PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



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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

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: Revelation 7

God will wipe away our tears

Discipleship Thought: We often find ourselves asking, 'Why does God allow suffering?' For many, this is a question shaped by experiences of grief, loss, injustice, or pain. The scriptures do not offer easy answers. Instead, they speak of God who is present in the midst of human suffering, not distant from it. Pain, grief, loss, loneliness, injustice, exile, violence, estrangement, war and natural disasters are part of human experience.

We see this in our own lives, and the world around us. Yet the promise we are given is not that suffering will never touch us, but that we are not alone within it.

In the vision of Revelation, we are offered a glimpse of what God's presence among those who suffer—protection, an end to hunger and thirst, and the tender promise that every tear will be wiped away.

Prayer: Praise, glory, wisdom, honour, power and might belong to you, O God.
We sing praises.
Every nation sings in praise of you, Holy God.
Sing your praises!
Every language ever spoken is not enough to sing praise to you, God of all.
Sing out your praises!
If we took the voice of every person on earth, every voice who ever lived, still the song would not be enough!
Sing stronger! Sing longer! Sing praise to the God of all.
You who see and hear people in their distress, come near and promise an end to suffering.
Sing praises! Sing Praises! Sing praises all.
You are near and will wipe away every tear. Amen. Amen. Amen.
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Pray for….all members of our Parish and our Church Families. This week we pray for the Ash & Nikhil, Alun & Lesley, Ross & Sai, Nicholas, Colleen W, Margaret D, Glenda, Margaret, and Christopher.

….God's Comfort and Healing to enfold our congregation members, friends and family who are experiencing health issues at this time…Frank, Glen, Madison, Melanie, John S, John, Ian & Lynn and Gwen.

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

….Damien & Brook Malone and **Taylor & Holly Lamb** as they present their sons, **Myles** and **Cameron** for **Baptism** this morning.

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

….new families to join our Congregations.

….people all over the world who are experiencing natural disasters.

….families who have farewelled loved ones this past week.

….safe travel for parish members who are travelling.

….the people of Calen, that they may be encouraged to gather together and 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 and are persecuted for their faith. 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.**

….Year 12 students undergoing final exams and awaiting their results.

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

….family and friends who are travelling.

….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, across our nation and around the world.

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

….Scripture Union Queensland, Mackay Street Chaplaincy and RI Teachers and 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 Ministers - Rev Scott Ballment and Rev Suzy Sitton, Moderator - Rev Bruce Moore and Uniting Church President - Rev Charissa Suli.

….our families and friends.

….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. We also pray for congregation members 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 gift of life and the opportunities ahead.



Loving God, on this new day, I pause in gratitude for the gift of life and the promise of Your presence.

As the sun rises, may my heart rise in hope, my mind open to wisdom, and my spirit be strengthened in love.

Today I remember the faithful who have gone before me — those whose courage, kindness, and devotion inspire me to walk in Your light.

Help me to live with integrity, compassion, and joy, so that my actions reflect the goodness You call me to share.

Bless my work, my words, and my thoughts.

Guide me away from fear and toward peace.

May I be a source of encouragement to others, and may Your grace shape every step I take. Amen.



What's Happening!

Please welcome to our Worship Service this morning, Taylor & Holly and Damien & Brooke who bring their sons, Cameron and Myles to be Baptised. We also welcome their extended families and friends.



A Quick Prayer: Father, please replace my discouragement with hope. Bring to mind truths from Your Word that I can cling to – promises that will never fail. You will never forsake me. Thank You for giving me Your love. Amen.

Our Parish doesn't currently have a member on the **Mackay Churches Together Committee**. Usually, it would be the Minister who would attend however, if you are interested in being our Parish Representative on this Committee please go along to the meeting below.

AGM Details: The AGM provides an opportunity for church leaders from across Mackay to gather, reflect on the year that has been, celebrate what God has been doing across our city, and help shape the direction of MCT into the future. It is also an opportunity to receive reports, hear updates on current initiatives, and discuss matters relevant to our shared mission of serving and reaching Mackay together.

All church leaders are warmly invited to attend and participate in the meeting. However, in accordance with the MCT constitution, only financial member representatives are eligible to vote on motions and to nominate for, or be elected to, executive positions.

Date: Wednesday 4th November, 2026

Time: 11:30am RI Presentation - 12:00pm AGM

Location: St Charles Anglican Church, McGinn St, West Mackay

We encourage every church to be represented as we continue to strengthen relationships and work together for the benefit of our city.

Please find attached the 2026 agenda and previous AGM Minutes from 2025.

