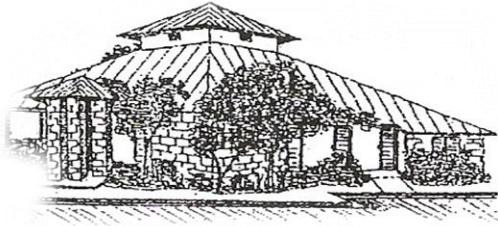


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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 March, 2019**

Worship Leaders for Today

Preacher: Pastor Richard Lance

Reader: Chris Reid

Lectionary readings Lent 1

Dt 26:1-11 **Ps 91:**1-2;9-16

Rom 10: 8b-13 **Lk 4:** 1-13

Richard's Ramblings

Wednesday, or Ash Wednesday, marked the beginning of Lent, the 40 day period of reflection and repentance which leads up to Easter Sunday. You might have seen folk coming out of church services with a charcoal cross on their forehead. The ashes are made from burning the previous year's palm crosses. 40 days recalls Jesus' temptations in the desert at the beginning of his ministry on earth. Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas is another so-called "penitential season". Church banners and ministers' stoles are purple.

Like much ritual, the symbol has taken on more importance than the event symbolised. People "give things up" for Lent and Advent, supposedly remembering Jesus going without sustenance in the desert, but often as a way of patting themselves on the back that they're so religious. And the things given up always seem to be thought to be bad for you. Facebook, smoking, meat and dairy (for the Orthodox), alcohol. I'm as guilty as anyone. I've given up my beloved red wine (A funny story - before

Ash Wednesday was even out, I succumbed and planned to pop in to a bottle shop for a red on my way home from music practice. But God sent a stupendous rain storm at just that time, so that I couldn't get out of my car to run to Liquorland. So I'm still abstemious). But if things are good, and intended by God for our enjoyment, what business do we have turning down God's gifts? And if they're bad, why should I indulge in them at any time of the year?

A few of us were at Northreach Baptist this morning for a breakfast to say thankyou to our Townsville church's young people who have been at the forefront of the community recovery effort. Now that "doing" seems to me to be more honouring to God and loving of our neighbours than a Lenten "not doing".

Roster for 17th March, 2019

Preacher: David King

Reader: Sally Sands

Greeters: Margaret Lowe: Khristine Freeman

Door Steward: Chitra Madhavan

Offering: Andrew Reid: Greg Fraser

Announcement: Anne Holmes

Morning Tea: Sue Burton: Anne & David B-T

Flowers: Pam Kennedy

This Week's Calendar

Mon 11th: 9.00am Pastoral Care
 10.30am: House of Jonah
 7.30pm: COM Meeting
Tues 12th: 9.30am: Craft:Cards:ChitChat
Wed. 13th 5.30pm: Music Group
 7.30pm: Bible Study Group



“Evening Service
Our next evening
service will be held this
Sunday 10 March at
5.30pm at Kirwan
Church.

Communion will be shared.”

Safe Ministry with Children Training
Kirwan UC
Saturday 23rd March 9am-12MD
Please let me know if you are interested
in attending so we can provide you with
a workbook.
Thanks
Marie Dewar

SENIORS FELLOWSHIP
MORNING



Cnr Bayswater Road & Mather Street

Date: 14th March, 2019
 STARTS AT 9.30AM
 SPEAKER - DR DAVID POLLENARD
 “Senior Saints”
 All seniors are welcome
 Please come and bring your friends



Golf

Lavarack Golf Club

Date: 16 March 2019 6.30am – 6.45am
Cost: \$20 (Green Fees & Donation)

Morning Tea and Trophy Presentation
at Aitkenvale Uniting Church - 9.45am
If possible please send names/numbers
By 12 noon Thursday, 14 March 2019
to Kay Phone: 0409892795
or email: wazz.kay@bigpond.net.au

You must have your Driver's
Licence/Photo ID with you to be
signed through the gate at Lavarack.

Please arrive early as we have to hit
off well before the club competition.

All proceeds to Mackay Patrol
 Join us and continue the good work done by Roy
 Backer for so many years.

Kirwan AGM will follow the
service today.

