.Kirwan Uniting Church



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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

18th August, 2019,

Worship Leaders for Today
Preacher: Pastor Richard Lance
Reader: Sheila Van Prooije

 Lectionary readings
 Pent 10 (20)

 Is 5: 1-7
 Ps 80: 1-2; 8-19

 Heb 11: 29 – 12:2
 Lk 12: 49-56

Ríchard's Ramblings.

I love trains; travelling in them, looking at them, listening to them. Steamhauled trains best, the unmistakeable whistle of a steam loco still transports me back to childhood train spotting as the Royal Scot came thundering up the West Coast main line from London to Glasgow. We didn't have watches as children of the '50s, but if we had, we could have set them by the Royal Scot. Ten past four on the dot, perfect timing for making it from school to the monkey bridge with its lattice steelwork affording a clear view up and down the line for miles. Then modern high speed trains, particularly French TGVs and German ICEs. But any train will do. Which was why, as I sat in my tiny first floor room in the lovely old Exchange Hotel in Mossman last Friday evening, I rushed to the balcony when I heard a hoot. It's not a train, in the middle of Mossman's main street, surely? But it was! A cane train making its way up to the sugar mill. And then another,

coming back empty. And so it continued all through Friday night and Saturday. I looked in my rear view mirror as I drove out of town toward Port Douglas on Sunday morning, and what was waving me a metaphorical goodbye (au revoir, I hope)? Yes, a cane train.

The returning empty trains made me just as happy as the inbound full wagons. They were trains, that was all that mattered.

You know, sometimes we feel like those empty wagons. Working in God's harvest takes it out of us. But drained as you might be, you're making someone happy just by being you, by being the person whose heart of love has beaten so hard that you think it's at danger of packing in. In your weariness, you still bring joy to the weary.

1 Galations 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Roster for 25th August, 2019

Preacher: Rev Ev.Blackman
Reader: Bev Blackman
Greeters: Sue Burton
Door Steward: Garry Davey
Offering: Wayne Paul: Sue Burton

Announcement: Anne Holmes **Morning Tea:** Merril Green: Eleanor (food)

Flowers: Amelia Palu

This Week's Calendar

Mon 19th: 9.00am Pastoral Care

10.30am: House of Jonah

7.30pm: Koinonia Ladies Group

Tues 20th: 9.30am: Craft: Coffee; Chat

Wed.21st: 5.30pm: Music Group

7.30pm: Bible Study Group

Thurs 22nd: 9.30am: Regis Service

KOINONIA LADIES GROUP _ At our monthly get together on Monday 19th, the theme is "**Among my Souvenirs**." Please bring along an object/photo etc. which has happy memories attached to it. We will share those memories as well as some others too. All ladies are welcome to come and join the fun.

Leader & Devotions – Bev B. Supper – Gail M & Anne H

RICHARD'S COMMISSIONING.
During the Service on 1st September,
Barry Cox will conduct the
Commissioning of Richard. As this a
special occasion, would congregation
please bring a plate to help with
morning tea.



MARKET DAY
Kirwan Uniting
church
Saturday 31st Aug.
8.00am to 1.00pm
\$10 per site.

Sausage Sizzle; Morning Tea; Soft Drinks; Cakes; Plants & much more. Bookings & Information Phone: Anne 47799976

REGIS AGED CARE SERVICE THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 9.30AM HOME CHAPEL "Thank You House of Jonah.

A mighty thank you to the House of Jonah coffee club at the Kirwan Uniting Church for the generous donation of \$1 000, deposited to the KLP Family Law Account. (signed) Debra Jai, Jackson and Phoenix."

I became aware of a fatal car accident just south of Cardwell on 4 June that left two boys orphaned. Phoenix who was 6 months old suffered critical head injuries and was in the Townsville hospital, fortunately his 7-year-old brother was at school at the time of the accident.

Their father was returning home to Bingle Bay after being a patient for eight months in the Townsville hospital. Both parents were killed instantly in the crash and Phoenix was lucky to survive The nursing staff in the surgical wards where the boy's father had been a patient, were raising money to support the family as were the residents of Mission Beach. I was able to contact the paternal grandmother who had been at the hospital since the accident and is still with both the boys after Phoenix was released from hospital

Deborah, the father's mother from Bendigo, is attempting to obtain custody in this complex case. To date court cost total over \$15 000 after just three visits. Deborah has a very generous group of friends who have been able to financially support her to date. I will keep you informed when the case is finally settled.

John Short

MORNING TEA ROSTERS. Rosters for 8th Sept to 1st Dec 2019

On the blue folder at the entrance to the church, please mark any dates you know you are not available. If you would like a specific Sunday for anything, please leave me a note on the sheet on the left hand side of the folder. Also, if you are not on the current roster (Greeter, Door Steward, Offering Steward, Announcements, Morning Tea, Flowers) and would like to be, please leave a note on the sheet also. New "roster people" are always welcome.