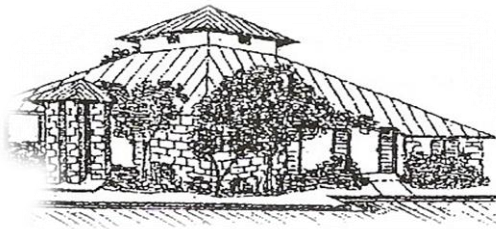


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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

***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

### **19th January, 2020 Worship Leaders for Today**

<b>Preacher:</b> Rev Ev Blackman	
<b>Reader:</b> Bev Blackman	
<b>Lectionary readings</b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>
<b>Is 49:</b> 1-7	<b>Ps 40:</b> 1-11
<b>1 Cor 1:</b> 1-9	<b>Jn 1:</b> 29-42

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

Almost a couple of weeks ago, Leisa packed away our Christmas decorations (because she knows where they're stored, and she can pack ten times the stuff which I can in the same space). Then this week, I changed the lectern frontal from Christmas white to Ordinary Time green. That's a silly name for the seasons of the Church liturgical year which are marked by the colour green. I mean, on the one hand we say that we're expecting God to work great things at KUC, extraordinary things, and then we say "We're in Ordinary Time". OK, you might not, but liturgy groupies like me do.

It's easy to fall into the notion that we're just ordinary folk, getting out of bed and going along to church Sunday by Sunday is ordinary, for an ordinary service. Setting a budget is just ordinary, leading musical worship is just ordinary, praying for our sisters and brothers who are ill or sad or at their wits' end is ordinary. Weekday and weeknight activities in the church are just ordinary.

The reality is that we couldn't do any of these, or even open the church doors, without resting in the promise of the God who does more than we can ask or imagine. Perhaps you haven't seen your faithfulness in that light. All of those offerings are extraordinary, and so are you who offer them. You see, if you're honest, however routine is your, er, routine for KUC, at least a bit of you is on the lookout for something for which you can hardly dare hope. It might be growth in numbers, although that should be well down your wish list compared to other blessings from your faithfulness. It might be for more young people. It might be beyond the church for glimmers of faith among your unchurched loved ones. It might be for healing for yourself or someone for whom you've been praying. These are all, as Shakespeare puts it, "a consummation devoutly to be wished". Keep on praying and doing your part as God empowers you for all of those outcomes, but when God acts it's in unexpected ways. Be ready to expect that unexpected. In this "Ordinary Time" keep your spiritual eyes peeled for the extraordinary.

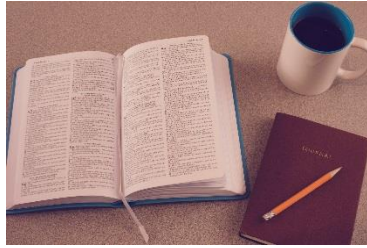
### ***This Week's Calendar***

**Mon 20th** 9.30am Pastoral Care

10.30am: House of Jonah

**Tues 21st:** 9.30am: Craft;Coffee:Chat

**Wed 22nd:** 5.30pm: Music Group



### Wednesday Night Study Group

The group will recommence

for 2020 on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at the church at 7.30pm.

All are most welcome to be part of this group. We finish around 9.00pm with a cuppa and yummie or 2 (or even 3 if you're quick) Talk with Peter if you are interested.

### MENS BREAKFAST



The next Mens Breakfast will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020

7:30 am in

the Kirwan Uniting Church Covered Area Cost is \$10 for traditional breakfast, but non-eaters are welcome to attend for a suitable donation.

There may be a guest speaker, but if not, we will get the chance to speak on "An inspiring person I have met"

Please put your name on the list at Church or contact David Brooke-Taylor on 4779 9976



"I think the vicar's been radicalised."

### Roster for 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

**Preacher:** Peter Ireland

**Reader:** David B-T

**Greeters:** Bev Blackman

**Door Steward:** Margaret Lowe

**Offering:** Sheree Bugden: John Sands

**Announcement:** Narelle Harrison

**Morning Tea:** Gail Mumme: Harieta Stephen  
Marilyn Coffison

**Flowers:** Pam Kennedy

### DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

Richard will be doing a 5 week Lenten series on The Lord's Prayer during the morning services from 8<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April.

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### ENDING LEPROSY STIGMA

**Speaker:** Dr Mary, Exec Director of the Leprosy Mission Trust India.

**DATE:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020

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

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

Gulliver

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT:** The Ukulele Group

**ENQUIRIES:** Audrey Sheffield

Phne: 07 47791960

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### 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.

