

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751

'THE WINDOW'

7th October, 2018

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Minister: Pastor Allen Soxsmith

Phone Number: 07 4959 3974

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



21st October, 2018

4.00pm

Holy Communion

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

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

Worship Leaders

7th October, 2018 – Walkerston – Mirani – Holy Communion – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

14th October, 2018 – Walkerston – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

21st October, 2018 – Walkerston – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith



Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship this morning. Attending both Services today is the CQ Presbytery

Minister, Rev Dr Kerry Pierce. Please stay for morning tea and have a chat to Rev Dr Kerry.

Mark 10:2-16 New International Version (NIV)

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³ "What did Moses command you?" he replied.

⁴ They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵ "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied.

⁶ "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'

⁷ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,

⁸ and the two will become one flesh.'^[c] So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this.

¹¹ He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her.

¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

The Little Children and Jesus

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Discipleship Thought: You don't hear the term 'taking liberties'; much anymore. According to the Collins Dictionary it is in the lower 50% of terms used in modern English, yet it is an apt description of what happens in today's Gospel reading.

The disciples take the liberty of deciding who can and can't meet Jesus and his response was indignation that they had prohibited the very people who truly understood grace from entering into the room.

The church has a sad history of repeating this mistake. Today we are offered an opportunity to have a steadfast look at what might cause Jesus' indignation if he were to be visiting this house today.

Are we acting out our faith with integrity?

Is our community one which is open to all or do we sometimes prevent others from finding Jesus because of the way we act or speak?

Prayer: *Loving God, we can find it difficult to adequately express our gratitude for all that is given to us.*

There is so much to be thankful for, so much that we see with our eyes, so much that we hear with our ears, so much that we feel with our fingers and in our hearts.

Today, we are particularly grateful that you journey with us throughout our lives.

We are grateful, God, that you extend your mercy to us in all our circumstances and call us your children. Amen

(Words for Worship 7th October, 2018)



Each week during Worship we pray for 1 or 2 families from our congregations. Remember to uphold one another in prayer.

Pray for....Bruce, Pian, Brooklyn and Bayla, Connie, John & June, Frosty & Heather.

....members of the Parish and for those known to us receiving and/or recovering from medical treatment – Carl, Irene, Dorrie, Len, Margaret, Esther, Ken, Eve and Dianne.

....individuals and families who are feeling sad and lonely.

....the family and friends of the late John Lawrence Payne whose Funeral Service was held in the Iona West Church on Tuesday.

....new families to join our Congregations.

....our Congregations as the Parish continues to struggle financially.

....Friends, Family and Members of the Parish also travelling – Greg & Kathryn..

....all Teachers, Students, RE Instructors, School Chaplains across Queensland as they return to work this week.

....Reach Out Activities.

....the people coping with natural disasters and job losses, currently - those faced by the Tsunami in Indonesia.

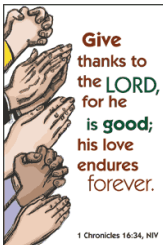
....those who are being affected by the ever-increasing violence in our community, in our nation and all over the World.

....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.

....**Scripture Union Queensland**, the **Bible Society** and **School Chaplaincy**.

....**the safety of** all people who have paid work and for the many volunteers.



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.

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

Monday Morning Prayer from the Moderator Rev David Baker: Lord, strengthen us to stick up for the truth of the gospel; may our speaking and living be done in faith, hope, and love. Amen

Bible Verse: The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

A Little Humour – A pastor was preaching about judgment day. “Thunder will roar, flames will flash across the sky. Floods, storms, devastation such as you’ve never seen...” he continued dramatically.

Wide-eyed, a young boy turned to his mother. “Will I get to skip school that day?” he whispered.

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Barbeque Lunch after Worship

Sunday, 14th October, 2018

The Valley Uniting Church



Proposed event to raise funds to support

the work of the Frontier Services in drought

affected areas in the Northern Patrol – McKay Patrol

A freewill donation towards this valuable work

would be appreciated.

Mottos for Success: When trouble comes your way, look it squarely in the eye and say, “My God is bigger than you!”

