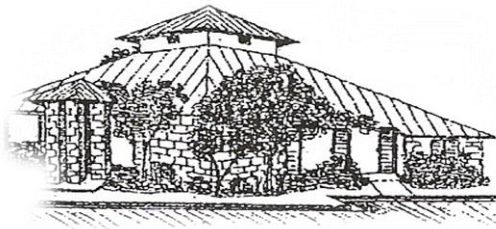


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

22nd September, 2019,

Worship Leaders for Today –

Preacher: Graham Chellingworth

Reader: David B-T

Lectionary readings **Pent 15 (25)**

Jer 8: 18-9:1 **Ps 79: 1-9**

1 Tim 2:1-7 **Lk 16: 1-13**

Richard's Ramblings.

I've driven three and a half thousand kilometres in four and a half days this week, going down to Cedar Creek to supervise packing and furniture uplift, and come back home. (It still looks funny, when I write "home" to mean Cavill Avenue. It confirms that we're here, together, not shuttling up and down Queensland). Much of the driving was at night, overnight, even, on the way back. So this morning, driving first to Aitkenvale Macca's for Ministry Network, then to the gym, my eyes swept Mill Drive and Charles Street from side to side on the lookout for kangaroos hopping out from between parked cars and wheelie bins. Forty eight solid hours of Queensland country driving does that to you, it'll take me a week or so to come back in my mind to suburban streets.

The point is, I'm safe home, by the grace of God and His guarding angels (they work overtime when I'm on the road). But my mind is still on the Gregory Developmental between Clermont and Charters Towers (a

very beautiful stretch of Australian highway in the day time. Emus give you more warning in the day than kangaroos do at night). We do this with things from our past. It might be unwise actions which have had long-lasting consequences for us and others, it might be unhappy relationships, it might be lingering guilt, it might be feelings of inadequacy and failure. But you're safe home now, forgiven and loved unconditionally by our God who doesn't keep records. Psalm 130: "If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness." And it's for a purpose, it's not just to clear unwise or unhappy left-overs from your past, but it addresses historic conviction that you're inadequate, that you're an imposter in this Christianity lark: ... "so that we can, with reverence, serve you".

John Newton nails it:
Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

This Week's Calendar

Mon 23rd: 9.30am Pastoral Care

10.30am: House of Jonah

Tues 24th: 9.30am: Craft, Coffee & Chat

Wed.25th: 5.30pm: Music Group

7.30pm: Bible Study Group

Roster for 29th September , 2019

Preacher: Pastor Richard Lance

Reader: Sheree Bugden

Greeters: Gail Mumme

Door Steward: Margaret Lowe

Offering: John Sands: Greg Fraser

Announcement: Kathy Reid

Morning Tea: Jenny Titmarsh: Anne & David B-T

Flowers: Amelia Palu

Lay - Safe Ministry with Children Training

Saturday 12 October.

Modules 1 and 2 Time: 9:30 am to 12.30 pm

(Morning tea will be provided) Facilitator:

Rev Bruce Cornish

Venue: Fellowship Room, Townsville Central City Mission

Wills corner Stoke St Townsville

Booking is essential for printing of enough materials

RSVP on or before 7th October to the TCCM

Office - Olive Hafenstein P: 4771 2584

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Christmas Boxes Collection and Blessing

The collection and blessing of the Christmas Boxes will occur during the Service on the 13th October.



Could you please bring your completed Christmas Boxes before or on that day.

There are pamphlets about what items you can include in the boxes and how to label the boxes, on the front desk of the church.

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Date Claimer fellowship group

HERVEY'S RANGE TEAROOMS Tuesday

October 1st Meet at the church at 9.30 a.m. or

up at the tearooms at 10.00 a.m. Please sign

the sheet. Everyone welcome to join us.

The Leprosy Mission Australia are hosting Timor's Terrific Twosome

Theme: Eradicate leprosy in Timor Leste

Date: Saturday 28th September

Time: 2.00pm

Place: Anne St Chapel', 12-14 Anne St, Gulliver

All enquiries to Audrey Sheffield

0747791960

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT:

The Ukulele Group. All Welcome.

World Vision

Yes folks, it's that time again! As spring rolls round, so does the Annual Sponsorship for our Church's two World Vision children, Loveness and Yi Sam. For those that are regular sponsors, this is a reminder for you. For those that are not yet regular sponsors and would like to be involved, the annual amount is \$50 which covers the sponsorship of our two children. Obviously any one-off donations are also welcome, but it'll be great to see some new regular sponsors on the books. As always, if there are any questions please just ask. Thanks. Sharon.

