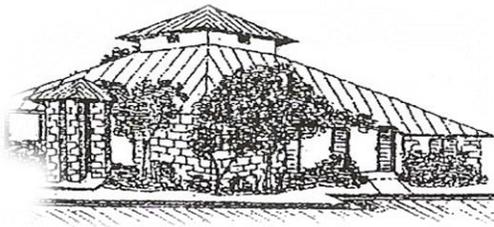


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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

***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  
24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

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

**Preacher:** Bill Green

**Reader:** Kathy Reid

#### **Lectionary readings**

**Gen 45:** 3-11: 15

#### **Epiphany 7**

**Ps 37:** 1-11: 39-40

**1 Cor 15:** 35-38: 42-50

**Lk 6:** 27-38

fall outside of our Father's care. Jesus says, consider what our worth is to God whose eye is on the sparrow. (I looked in the bathroom mirror later, and for some reason, can't imagine what, I thought of the rest of the passage; "The very hairs of your head are numbered".)

### **Richard's Ramblings**

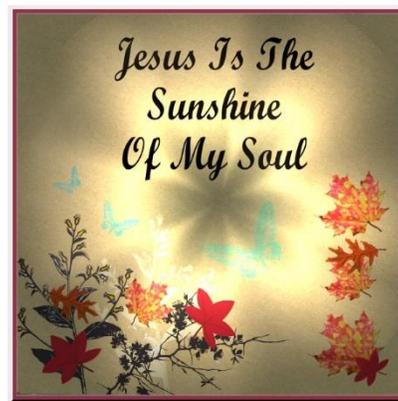
When bad things happen to us, everything is made worse when we think, "No one knows what I'm going through, no one cares". And that's why just being "present", as Chaplains are taught to regard their ministry, is so important. The model of "presence", of saying that someone's circumstances haven't gone unnoticed or uncared-for, is a model of how God cares for His people. This is well described in Matthew 10. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care." The song has it, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me".

The Matthew passage came straight to mind last Sunday when our hen cockatiel, Puddleglum, a few of you have met her, suddenly dropped dead off her perch. Leisa buried her. Compared to human bereavement, serious illness, homelessness and ruined homes in Townsville's floods, it's not among the more serious crises of faith, but after many years of feathery companionship we miss her. Her boyfriend, Glimfeather, misses her even more. We'll have to do some avian matchmaking for a new mate.

Globally inconsequential as Puddleglum's sudden passing was, nonetheless she didn't

#### *This Week's Calendar*

**Mon 25th:** 9.00am Pastoral Care  
10.30am: House of Jonah  
**Tues 26th:** 9.30am: Craft:Cards:ChitChat  
**Wed. 27th** 5.30pm: Music Group  
7.30pm: Bible Study Group



**Roster for 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019**

**Preacher:** Pastor Richard Lance  
**Reader:** John Short  
**Greeters:** Ann B-T  
**Door Steward:** Margaret Lowe  
**Offering:** John Sands: Andrew Reid  
**Announcement** Anne Holmes  
**Morning Tea:** Sheila V.P; June Palk: Greg Fraser  
**Flowers:** Merril Green

**Consultation Paper  
Voluntary Assisted Dying.  
Queensland SYNOD 2019**

We have been asked to circulate the consultation paper to our congregation. To assist this to happen there is a printed copy on the coffee table in the Foyer and a sheet where you can request an email copy or a printed copy. If you would like a copy please complete your name and email if you want an emailed copy, or just your name if you want a printed copy and obviously tick the appropriate column. You can reply in writing to the Consultation Group by the 9th March or attend one of the consultation forums. **The Consultation Forum in our area will be held at:**  
**Aitkenvale Uniting Church, on 5th March at 11.30am to 1.00pm.**

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**Annual Reports**

All Groups that are active in Kirwan Uniting Church  
**Times run out. I need all remaining annual reports this week. Please send to Kirwan email before next Sunday 3rd. Thanks to those who have written one already.**  
[kirwanunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:kirwanunitingchurch@gmail.com).  
**Kirwan AGM will follow the service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

**COMBINED CHURCHES PRAYER  
MEETING for the CIVIL LEADERS**

As in other years, Townsville Central will host the Combined Churches Prayer Meeting on -  
**THURSDAY – 28th FEBRUARY**  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Councillors, Federal and State Members of Parliament have been invited to attend. Musicians are needed to help with the worship time plus a couple of Welcomers. Please contact Bruce Cornish if you can help. A light supper will be served.



**Team  
Townsville  
Volunteers are needed to help people get back on their feet,  
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Townsville, an**

**initiative of Townsville City Council, Combined Churches, YWAM and Live FM, is heading to the streets to care for the residents of Townsville by asking how they are and co-ordinating the connection of essential services to individuals and families.**  
**For further details and to volunteer go to <https://stableonthestrand.com.au>.**  
**Working together to get Townsville back on its feet.**



"Look! I'm willing to compromise, but I just can't vacation in Florida!"