You might be able to defeat *me*, but you cannot defeat *us!*”

From Ian & Lynn Bartlett:

Hi Everyone,

Another amazing few weeks have passed since we left Sarina! The training we did in Turkey was so helpful! The Turkish are a similar culture to where we will be going, so even the location was helpful to broaden our hearts and minds about our role there. The local people we met were delightful, and the Call to Prayer from the local mosque five times a day was challenging! We have come back with a much greater understanding of the country and culture of the people where we are going. As well, it was a time of building friendships with other families who will also be starting to work in the area in the near future. The group was very multicultural (Panama, El Salvador, Netherlands, Switzerland, US, England etc), so it was a good introduction to the diverse teams we will each work with in our new countries. Less than half of the group had English as our first language!

Since coming back to Australia, we have been doing the rounds of the various medical follow-ups which were necessary - not fun! However, hopefully that is all finished now and we will just be spending our remaining time saying our goodbyes to family and friends in Gold Coast and Sydney. The process of getting a visa is about to start also.

Thank you for your continuing prayers. Our current prayer needs are listed below. We really appreciate you all!!!

Much love

Lynn and Ian

Please pray for:**The Project we will join**

Unity - There are now two other non-local couples working with the project, from several different countries. Pray we will be able to develop into a strong team whose lives and relationships will provide the basis for a strong authentic witness to the local people

Healing - One of the couples has a young 18 month old boy and the mother has developed severe arthritic pain in her joints to the point where she is even unable to lift up the child at times.

Purpose - that the project will provide a Christlike example of business which will draw people to the Lord in a very corrupt business world.

Local people

for the locals we will work closely with on the Project

for our new neighbours and friends

for Dreams and visions leading them to the truth

for boldness in the witness of local believers to other locals

for faithfulness and strength under persecution

Our needs - Complete medical clearance - there is a bit of confusion regarding the results of Ian's last test and follow-up required

Wisdom - for purchasing tickets, health insurance and all the associated things for this transition

- for the people applying for the visas for us
- in how we wind up our affairs in Australia - all the address changes, banking etc. We don't want to leave a mess for others to have to sort out for us.
- in the arrangements we make with family for keeping our contact with them going while we are overseas - seven of our eleven grandchildren are less than 7 years old so ongoing contact is important.

Details of how you can financially support this couple are:

Account Name: People International BSB: 122-726

Account Number: 22170361 Reference: Bartlett - your surname



Max Wicks (7th)

Rodney Wallin (9th)

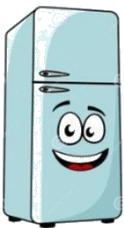
Colleen Brown (9th)

Melissa Just (11th)

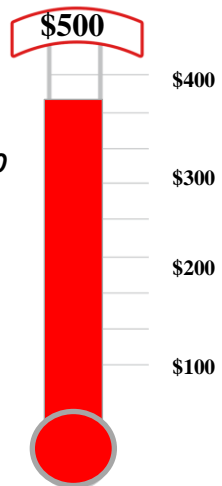
Luke Allan (11th)



Anthony & Jonelle Nielsen
(12th)



The Valley United Church refrigerator has been replaced at a cost of approximately \$500. The generosity of our congregation members has been overwhelming and the target has nearly been reached. Just a few more dollars to go so please, if you are able, make your contribution asap. Thank you.



Something to Think About – God put me on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I am so far behind I will never die.

On Sunday, 28th October, 2018, David & Theresa Blackmur will present their son, **Logan Reginald Blackmur**, for Baptism. Please pray for Logan, David and Theresa as they prepare for Logan's Baptism.



September Expenditure \$7703.87

September Income \$3856.40

Deficit \$3847.87



Kate McNichol (8-10-17)

Brooklyn Dodd (9-10-16)

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC. FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Service to be held at the Chapel of St Lawrence, Good Shepherd Lodge, McIntyre St, Mackay, on Friday, 26th October, 2018 at 10.00am followed by Morning tea.



Vicki Kiem Prayer Warrior

Do You believe in The Power of God,
In Miracles, In Healing
Answer to Prayer
In the Name of Christ Jesus

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Vicki has volunteered to be a **Prayer Warrior** in our Parish. **Prayer Warrior** is a term used by many Christians to refer to anyone who is committed to praying for others.

Please contact Vicki if you or anyone you know of, would like to be included on the Prayer List. Vicki is also available to pray with anyone who would like to

join her before Worship from 7.40am-7.55am in St Andrew's Vestry every Sunday Morning.

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

For the youth and young at heart

Children's Liturgy and Story

Read the Mark reading on Page 2:

Jesus said, "What God has joined together, let no one separate." In our service today, let us consider our responsibilities to the whole of creation.

