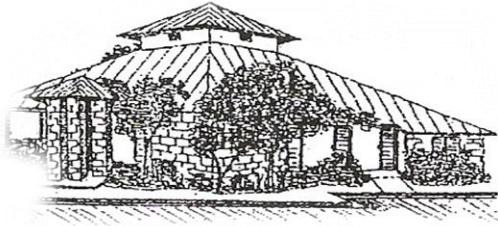


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

24th March, 2019

Worship Leaders for Today

Preacher: Graham Chillingworth

Reader: Sheila van Prooije

Lectionary readings

Lent 3

Is 55:1-9

Ps 63:1-8

1 Cor 10: 1-13

Lk 13: 1-9

Richard's Ramblings

Last week, I helped an ex-colleague who's now an aged care personal carer, with a Uni assessment on dementia. I had taken the same module a few years ago. It is terrible to see how the various forms which the illness takes ravage mind and body. Researchers into diseases of ageing are high on my prayer list. Dementia affects a patient's family in a way which even cancer doesn't. One of my saddest times at Wesley Mission was visiting a resident while her or his partner or child was there, and to see that the resident had no memory or recognition of their loved one. Perhaps after 60 years or more of marriage.

On the face of it, it is de-humanising, how is this wife, husband, mother, father, sibling, in God's image in this state? But we aren't defined by our memories but how God remembers us. Most of what we do we forget, or our memories are strongly reconstructed. We are creatures who forget. Our essence is in God's memory — and in the Bible, when anyone is remembered by God, something good happens. Noah, Abraham, childless Hannah - the thief on the cross: "Remember me when you come into your kingdom" And the outcast, discarded by Rome and polite

society, was with Christ that day in paradise (The one time when God forgets - "Your sins I will remember no more"). Prophesying of how even a nursing mother might forget her child, Isaiah (ch 49) has God saying "They might forget, but I will not forget you. I have engraved you on the palms of my hands".

Yes, it is dreadful and heartbreaking to see memory slip away from someone very dear to us. But in God's memory, that loved one is a redeemed soul, already, if not to our time-limited sight, "sown in dishonour, raised in glory; sown in weakness, raised in power".

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



Sunday 31 March
we're baptising
Kaleb Godwin.
Pray for him and
his Mum and Dad,
Jaime and Ashley

Door Steward: Anne B-T
Offering: Heather Reid: Trevor Nuss
Announcement: Anne Holmes
Morning Tea: June George: Sharon Elvins: Joy Rendall
Flowers: Amelia Palu



“Leprosy Mission Fundraising – Not Just Aluminium Cans!

The local group now accepts all recycle items with the 10 cent cash

back note – aluminium cans, plastic bottles (all sizes) and glass bottles. Don’t just re-cycle them through your yellow bin, but place them in the green bin at the back of the kitchen, we will get them to the local Leprosy Mission committee to cash in at the re-cycle centre. 10 cents may not be much for us, but it makes a huge difference in 3rd World Countries when spent wisely by groups like The Leprosy Mission. Thanks for your help.”

REGIS AGED CARE SERVICE
 THURSDAY 17th APRIL
 9.30AM
 HOME CHAPEL

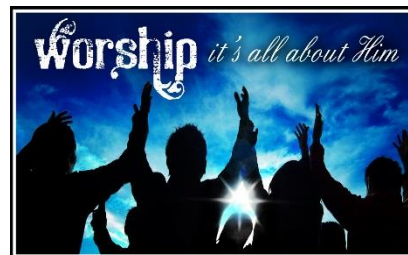


Hoping that some of the local churches may be able to

help out with some urgently needed volunteers during the period Friday 22nd to Saturday 30th March. The work involves carefully removing internal plasterboard ready for the home owner to rebuild. Our home owners are the non-insured who otherwise can't do this work.

If volunteers can provide just one days volunteering that will be a great help. All volunteers will be registered by Samaritan's Purse and new volunteers undergo an orientation commencing 8am sharp at our Disaster Relief Unit located at Northreach Baptist Church, 38 Canterbury Rd, Kirwan. Volunteers are asked to bring their lunch and PPE will be provided to those who don't have their own.

Please call the Disaster Relief Unit on 0475 870 024 for further information.



“Next Evening Service Sunday 14th April

5.30pm at Kirwan David King will be sharing some photographs and some thoughts with us on his recent pilgrimage trip to Jerusalem and parts of the Holy Land.

Please come along to share some of David’s insights
 We will celebrate Communion as well”