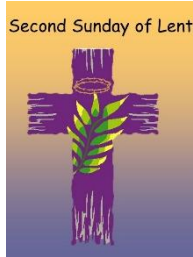


PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



16th March, 2025

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Church Council: Morelle Coxwell (Chairperson); Lynette Gargano (Vice-Chairperson); Michelle Wallin (Secretary); Kerith Noy (Treasurer).



8.00am Every Sunday

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

WALKERSTON



10.00am 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 join us for morning tea following the Service.

**MISSION DONATION FOR MARCH IS
FRONTIER SERVICES**

Selected Reading: Luke 13:31–35

Jesus' heart breaks with God's own desire for peace.

Discipleship Thought: *Jesus' heart breaks with God's own desire for a city that's lost its way, a city that has turned its back on its vocation to be the light of the world:*

'O Jerusalem, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!' ~ Luke 13.34.

The image is of a mother hen who knows destruction is coming, but the chicks will not come to the place of restoration and safety. Jesus' determination to go to Jerusalem reveals his willingness to suffer – for wayward Jerusalem as the one who sees the danger coming. To go ahead of the people and take the full force of the powers of destruction upon himself in order that God's people could be renewed and rediscover their vocation. Picture the mother hen again, scorched and blackened as fire sweeps through, with live chicks sheltering beneath her wings. Picture also a future day when people will say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Prayer: When, O God, we search the deep longings of our hearts, when we listen to the quiet desires of our souls, it is you, O God, all you; you are our light and salvation.

When others abandon us and our worlds fall apart, you are there to pick up the pieces.

You put us together again, and somehow, a masterpiece! Good as new.

And so, we wait on you, God, singing songs of praise and faith with courage ever-growing and strength within us rising all because you, mighty God, are with us.

Words for Worship CCLi 386034

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

Remember to uphold one another in prayer.



Pray for....Peter & Margaret, Nikhil & Ash, Gwen, Beth & John, Dianne & Bill, Grace & Les.

....those who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results. We pray that God's Healing Hands continue to enfold Lyn, Frank, the two Margarets, Christopher, Gwen, Dianne, Rick, Glen and the two John's in their hour of need.

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

....all who have lost loved ones and/or are struggling in their daily lives.

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

....for those continuing to be affected by aftermath of Cyclone Alfred.

....the support, comfort and medical treatment given by those who are part of **Frontier Services.**

....**safe travel** for all who are travelling at this time – Rod, Michelle and Family as they enjoy a cruise.

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

....members of our **Church Council and Property Committee**.

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

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

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

....**Reach Out Activities**.

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

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

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

....**Scripture Union Queensland, School Chaplaincy and Mackay Street Chaplaincy**.

 **for....CQ Presbytery Minister - Rev Scott Ballment, Qld Moderator - Rev Bruce Moore.**

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

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

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

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

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

....**for 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.

A Little Humour: A preacher was enjoying a meal at the farmhouse of one of his members.

"Your chicken is delicious!" the pastor commented. "How did you prepare it?"

"I didn't do anything special," replied the farmer's wife "I just told it straight out it was going to die!"

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A Quick Prayer: Your friendship means everything to me, Lord. Search my heart and show me any sin that might come between us. I want to be pleasing to you. Amen



Troy Wallin (18th): Oscar Wicks (20th)

Earl Nielsen (21st): Ilia Higham (21st)

Zander Noy (22nd): Jenny McFarlane (22nd)

Happy **60** Birthday

Stephen Crouther (21st): Michael Crouther (21st)



Please note in your records the new email address for Kerith Noy. Soon, this email address will be the only one you will be able to email me on. To contact me by phone, please ring my mobile: 0400 799 731. Email: glen.kerithnoy78@gmail.com

If any of you have changed your email address, would you kindly contact me on my email address above so I can update the 'Newsletter Recipient' List. Thank you.

Mottos for Success: Failure is a step forward when you learn from it. Failure prepares the way for future success by causing you to look hard at your plans and methods, and forcing you to find the one that works.

What's Happening Locally!?



Iona West Uniting Church's Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, 22nd March - 7:15 pm for a 7:30pm start. Five to a team. Admission \$12 per person (includes supper). To book a table phone 0417 151 709. Come along and join in a fun night.

The next **Church Council Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, 30th March, 2025 from 11.45am in St Andrew's Church, Walkerston.** Please note this date in your Diaries.



SU Chaplaincy **the PIONEER VALLEY LOCAL CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE** invites us to attend the **2025 Annual General Meeting** to be held Wednesday,

2nd April, 2025 at 5pm at the **Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Walkerston**. We are invited to join them for dinner afterwards. They thank us for our continued support – Chaplain Rex Frazer; Chaplain Liz Penner; Chaplain Judy Dalrymple; Chaplain Brett Anderson and Chaplain Peter Borg. RSVP or for more information contact Rex Frazer Mob: 0499 338 383



POSITION AVAILABLE
PAID CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

Helping children question, explore and discover Jesus in State Primary Schools, if you are interested or know someone who might be - grab a copy of the job advertisement!

Alliance of Christian Religious Education

If you are interested in more information on the above position, I have printed out one document relating to it and you will find this at the front of your Church this morning. If you would like the form emailed to you, please contact Kerith email: glen.kerithnoy78@gmail.com and I will be happy to forward you the information form.

BOGGLE

How many words can you make with this table of letters? Form words by using letters that touch. Words can go forward, backward, diagonal, up, or down. Each letter tile can only be used once per word.

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| | WALKERSTON | | | MIRANI | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------|--------|
| Date | Preacher | Bible Reader | Prayers | Preacher | Bible Reader | Prayers | Laptop |
| 16/03 | Alun & Lesley | Nikhil | Gwen | Noela | Stephanie | Au | Au |
| 23/03 | Congregation | Kathryn | Kerith | Au | Thelma | Bruce | Gerry |
| 30/03 | Congregation | Neil | Kerith | Manda | Elsbeth | Au | Au |
| 06/04 | Alun & Lesley | Gwen | Michelle | Noela | Elsbeth | Manda | Manda |
| 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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Prayer Warrior: Vicki Kiem: Mob: 0408 767 331

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KYB (Know Your Bible) – Every Thursday 1.30pm, The Valley UCA, Mirani

Lectionary Readings:

16th March: Lent 2 - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalms 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

23rd March: Lent 3 - Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalms 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

25th March: Annunciation of the Lord - Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalms 45 or Psalms 40:5-10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

30th March: Lent 4 - Joshua 5:9-12; Psalms 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

6th April: Lent 5 - Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalms 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

13th April: Passion Sunday - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalms 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14 - 23:56; or Luke 23:1-49

13th April: Palm Sunday - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

14th April: Monday in Holy Week - Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalms 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

15th April: Tuesday in Holy Week - Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalms 71: 1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Jn 12:20-36

Boggle
Some possible words are:

Bae
Baan
Baes
Bab
Bab
Bome
Bomes
Cbaaaa
Cbaaaa
Eon
Gaese
Game
Gush

Guasa
Issue
Nob
Nobe
Obese
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Ones
Seen
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