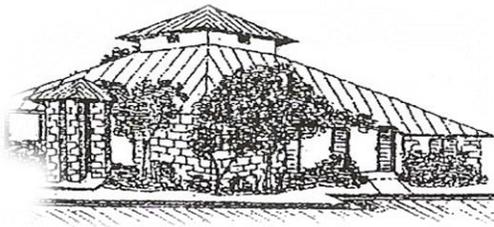


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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

***WELCOME!*** *We welcome all visitors with us today, and pray your time with us will be a blessed one.  
Please stay and share morning tea with us after the Service.*

### **Kirwan's Mission Statement**

**To be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit to practise and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world  
10th February, 2019**

#### **Worship Leaders for Today**

**Preacher:** Pastor Richard Lance

**Reader:** Shirley Nuss

<b>Lectionary readings</b>		<b>Epiphany 5</b>
<b>Ish 6:</b> 1-8(9-13)		<b>Ps 138:</b>
<b>1 Cor 15:</b> 1-11		<b>Lk 5:</b> 1-11

human-induced climate change has caused a spike in these disasters of flood and fire. But why should that percolate down to the average citizen, probably leading an exemplary eco-life in contrast to their government?

Job ignores Eliphaz' slander, and simply searches for God in his dreadful circumstance. But, and you'll nod along at the next bit when you've been at your wits' and body's end, he can't find him. North, south, east, west, up, down, all around, "If only I knew where to find him" (Job 23 v3). Explanationless, he falls back on to faith. "But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." (v23) God knows the way, not because he looks at a satnav, but because He's trodden it. And that's one of the two things which we can offer to help our neighbours who have lost so much, that even in the valley of shadow, "You are with me". The other is that we can be with them in practical ways whose priorities will become clearer as the water recedes.

#### ***This Week's Calendar***

**Mon 11th:** 9.00am Pastoral Care  
10.30am: House of Jonah  
7.30pm: COM

**Tues 12th:** 9.30am: Craft:Cards:ChitChat

**Wed. 13th** 5.30pm: Music Group  
7.30pm: Bible Study Group

#### **Richard's Ramblings**

You know the story of Job, a good, very good, man who experienced catastrophic adversity. He wonders why this has happened to him. His mates come along and try to help him out by putting forward explanations for what has happened to him. One of them, Eliphaz the Temanite (great name), tells Job that he must have done lots of bad things (Job 22 - page 473 in the OT section of the pew bibles if you've pinched one, like I have) which is why "it is so dark you cannot see, and why a flood of water covers you." (v11). Across Townsville and northern Queensland people are asking the same questions as Job. "I'm a good person, why has my home been inundated and I've lost everything?" OK, there are macro-explanations, it is irrefutable that

#### **Roster for 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

**Preacher:** Peter Ireland

**Reader:** Wayne Paul

**Greeters:** Gayle Mumme

**Door Steward:** Sally and John Sands

**Offering:** David B-T: Sue Burton

**Announcement:** Narelle Harrison

**Morning Tea:** Eleanor(food):Merril Green

**Flowers:** Edna Caldwell



Hi lovely  
parents/carers  
We'd like to start a  
weekday afternoon,  
perhaps a Friday, activity  
for our young people. Say  
4pm or so, after school. It

would be at the manse, in what I call the ballroom, a very big room which I'll equip with a small fridge with soft drinks, and a hot chocolate machine (because I think youngsters don't drink coffee?) Mark Harper will run it. Monthly or fortnightly at first, to see how it goes. Mark will offer bible study and discussion about contemporary issues which affect young people, and there'll be 10 pin bowling nights and laser shooting nights, and Macca's/Hungry Jack nights. We want the young people to have ownership of this, to tell us what they want, not impose a structure on them. No hard and fast age limits - but older teenagers won't be happy to share an event with very young children. So it might evolve into two separate evenings.

While the youth are doing their thing in the ballroom, I'll entertain you (whoever brings them) in the living area.

I wonder if you're free to stay behind for just a short time after the service on Sunday, to give your feedback and ideas? You can fetch plates of morning tea stuff and bring them back in to the church (or the back room, which has aircon). Young people will be welcome too, after all, it's got to be attractive to them. If you want to raise wider Sunday School matters, that'll be fine.



## Letter From the Moderator

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,  
The Uniting Church since its inception has committed itself to bringing the truth of the gospel to the situations of human life, both individually and socially. This commitment brings us into the challenging and difficult spaces of life, where we face the vulnerability, fragility and ambiguity of existence.

Last year the Queensland Government announced an inquiry into aged care, end-of-life and palliative care. As a result, I have requested an update of the Synod's current position regarding voluntary assisted dying. The attached Consultation Paper has been developed to assist the Synod in this task. Psalm 85 is a prayer that acknowledges vulnerability and ambiguity. It expresses the hope of those who have faith:

"steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
Righteousness and peace will kiss each other"

As the community of faith that is the Qld Synod engages with this issue of voluntary assisted dying, I encourage you to engage with faith, hope and love; being open to one another and the Spirit, who brings the Word to us. You can engage in this consultation by attending one of the forums listed below and/or by a written submission to the Consultation Group by the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **Consultation Dates and Locations**

11<sup>th</sup> February 6.30-8.00pm: Goodna Uniting Church

18<sup>th</sup> of February 6.30-8.00pm, Chermside Kedron Uniting Church

22<sup>nd</sup> of February 11.30am-1.00pm, Middle Ridge Uniting Church, Toowoomba

22<sup>nd</sup> of February 3.00-4.30pm, Dalby Uniting Church.

26<sup>th</sup> of February 3.00-4.30pm, Broadwater Road Uniting Church, Mansfield

26<sup>th</sup> of February 6.00-7.30pm, NewLife Church Robina, Lakeside Lounges

4<sup>th</sup> of March 2.00-3.30pm, Emmanuel Uniting Church, Cairns

5<sup>th</sup> of March 11.30am -1.00pm, Aitkenvale Uniting Church, Townsville

9<sup>th</sup> of March, Longreach, Central Queensland Presbytery meeting. Time to be confirmed.

9<sup>th</sup> of March, Murgon Uniting Church, Mary Burnett Presbytery meeting. Time to be confirmed.

Every blessing,  
Reverend David