Story: God has joined human beings and nature together in a partnership. When we work together, the results can be spectacular, but when we work against each other, the results can be disastrous. Unfortunately, it's never quite that simple. Big business brings jobs and wealth to needy people, so we have to try to balance our desire for jobs and wealth with the needs of our planet.

This is a simple story to try to provoke some thinking about these issues and where God is in all this.

Bushman's Acorn

One day Bushman the squirrel found an extra-large acorn. It was so large and so shiny and so beautiful that Bushman didn't want to share it with anyone else. He looked all round, and when he was sure that nobody could spot him, he buried the acorn in the middle of a meadow.

The rains came and the winds blew and the sunshine poured over that meadow, and after a while the surface in the middle of the meadow began to crack. Slowly, stealthily, gradually, a tiny green shoot fought and pushed its way to the surface. Slowly, stealthily, gradually, the tiny green shoot grew until it could feel the rains and the winds and the sunshine on its face. The tiny green shoot loved the open air and stretched and reached out towards the blue, blue sky.

The rains came and the winds blew and the sunshine poured over that tiny green shoot and it grew some tiny twigs and some tiny leaves. And all the time it fought and struggled its way upwards, towards the blue, blue sky.

The rains came and the winds blew and the sunshine poured over that tiny green shoot and it grew bigger and bigger. It thickened around the middle and grew bark to cover its tenderness. Its twigs grew larger and stronger and became branches and its leaves grew into beautiful curly shapes.

The rains came and the winds blew and the sunshine poured over that little tree and it developed acorns of its own. Bushman quite forgot he had ever buried an extra-large, beautiful, shiny acorn, but he was pleased to see a

brand new oak tree in the middle of the meadow. Sometimes he collected its acorns. Sometimes he played in its branches, swinging and leaping from branch to branch. Sometimes he rested in its shade, grateful for the thick canopy of leaves above him.

The rains came and the winds blew and the sunshine poured over that big old oak tree and still it grew. Bushman's children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren collected its acorns and played in its branches and rested in its shade, grateful to the tree for all that it gave them.

The rains came and the winds blew and the sunshine poured over that big old oak tree and still it grew, until the day the diggers moved in and tore it down and dug up the field. Then the builders moved in with their cement and their bricks and their mortar, and began to build a new factory right in the middle of the meadow.

The rains came and the winds blew and the sunshine poured over that factory, but not a single squirrel was seen anywhere near and no acorns ever grew there again. And God was glad because the new factory gave work to many of his people, but God wept because none of those people ever saw squirrels or played with acorns.

Blessing: *May you enjoy the sunshine and the rain, may you live in harmony with nature and may you receive the blessings which God is waiting to pour upon you. And 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.*

Elders

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

Electronic Banking Details are as follows:

UCA Pioneer Valley – ANZ Bank - BSB: 014-010
Account No: 211557247. Please enter your surname **OR** Walkerston, Mirani
or Eungella in the payment description

Newsletter

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

Lectionary Readings

7th October, 2018 – Pentecost 20

Job 1:1;2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

14th October, 2018 – Pentecost 21

Job 23:1-9,16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

21st October, 2018 – Pentecost 22

Job 38:1-7,(34-41); Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

28th October, 2018 – Pentecost 23

Job 42:1-6,10-17; Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Prayer Warrior**Vicki Kiem Mob: 0408 767 331**email: vakmoss@gmail.com14th October, 2018 – Barbeque Fundraiser to support Frontier Services26th October, 2018 – ACWI Fellowship of the Least Coin Service9th–11th November, 2018 – CQ Presbytery – North Rockhampton UCA18th November, 2018 – Church Council Meeting

	WALKERSTON			MIRANI	
Date	Bible Reader	Prayers	Morning Tea	Bible Reader	Prayers
7 th Oct	Kerith	Lyn	Kerith	Norman	Morelle
14 th Oct	Neil	Lyn	Colleen W	Heather	Beth
21 st Oct	Kathryn	Lyn	Kristie	Morelle	Margaret

There are ten differences between the pictures below. Can you find them?



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| 1. Hand | 2. Mouth | 3. Grass | 4. Bush | 5. Hair | 6. Sash | 7. Headpiece | 8. Birds | 9. Sleeve | 10. Sandal |
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