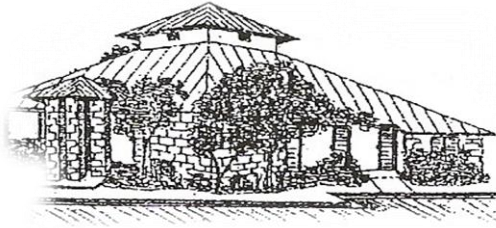


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

12th January, 2020 **Worship Leaders for Today**

Preacher: Pastor Richard Lance

Reader: Eleanor De Munari

Lectionary readings **Baptism of Jesus**

Is 42: 1-9

Ps 29:

Acts 10: 34-43

Mat 3: 13-17

Richard's Ramblings

I promised Marilyn that I'd get this week's Ramblings to her by 4pm. But one of our ministry agents called in on spec, he saw the cars in the drive, hoping for a listening ear. So I put my hearing aid back in for him, and when (just now) he left, I wondered what did I ramble this time last year? Can I reheat it? As it happens, given the reason that I haven't come up with an original Ramble for Marilyn, I can. Here it is/was: (Oh, and Happy New Year)

If you've been at church over the Christmas/New Year period, or in a meeting with me, or just tried to get me to hear something you're saying, you'll know that my hearing aid went on the blink a few days before Christmas. My audiologist came back from his holiday on the same day when I flew back up to Townsville, so I thought that it would have to remain unfixed for a while yet. But playing around with some of its diagnostic tech stuff (it's groovy, my iPhone can diagnose and adjust some aspects of its performance), made it spring back into life yesterday. Praise the Lord.

The bible, and especially the prophet Isaiah, is very keen on our senses and faculties being restored for God's glory. Isaiah 35: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy." We reinforce it in hymnody, "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise".

Before I speak, I should listen. Dumbness (as in not being able to speak) hasn't been a problem of mine, quite the opposite, I speak too much. But listening has been. Not only deteriorating physical hearing, but listening to what God and his people are really saying. I hear what I want to hear. When I want to listen to classical music, I try to shut out extraneous sounds. I should do that when I want to hear what God is saying to me, not be distracted by the noise of my own agenda. And I should listen to what other people are saying, what is their real meaning, not what is my preconception about them and their circumstances.

Master, speak: and make me ready,
when thy voice is truly heard,
with obedience glad and steady
still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
Master, speak, O, speak to me!

This Week's Calendar

Mon 13th 9.30am Pastoral Care
10.30am: House of Jonah
7.30pm: COM
Tues 14th: 9.30am: Craft;Coffee:Chat
Wed 15th: 5.30pm: Music Group

Prayer List

If you are not receiving the Prayer List by email and you would like to, could you please contact Annette or Greg. Thank you.



Roster for 19TH January, 2020

Preacher: Rev Ev Blackman

Reader: Bev Blackman

Greeters: Anne B-T

Door Steward: Sally and John Sands

Offering: Andrew Reid: Greg Fraser

Announcement: TBA

Morning Tea: Maria Riis:Jenny Warden:Ruth James

Flowers: Narelle Harrison

K.I.T. NOTICES.

As you will see, KIT is up and running again for 2020. KIT is only as good as the information given so, if you have something you need known to the congregation, please have your notices in to the email address, or left in Office, by Thursdays at 4.00pm.

Don't worry, no punishment if late but cannot then be assured of making that week's KIT.

REGIS AGED CARE SERVICE
THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY,2020
9.30AM
HOME CHAPEL

