is familiar, the faith to reach out for help, and the trust to place what we love most into Jesus' compassionate care. While these two stories of healing appear in all

three synoptic gospels, the gospel of Matthew places Jesus' invitation to the tax collector alongside them. In this way, the call to follow can itself be heard as a story of healing.

As we hear these stories together, where might we recognise ourselves—not only in the central figures, but also among the disciples, the questioning voices, the onlookers, the grieving parents, and the wider community? How might we, too, be drawn toward life in hope?

**Prayer:** Loving God, you have spoken the world into being, and you continue to speak life into creation.

We give thanks for your grace that meets us where we are and for your love that renews and restores us.

Help us to hear your voice among us, and to trust in your faithful care.

Open our hearts to your goodness, our lives to your grace. Amen.

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**Pray for....**all members of our Parish and our Church Families.

This week we pray for the Jim & Judith, Bill, the Dodd Families, Deanna, Jessica, Ollie and Helen, Manda and Family.

....God's Comfort and Healing surrounds our congregation members, friends and family who are experiencing health issues at this time....Frank, Glen, Madison, Peter's daughter, Melanie, Lynette's husband, John and their family, the Gargano's uncle, John, twins Hugo & Grayson and their friend, 'Stevie' and Beth.

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

....**Ian and Lynns'** Missionary Work and for missionaries all over the world.

....**new families** to join our Congregations.

....**safe travel** for members of our Parish who are travelling.

....**families who have farewelled a loved one in recent weeks.**

....**the people of Calen**, that they may be encouraged to join together to Worship God in their local Church.

....**Christians who live in countries where their lives are not safe and they need to secretly worship in church houses.** Pray these believers will be able to worship together without fear.

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

....**Peter, Dante** as they travel around the Presbytery inspecting the churches, manses and halls and **Natalie**, who is meeting with Church Council member to provide training and information on various procedures the Parish's are required to fill.

....**Teachers, Relief Teachers, Teacher's Aides, Students, RI Teachers and School Chaplains.**

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

....those who are being affected by the ever-increasing violence in our community, in our nation and in other countries.

....protection and blessings for those who are persecuted for their faith.

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

....**Scripture Union Queensland, Mackay Street Chaplaincy and RI Teachers the Gideons International Local Group.**

....**Medical practitioners, nursing staff, emergency service members, first responders at accidents, counsellors and all** who care for the people in our community and beyond in times of bereavement and crisis situations.



**for....CQ Presbytery Minister - Rev Scott Ballment, Qld Moderator - Rev Bruce Moore and Uniting Church President - Rev Charissa Suli.**

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

....**Alun and Lesley** and their commitment to St Andrew's and Calen Congregations and **Noela** for her commitment to The Valley Congregation, as well as all who are 'stepping up' to conduct Worship Services in the Parish.

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

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

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

....**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.

....**for the success** of the Harvest Blessing Service last Sunday.

### *What's Happening!!*

*Craig & Sara Wicks (11<sup>th</sup>)*



*Katie & Grant Wicks (13<sup>th</sup>)*

*Richard & Katie Noy (13<sup>th</sup>)*



*Finn Kennedy (8<sup>th</sup>)*

*Carmen McDonald (12<sup>th</sup>)*

*Bree Noy (12<sup>th</sup>)*

**A Quick Prayer:** Heavenly Father, compared to the rest of the world, I am rich and living a good life. Keep me mindful of my blessings, no matter how much or little I have. Encourage me to use what I have in a way that brings glory to You.



Glen Noy celebrating his birthday with three of our Grandchildren, Sylvie, Huxley and Zander.



