

# PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

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



**2<sup>nd</sup> February, 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**

*No Services at present*

**EUNGELLA**

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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.*

**Selected Reading: Luke 4:21–30 - God loves and extends grace to outsiders, too.**

**Discipleship Thought:** Jesus does something dangerous. He reads a well-known passage from Isaiah to the hometown crowd; only he omits the key reference to God carrying out vengeance on Israel's enemies. He's left announcing grace to all, completely disregarding the profound tension and the strain these relationships have known. Jesus knows the parochial interest of the group. So, he introduces counter-narratives from within their own traditions, stories of God extending healing and grace to widows, Gentiles, the unclean, and those of low status – outsiders, all of them, yet treated by God as insiders. These stories only seem to infuriate the crowd further. They drive him to the

edge of a cliff; somehow, he manages to slip away unharmed, going on his way – his unique way, a way of grace and peace, so different from the ways of the crowd. Jesus reminds us of how offensive grace is and how dangerous peacemaking really can be.

**Prayer:** *O beautiful God!*

*You lean our way with such kindness; you are open and available, always ready to listen and protect.*

*When we find our way into valleys of shame and boulevards of brokenness, you steer us on the right course again.*

*You, God, are our hope, and we trust in you.*

*Our praise for you shall be endless.*

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....**Alan, Cathy & Paul, Sai & Ross, Adam, Dustyn & Family, Kennedy Family, Bruce, Pian, Brooklyn and Bayla, Laurel & John.

....those who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results. We pray that our Healing God's hands to continue to hold Lyn, Frank, 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.

....the work done by **Friends of Homefield** who provide activities and outings for the residents.

....**safe travel** for all who are returning from school holidays.

....**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, Calen, Iona West, Northside, Proserpine and Sarina**. Also pray for **Armitage** which is now an independent congregation from St Paul's and has formed it's own Church Council.

....**all Teachers, Teacher's Aides, Students, RI Teachers, School Chaplains and Students** as they make preparations for the New Year.

....**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.**



**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.**

....**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 little girl asked her Sunday School Teacher a question: "If the people of Israel are Israelites, and the people of Canaan are Canaanites, are the people of Paris called Parasites!!?" 😊 😊



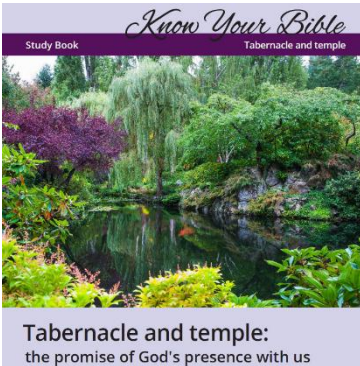
Allan Peterson: Kelsey McNichol and Bruce Higham (today)



**Mottos for Success:** If you feel unsettled, take a moment to close your eyes and get quiet. Then direct your mind to some blessing or hopeful thought, and thank God for it. Your confusion and worries will be replaced with His peace.

We will continue the **Mission Donation** to the **Friends of Homefield** through the **month of February**. This group of people arranges activities and outings for the residents of the homefield aged care facility and are always grateful for all financial help.

# What's Happening Locally!?



## *KYB - Know Your Bible*

recommences this coming Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, with afternoon tea and a chat at 1.00pm. The Bible Study will commence at 1.30pm which will be the start time for future KYB Gatherings. The venue is The Valley Uniting Church, cnr Victoria & Louise Streets, Mirani. The first study is entitled 'Tabernacle and temple: the promise of God's presence with us.



The first **Iona West Men's Breakfast** for 2025 is on Saturday, **1st February, 2025 at 7:30am**, at 7 Brooks Street, West Mackay. The cost is still \$5 per person. Ken Brown is a member of St. Pauls Uniting Church and will be the speaker. We look forward to seeing you men. To assist with catering, it would be appreciated if you could RSVP to [mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au](mailto:mensbreakfast@ionawest.org.au)

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES RECOMMENCE FROM 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2025**

**8.00am**

**St Andrew's UCA, Bold Street, Walkerston**

**10.00am**

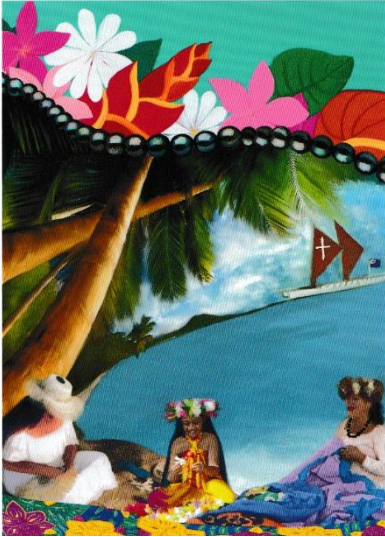
**The Valley UCA, Cnr Victoria & Louise Streets, Mirani**



As advertised last Sunday in the notices, a Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 in The Valley UCA

## World Day of Prayer 2025 Cook Islands

'I made you wonderful'



World Day of Prayer  
**AUSTRALIA**

Next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 commencing with morning tea at 9.30am, representatives from St John's Catholic Church, St Mary Magdalene Church and the Holy Rosary Church will meet to plan the 2025 World Day of Prayer Service being held in St Andrew's Uniting Church on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. If you would like to attend the planning meeting, you will be most welcome.



At left, Jim Brown is pictured talking with the children during the Christmas Eve Service about the significance of the Nativity Display at the front of the Church.

It was wonderful to hear the children interacting with Jim and encouraging to hear that they knew the Christmas Story and they were



happy to share their knowledge. Each child was encouraged to take a religious themed Christmas Bauble off the Christmas Tree set up in the foyer of St Andrew's, to hang on their tree when they got home.



The Gideons  
International  
In Australia

The Gideons International In Australia – Mackay Gideons are hosting a **FAITH FUND EVENT** on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025 from 7.00pm in the Andergrove Community Hall, 78 Celeber Drive, Andergrove. A

Light Supper will be provided.

The Guest Speaker will be Mr David Jarrott, a congregation member at the Northside Worship Centre. He will share about his recent experiences distributing scriptures and witnessing in Madagascar and other nations.

If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Shaun – 0418 785 619 or email: [mackay@camps.gideons.org.au](mailto:mackay@camps.gideons.org.au) by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

Date	WALKERSTON			MIRANI		
	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers	Preacher	Bible Reader	Prayers
02/02	Congregation	Neil	Kerith	Noela Thomson Bruce Kerr HC	Morelle	Au
09/02	Jim Brown HC?	Nikhil	Michelle	Jim Brown	Elspeth	Manda
16/02	Alun & Lesley	Kathryn	Kerith	Noela	Thelma	Au
23/02	Jim Brown	Michelle	Gwen	Jim Brown	Elspeth	Manda
02/03	Congregation	Gwen	Michelle	Noela	Thelma	Au
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:**

2<sup>nd</sup> February: Epiphany 4 - Jeremiah 1:4-10: Psalms 71:1-6:  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13: Luke 4:21-30

9<sup>th</sup> February: Epiphany 5 - Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalms 138:  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

16<sup>th</sup> February: Epiphany 6 - Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalms 1;  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Lk 6:17-26

23<sup>rd</sup> February: Epiphany 7 - Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Ps 37:1-11, 39-40;  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

2<sup>nd</sup> March: Transfiguration of Jesus - Exodus 34:29-35; Palms 99;  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

5<sup>th</sup> March: Ash Wednesday - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12;  
Psalms 51:1-17 2 Cor 5:20b - 6:10 Mt 6:1-6, 16-21