Blessings,

David Dobbie (Captain) 0413 810 567
Secretary - On behalf of MCT Committee

SHED HAPPENS MACKAY have released the names of the nominees for this year's **Mackay Man of the Year Award.** The Recipient of this Award will be

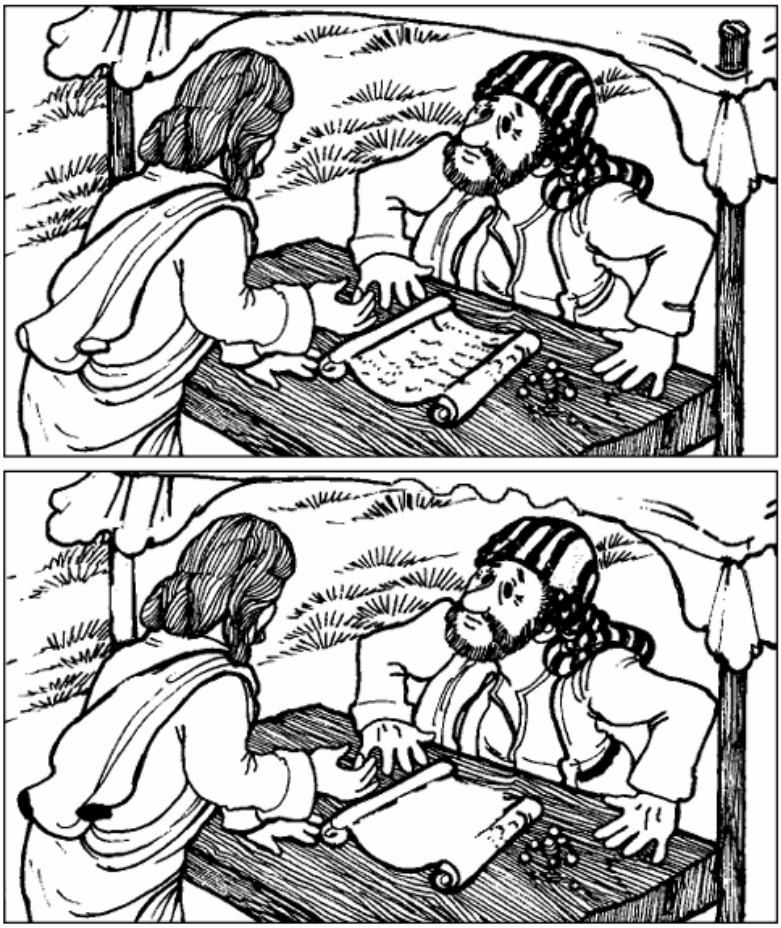
announced at the International Men's Day Celebratory Breakfast on Thursday, 19th November, 2026: 6.45am – 9.30am at the Windmill Function Centre. Congratulations to all four nominees - **Anthony Nielsen, Zeke Foxon, Max Lamb** and **Wally Argent.** If you would like to attend the breakfast to support these men, and in particular, Anthony, get your tickets online now: $70pp. https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1666917

Motto for Success: It is wise to be open to the counsel and suggestions of those who have more experience, even if you don't like their presentation.

What they've learned through years of trial and error can save you a lot of time and trouble.

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are 10 differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back.



Gus the Gospel Gopher says: "God wants us to listen carefully. If we don't, we could miss something important. Did you ever ask somebody for an answer and learn they didn't even listen to the question? That can be embarrassing. Take the letters in the word **"LISTEN"** and see how many new words you can spell with it. I found 21. How many can you find!?

Electronic Banking Details – *UCA Pioneer Valley – ANZ Bank – BSB: 014-010: Account No:* 2115 57247

Containers for Change – The Parish's Registered Number is **C10195946.** Or alternatively, collect the cash and drop it into the offering plate.

Newsletter: Kerith Noy: **Mobile**: 0400 799 731
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KYB (Know Your Bible) – Every Thursday 1.30pm, The Valley UCA, Mirani.

Lectionary Readings:

1st November - All Saints Day - Revelations 7:9-17: Psalm 34:1-10, 22: 1 John 3:1-3: Matthew 5:1-12

1st November - Joshua 3:7-17: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13: Matthew 23:1-12

8th November - Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25: Psalm 78:1-7: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: Matthew 25:1-13

15th November - Judges 4:1-7: Psalm 123: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11: Matthew 25:14-30

22nd November - Christ the King Sunday - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24: Psalm 100: Ephesian 1:15-23: Matthew 25:31-46

	ST ANDREW'S UCA WALKERSTON				THE VALLEY UCA MIRANI			
Date	***Preacher***	***Bible Reader***	***Prayers***	***Laptop***	***Preacher***	***Bible Reader***	***Prayers***	***Laptop***
1/11	Alun & Lesley Baptism x 2	Kathryn	Michelle	Kathryn	Noela	Dianne	Marion	Thelma
8/11	Alun & Lesley HC	Neil	Kerith	Kathryn	Au	Thelma	Morelle	Bruce HC
15/11	Kerith	Colleen	Michelle	Kathryn	Noela	Elspeth	Au	Gerry
22/11	Phil	Leanne	Kerith	Kathryn	Morelle	Dianne	Marion	Thelma
29/11	Kerith	Michelle	Michelle	Kathryn	Manda	Thelma	Morelle	Au
Please pray 'The Lord's Prayer' at the end of the Prayer for Others except on Holy Communion Sundays								

Picture Differences
1. Table leg different
2. Wrinkle in wrap missing
3. Solid color in wrinkle
4. Wrinkle on tent
5. Stripe in turban missing
6. Wrinkle in left hand
7. Wrinkle in right hand
8. Words on scroll missing
9. Darkened side of jacket
10. Top of tent pole missing



LISTEN: List, Ten, Net, Tin, Sin, Sit, Set, Lie, Lies, Silt, Tine, Tile, Sent, Lent, Silt, Nest, Nets, Tens, Line, Lines Tinsel