## A few photos of Trinity Sunday & The Harvest Blessing Service

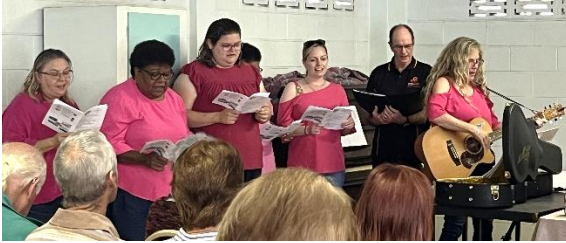


Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May started with our Worship Services in the Parish on 'Trinity Sunday'. In the afternoon approx. 50 farmers, parishioners from the Valley Churches and guest speakers gathered for the Annual Harvest Blessing



Service, held in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre in Marian. Stephen Ford, the Pioneer Valley Water General Manager, Carl Morton the CEO of Mackay Sugar Limited and Canegrowers Mackay Chairman - Joseph Borg all spoke about the upcoming Harvest, and the preparations each organisation has made to help ensure a successful harvest. Symbols of the Harvest – chopped cane, fertilizer and water, hard hats, (toy) harvester, mill machinery, food, office equipment, symbols for cane trains, sugar, rain gauge – were all prayed for along with the farming families and all workers involved in the harvesting, carting and milling of the 2026 Sugar Cane Crop. Kathryn and Thomas Wicks represented our churches by carrying forward a jar of sugar and reading a prayer and Beth Higham prayed for the office workers during the presentations. The congregation was invited to join 'The Way of the Cross Singers' in the songs "Praise" and "What a Beautiful Name". Joseph Borg drove a tractor to the Harvest Blessing Service. At the closing of the Service, Father Gasper prayed for God's Blessing on the Machinery being used in this year's harvest. Following

the Service, the attendees mingled as they shared afternoon tea. Thank you to Rex Frazer for leading the Service, Pastor Paul Frangos for the “message”, Father Gasper and Father James for the Bible Readings and prayers, Reg Richardson and The Way of the Cross Singers for their songs and Beth Higham for providing the piano music. As is the custom, the offering from the Harvest Blessing Service of \$530 was donated to the ongoing work of the Pioneer Valley School Chaplaincy.



Yesterday Morelle, Michelle and Kerith met with Natalie Lund who is the current Central Queensland Presbytery Treasurer. Natalie provided us with some training on the Uniting Church reporting process ‘Protect’. It was all a bit overwhelming however, Natalie has ensured us that at any time, we can contact her for assistance with putting data into this programme.

Some of you will remember **Rev Dr Geraldine Wheeler**.

Recently, Geraldine contacted Pastor Siao Si via a letter, recalling her time in active Ministry. On the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1976, Geraldine was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister during an Ordination Service held in the Iona West Presbyterian Church, now a Uniting Church. Geraldine was placed at Iona West from 1976-1983. She is also acknowledged as an accomplished artist and is now retired from Ministry. She was one of the founders of the ecumenical artist group ‘Visionaries’. Above is part of one of her paintings which was attached to an article published in the Uniting Church ‘Journey’ magazine in 2019 and entitled ‘The Art of Preaching Without Words’.



Please be aware of your surroundings while on church properties. An incident report has been made through the Uniting Church process in regard to a snake bite incident. We are thankful that the person involved is ok after spending one night in hospital.

**Celebrating Janet Kennedy's Birthday** at Airlie Beach during the week are Janet, her daughter, Sinead and mother, Beth. Happy Birthday, Janet!!



Are there any members of our Parish who have **Current First Aid and CPR Certificates** who are willing to go on our Parish records and be on hand at church services and functions if necessary. Ideally, we need people from both congregations registered in our records.

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Date	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop
07/06	Alun & Lesley HC	Michelle	Kerith	Kathryn	Noela	Elsbeth	Marion	Stephanie
14/06	Kerith	Colleen	Michelle	Leanne	Manda	Beth	Au	Thelma
21/06	Alan & Lesley	Kathryn	Kerith	Kathryn	Noela	Dianne	Bruce	Bruce
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:**

7<sup>th</sup> June - Genesis 12:1-9; Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 33:1-12; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

14<sup>th</sup> June - Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

21<sup>st</sup> June - Genesis 21:8-21; Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17; Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

22<sup>nd</sup> June - UCA Anniversary - Ezekiel 37:15-28; Psalm 122; Hebrews 13:1-8 John 17:20-26

