

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



27th October, 2024

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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

3.00pm

No Services at present

EUNGELLA

*Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in
Worship this morning.*

MISSION DONATIONS RECIPIENT – OCTOBER MACKAY STREET CHAPLAINCY

Selected Reading: Mark 10:46–52 - 'Go, your faith has made you well'

Discipleship Thought: *When Jesus met Bartimaeus, it must have been obvious that the man was blind, so why does Jesus ask Bartimaeus, 'What do you want me to do for you?' One possibility is that Jesus wants to pay attention not to a 'blind man,' someone defined by what he lacks, but that he wants to meet Bartimaeus (one of the few people Jesus healed with not only a name but a lineage – 'son of Timaeus'). Perhaps Jesus does not want to presume that he knows what this particular individual wants from him. Perhaps Jesus's disciples,*

on hearing Jesus's interaction with Bartimaeus, also began to see a particular individual and not a condition; they saw a man and remembered, as we might, that Jesus sees each of us as individuals and asks the same profound question of us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

Prayer: The psalm tells us that God restored the people.

That restoration was so glorious, that people felt they were living a dream.

Their mouths were filled with laughter and their tongues with shouts of joy.

People experienced the goodness of God.

God of all goodness, we, too, in all of our days, are recipients of grace upon grace.

Welcome fills our days, and forgiveness fills our nights.

And we, too, wonder how it can possibly be.

We, too, can scarcely believe that your love and care can be so freely given and so abundant.

But it is the very truth of our lives, and for it, we give you our thanks. Amen.

(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.... Nikhil & Ash, Vicki, Neil & Family, Nicholas & Family, Helen, Simon & Alyson, Bob & Bev and Manda.

....those who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results. Pray for continued healing for Lyn, Frank, Gwen and the two John's. May they be comforted in the knowledge that God's hands are always upon them in their time of need.

....**Rick** as he travels to Brisbane next weekend for treatment.

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

....the work of the **Christian Religious Instruction Alliance** which oversees religious instruction in State Schools.

....**Ian and Lynns'** Missionary Work.

....**safe travel** for all who are travelling – Michelle and Rodney.

....**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 Worship Centre, Proserpine** and **Sarina**.

....**all Teachers, Students, RE Instructors, School Chaplains** as they continue to educate our young people.

....**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 in crisis situations.

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



Give Thanks 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 across the Mackay District.

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

....**Lyn's improvement in health.**

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

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

....for the **missionaries** all over the world.

....for the **volunteers** who give of their time and energy to work with the people in need.

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

....for **Teachers, RI Instructors, School Chaplains** and all people who work with children.

What's Happening Locally!?

SERVICE TO MARK THE CONCLUSION OF PLACEMENT AND FAREWELL - Rev Dr Julia Pitman

The Presbytery of Central Queensland of the Uniting Church in Australia, invites you to join us in celebrating the **Ministry of Reverend Dr. Julia Pitman** at St Paul's, Armitage and Calen Uniting Churches, and throughout the wider Mackay Community from November 2014 to October 2024.

The Service of Thanksgiving will be held in St Paul's Uniting Church, Macalister Street at 9.15am on Sunday, 27th October, 2024.

After the service, everyone is invited to share with friends in a light morning tea, and to view a permanent display of photographs of the history of St Paul's.

**COMMISSIONING FOR ALUN AND LESLEY TUNNAH
AS ACCREDITED LAY PREACHERS
AND
AFFIRMATION OF MARGARET-ANN JEPPESEN
TO BE AVAILABLE AS A LAY PERSON TO LEAD WORSHIP
AND PREACH.
CALEN COMMUNITY CHURCH 2.15PM
SUNDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 2024**

Is anyone interested in going up to Calen for the Commissioning Service for Alun & Lesley and Margaret-Ann's Affirmation as a Lay Person. If anyone is interested in coming with me, get in touch and we can drive up together.



Men, you're invited to **Iona West Men's Breakfast, 7:30am Saturday, 2nd November, at 7 Brooks Street, Mackay**. The cost is \$5 per person. It was great to have Dr. Guy Hingston, General Surgeon, speak to us in September and we welcome him back for more common sense preventive health advice based on

evidence based medicine (not fads). Guy will share about the importance of bowel cancer screening tests that are important for dramatically reducing your chance of dying from bowel cancer. It's a great opportunity men, and to assist with catering, it would be appreciated if you could RSVP to

mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au

Quick Prayer: O Lord, please help me hold my head high, caring less about what others have to say and more about what You would have me do. Give me the courage I need when I need it most.



The Light Party is a free community event run by Mackay Churches. It is being held at the Blue Water Quay on Thursday, 31st October, 2024 as an alternate to Halloween. All are welcome. Dress up as your favourite light-hearted, positive character and complete a passport of fun activities with the kids!

The activities are based around a historical figure, Martin Luther, who lived in the 1500s. You will learn about his life and faith and how he was used to bring the light to the medieval dark ages. Join us for a whole bunch of fun and celebration!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TEACHING RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS?: Save the Date: 2025 Training Day will be held on Wednesday, 5th February, 2025. More information as it comes to hand.



Family Christmas Carols
at
Calen Community Church
Saturday, 9th November, 2024
5:30pm
42 McIntyre Street, Calen

Come and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas
 with carol singing, children's story time and afternoon tea.

You are very welcome to come dressed in Christmas themed clothes.

See you there!



Kate McNichol (27th)
 Robyn Burns (1st): Karen Shields (2nd)
 Snéha (Sam) Fernando (28th)



A Little Humour: After calling around various professional painters in the area, a church selected the painter's bid that was about half of what his competitor's had quoted.

On the morning he began the job, the painter realised that he had underquoted the job by 50%. Not wanting to ask for additional money, he decided to thin out the paint with water so he would be able to complete the job for the quoted price.

Before long he received a phone call from the pastor, who was wondering why the paint had washed off the church when it rained. The painter returned and looked at the building and then went inside to pray about the situation, knowing that his reputation was on the line. "What can I possibly do, Lord?" he prayed.

Suddenly, God, in a loud voice from the altar, replied, "Repaint, and thin no more!". 😊

"From *The Big Book of Church Jokes*, published by Barbour Publishing, Inc. Used by permission."

Mottos for Success: When you feel as though you have the weight of the world on your shoulders, it's time to remember that you are only human, that true strength comes only from God, and that He is able to help you bear any load.

	WALKERSTON			MIRANI		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>
27/10	Congregation	Kathryn	Gwen	Au	Elsbeth	Au
03/11	Congregation	Neil	Kerith	Noela	Thelma	Manda
10/11	Jim Brown	Gwen	Michelle	Jim Brown Bruce - Baptism	Elsbeth	Au
17/11	Alun & Lesley	Nikhil	Nicholas	Noela	Thelma	Manda
24/11	Congregation	Colleen	Gwen	Congregation	Beth	Au
01/12	Congregation	Michelle	Kerith	Noela Bruce HC	Elsbeth	Manda
Please pray 'The Lord's Prayer' at the end of the Prayer for Others except on Holy Communion						

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) – 1.30pm Every Thursday, The Valley UCA, Victoria & Louise Streets, Mirani.

Lectionary Readings:

27th October - Job 42:1-6,10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28;
Mark 10:46-52 Mark 10:46-52

3rd November - Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalms 24; Revelations 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

10th November - Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28;

Mark 12:38-44

17th November - 1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10;

Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

24th November - 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalms 132:1-12, 13-18;

Revelations 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

