PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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







18th April - 20th April, 2025

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

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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 APRIL IS PIONEER VALLEY SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Good Friday - Selected Reading: John 18:1-19:42

Jesus is the one who takes up our fight—a fight for life itself.

Discipleship Thought: Jesus' destiny in Jerusalem coincides with Passover—the Jewish meal that celebrated God's victory over the great tyrant Pharaoh, whose army was swallowed up by the Red Sea. This victory enabled the Israelites to be a free people, no longer held under the bondage of slavery. The

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Prayer: O God, our wonderful God!

You show us what it means to fight for the most precious thing we have: life itself.

We praise you with humble awe and with endless gratitude for you, O God, have taken up this fight on our behalf.

You reveal to us a love most expansive, a love beyond our comprehension but not beyond our liberation.

We fall before you; what else can we say?

What else can we do?

Your love is everything, God.

Easter Sunday - John 20:1-18

Resurrection has changed everything: a brand-new week is underway.

Mary makes her way to the tomb. We are told that it is early on the first day of a brand-new week, so early that it is still dark (John 20:1). John here drags us into Genesis territory—a new beginning, new creative possibilities in the midst of the old. He wants us to know that something new is taking place that will involve impossible combinations—dizzying realities we can't make sense of on our own, especially while everything is still so dark.

We find Mary alone and in tears. She looks into the tomb one more time. She sees two angels who ask her, 'Why are you weeping?' Her sadness and grief so blind Mary that the presence of these two angels barely registers a response. Finally, she turns around and sees a man, whom she assumes is the gardener (another hint: we're in new Genesis territory again). This man is, in fact, Jesus, but she does not recognise him until he calls her by name: 'Mary.' In a flash of recognition and with all kinds of Isaiah-resonance (Isaiah 43:1–4), Mary is

transformed by the one who calls her name, this Jesus who embodies God's redeeming, saving love and who has somehow found a way through death itself. Resurrection has changed everything! Here, in the garden on this very first day of a brand-new week, Mary's tears are turned to joy, and her mourning turns to dancing. God has changed the story. The world is a new place.

Prayer: Risen Lord, on this Easter day, we sing out our praise: Hallelujah! You are alive!

We will never be alone!

We will shout out with glad hearts the story of your saving love and how it transforms our lives: Betrayal becomes forgiveness!

Fear becomes hope!

Death becomes life!

In your body broken and raised to life again, we ourselves are put together.

Hallelujah! Christ is alive!

We will never be alone! 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....Rick & Noela, Colleen W, Rod, Michelle & Familes, Kathryn, Greg & Families, Marie & Families, Margaret H and Christopher, Margaret D, Glenda, Marion and Family.

....those we know 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, Manda, Christopher, Gwen, Rick, Glen and the two John's.

....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 are struggling in their daily lives.

....lan and Lynns' Missionary Work and missionaries all over the world and we give thanks to God that they are doing well.

....the support, comfort and medical treatment given by those who are part of **Pioneer Valley School Chaplaincy.**

....safe travel for all who are travelling during the school holidays. We also pray for safe travel for Ash & Nikhil as they return to India for a catch-up with family.

....everyone who is being affected by the current weather conditions.

....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, aide 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

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-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.
-Alun and Lesley and their commitment to our Parish.
-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: It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Annie stayed home from church with her mother.

When the rest of the family returned home, they were carrying palm leaves. Annie asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he rode by on a donkey," her father explained.

"Wouldn't you know it," Annie fussed, "the one Sunday I'm sick and Jesus shows up and offers donkey rides!

Bible Verse: Thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou are my trust from my youth. Psalm 71:5



Brooklyn Dodd (24th): Pían Kerr (24th) Harrison Wallín (27th)

What's Happening Locally!?



Scottish Afternoon Tea – You are invited to attend an afternoon of Pipe Band Music, Scottish Dancing and a Fashion Parade on Saturday, 17th May, 2025 at 2.00pm. Tickets are \$25 and includes Afternoon Tea. Clothes and Shoes supplied by M'Ladys and Children's Outfits supplied by Flowers for Fertility. For more information and to book tickets, contact Di Chataway: 0409 988 185.



Proud Grandma moment!!

Morelle with her granddaughter,
Sapphire Elva (Saph),
Mike and Serenas'
daughter.
Two weeks old in these photos.
Beautiful!!



Motto for Success: "I'm sorry" can put an end to almost any argument. You may still feel somewhat justified in your position, but if you can at least say you are sorry for having let something come between you, you will be on the path to reconciliation.

	WALKERSTON			MIRANI				
Date	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Laptop	
GOOD FRIDAY								
18/04	Congregation	Kathryn	Kerith	Congregation	Various	TBA	TBA	
EASTER SUNDAY								
20/04	Alun & Lesley	Neil	Alun or Lesley	Noela	Elspeth	Manda	TBA	
27/04	Congregation	Colleen	Gwen	Au	Beth	Bruce	Bruce	
Plea	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:**

18th April, 2025 - Good Friday - Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12; Psalms 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

20th April, 2025 - Easter Sunday - Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25;

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

or Luke 24:1-12

27th April, 2025 - Acts 5:27-32; Psalms 118:14-29 or Psalms 150;

Revelations 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

4th May, 2025 - Acts 5:27-32; Psalms 118:14-29; Revelations 1:4-18;

John 20:19-31

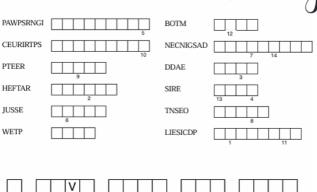
11th May, 2025 - Acts 9:36-43; Psalms 23; Revelations 7:9-17; John 10:22-30



Can you find the 9 differences between these two pictures?



Unscramble each word from today's Gospel story, John 20:1-18. Then place the numbered letters in the boxes at the bottom for a special message from the lesson.



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een the Lord.	г рале з
DISCIPLE	WEPT
BISE	FATHER JESUS
DEAD	A3T39

WORD JUMBLE

TOMB

- 7. Soldier's collar 8. Soldier's shirt sleeve 9. Soldier's broach
 - Soldier's helmet
 Soldier's collar

SCRIPTURE

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Plate in soldier's armor
 Soldier's smile

PICTURE DIFFERENCES

2. Jesus hood 3. Soldier's hand