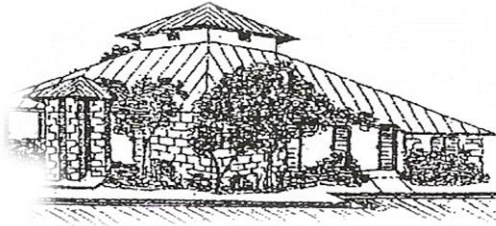


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

4th August, 2019,

Worship Leaders for Today – Communion

Preacher: Pastor Richard Lance

Reader: Sally Sands

Lectionary readings

Pent 8 (18)

Hos 11: 1-11

Ps 107: 1-9; 43

Col 3: 1-11

Lk 12: 13-21

Richard's Ramblings.

I'm attending a theology conference at Trinity College as I type this. The word, theology, is derived from two Greek words and means literally "God utterances", or speech about God (or Gods, because theology encompasses more than Christian theology). More properly, it is the study of reasoning about God. We think that theologians (or practitioners of any of the " ... logies", biology, geology, etc) are people who know a lot about their subject. They might do, but it is better to describe them as students, perhaps very advanced students, of their subject. In the case of the Christian God, an honest theologian will say that she or he has only scratched the surface of what there is to know about our transcendent God.

The apostle Paul, highly educated scholar of Judaism that he was, wanted

to know about Jesus, God's Son. But not so that he could show off an academic knowledge, rather so that he could internalise what God had done for him, Paul, in Christ, make that understanding as much a part of him as his biological make up. Philippians 3: "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."

In case you say to yourself, I can't attain to that assurance of knowledge, well neither could Paul, however much he wanted to. Philippians 3 continues: "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it." But he doesn't shrug his shoulders and give up, he puts past failures behind him and tries, with God's help, again. If Paul was anything like me, he could have written that account of wanting to find out more about God but failing, every week for most of his life. But off he goes again on his journey of exploration, and so should we: "But one thing I do. Forgetting what is behind, and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

This Week's Calendar

Mon 5th: 9.00am Pastoral Care
10.30am: House of Jonah
7.30pm: Elders Meeting
Tues 6th: 9.30am: Fellowship
Wed.7th: 5.30pm: Music Group
7.30pm: Bible Study Group

KIRWAN FELLOWSHIP:

Tuesday 6th August. The speaker has had to cancel so by popular demand we will have another visit to The Strand. Meet at the Rockpool car park at 9.30 a.m. for a stroll followed by coffee at the Odyssey Cafe.

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Morning Tea Rosters for 8th Sept to 1st Dec 2019

Time to think about the next roster, but there is one still current till 1st Sept. The next one will cover 8th Sept to 1st Dec. The blue folder is 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. This new roster will be out on 25th Aug or 1st Sept. Thank you to all who volunteer on this roster.

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Roster for 11th August, 2019

Preacher: Michelle Cullen (Pulpit Swap)
Reader: Kathy Reid
Greeters: Kathy Reid
Door Steward: Merrill Green
Offering: John Sands: Robin Warren
Announcement: Anne Holmes
Morning Tea: Val Hobson: Monica Pinto; Narelle
Flowers: Narelle Harrison

Collection Envelopes

The collection envelopes for the next 12 months have arrived and can be picked up at the church entrance. If you are an existing collection envelope user or a person who would like to use an envelope for the collection, please pick up a box of envelopes.

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Evening Service 11th August

This month we will meet at **5.00pm** for a fellowship tea before our service. Please bring a small plate of finger food to share with good friends from KUC. All are welcome to come and share together in the fellowship tea and a relaxed service of worship. Communion will be celebrated as well."

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MID-YEAR MORNING TEA

Wednesday 18th September, 2019
43 Ross River Road, Mundingburra. @
10.00am
Country: Zimbabwe
Theme: "Rise, Take you Mat and Walk" John 5 2-9a.
RSVP for catering purposes by 10th September to
Lorraine phne 0415098305

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Christmas Boxes

Please take a box (or two) from the foyer and fill it in preparation for our Blessing Service in October.



Flyers showing contents required will be available shortly. Cost of sending each box is now \$10

