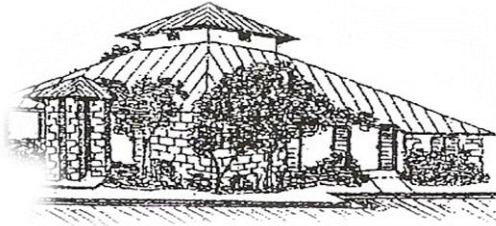


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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

***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**

**21st July, 2019**

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

**Preacher:** David King

**Reader:** Shirley Nuss

**Lectionary readings**      **Pent 6 (16))**

**Am 8:** 1-12              **Ps 52**

**Col 1:** 15-28          **Lk 10:** 38-42

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

Three things happened within a short space of time this week. I learned that a friend has been hospitalised, a wise old Anglican priest who told me when I was appointed to my first parish, "Just love 'em" (he wasn't so old then, obviously). That pointed me to 1 John 4 vv7 - 21 ("Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God" - but read the whole passage). And then Leisa sent me a link to our beloved Garrison Keillor -

<http://www.garrisonkeillor.com/running-into-stan-on-sunday/> - "To change the world, you must start out by loving it".

Kirwan Uniting sisters and brothers, this blog is read by folk who aren't familiar with our services, so I'm going to tell them about one of our weird (not really weird, it's very lovely) practices. The first Sunday (just over a year ago now) I turned up at a KUC service, after the benediction, everyone suddenly stood up in a circle and held hands. I thought, uh uh, they're going to do the hokey pokey. But they

sang, I can't remember what it was that Sunday, it's usually May God's Blessing Surround You, or May The Feet of God Walk With You, or Now Unto Him, or something similar. And they were looking around at each other, smiling, giving out unmistakable signals that they love each other. It sounds twee, and can hint at exclusiveness - "We're the KUC in crowd", - but isn't meant like that. It certainly takes visitors by surprise if they haven't been advised at the initial welcome, or in the Notices, or before the benediction. I'm sure that it would/will horrify introverts, and I hope we're sensitive to that.

But I've grown to look forward to it. It reminds me of nothing so much as the Peace before Communion. Except this is a sign of Peace, of Love, before Morning Tea.

1 John 4 again: "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another ..... if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



**Roster for 28th July, 2019**

**Preacher:** Bill Green

**Reader:** Wayne Paul

**Greeters:** Sheree Bugden

**Door Steward:** Chitra Madhavan

**Offering:** Sue Burton: Chris Reid (Andrew)

**Announcement:** Sheree Bugden

**Morning Tea:** Anne & David B-T: Margaret Fraser:  
Pam Kennedy

**Flowers:** Pam Kennedy

***Position Vacant.***

We are a Christian wellness centre in Townsville looking for a new part time member of our team as a valued Administration assistant. We believe this may fit a JCU student within health sciences.

Our culture includes praying together and so we are specifically looking for a Christian passionate about helping people. Would you please place a notice in the weekly newsletter and ask anyone interested in applying to contact Carla directly via phone 0409 121 221 for inquiries or email

[contact@thewellnesscentresv.com.au](mailto:contact@thewellnesscentresv.com.au)

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***Volunteers wanted for Birdsville Races***

*Are you heading to the Birdsville Races or are you looking to tick it off your bucket list? This could be your chance to enjoy the iconic outback event and also give back to the community.*

*Frontier Services bush chaplain Cain Hartigan and his wife Jacki will be attending this event on 5-8*

*September and they are looking for volunteer support for a variety of duties including assisting at the pancake stall.*

*Michelle Lewis*

*National Marketing Manager,  
Frontier Services*

***This Week's Calendar***

**Mon 22nd:** 9.00am Pastoral Care  
10.30am: House of Jonah  
**Tues 23rd:** 9.30am: Craft, Coffee, Chat  
**Wed.24th:** 5.30pm: Music Group  
7.30pm: Bible Study Group

**THE LEPROSY MISSION AUSTRALIA**

**Come and hear Dr Barry Hicks tell his amazing story. He first went to Ethiopia in 1968 as a surgeon.**

**DATE:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

**TIME:** 2.00pm ( with afternoon tea)

**PLACE:** Anne St, Chapel. 12-14 Anne St.  
Gulliver

**Musical Entertainment: Thuringowa Brass Band.**

**Enquiries: Audrey Sheffield 0747791960**

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Looking for an important and practical way to serve Christ in our community?

The Aitkenvale State School has recently appointed a new school chaplain. In some initial discussions on how AUC can help Chappie Peter, and the children and families of our community, a couple of areas have been identified. The school runs a breakfast program and is always in need of donations to assist - fresh fruit, honey, full cream milk or cash. If you are able to assist, please advise Pastor Graham, or Jayne Wharton (0416 275 790). We are also seeking expressions of interest from anyone who may be able to assist with serving breakfast at the school on Tuesday & Thursday mornings (7.45 - 8.20 am). Before we make any commitment to this, we would like to know first if we have the workers to assist; volunteers would need a Blue Card. If you can help with your time or through donations, please let us know.

