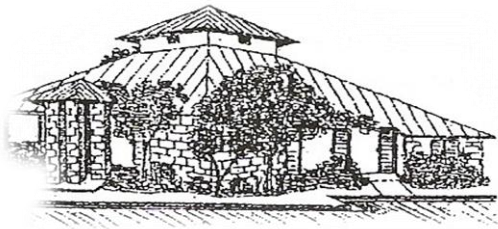


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

26th January, 2020 Worship Leaders for Today

Preacher: Peter Ireland	
Reader: David B-T	
Lectionary readings	Epiphany 3
Is 9: 1-4	Ps 27: 1:4-9
1 Cor 1: 10-18	Mt 4: 12-23

Richard's Ramblings

I'm putting together a programme for our young people's Friday evening activities. Among ideas, is using the Kelso barramundi farm to teach fishing skills. Many of our youth are already experienced fisher folk, and they can pass on their knowledge to those who might never have gone fishing. Did you used to sing the Sunday School chorus based on Matthew 4, "I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me"? And did you giggle as you annoyed teachers by singing "I will make you vicious old men"? Not me. Well, sometimes.

The short passage, verses 18 - 22, describes Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James and John, fishermen, to follow him. If they do, promises Jesus, they will become fishers of people, that is, they'll join Jesus in his mission to announce and bring about God's kingdom on earth. We are sometimes hesitant to play our part in that mission. We might be put off by thinking that we haven't been called as the four

fishermen were. Or that "following" means doing giant spiritual deeds. It is a confusing word. At annual report time when I was in the army, we always regaled each other with the probably apocryphal "This officer's men will follow him anywhere. If only out of curiosity". Eventually, the disciples became apostles and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, preached the risen Christ all over the known world. But first they had to follow, not in the sense of trudging behind Jesus, but in the sense of becoming like him by spending time with him, seeing how he turned accepted norms upside down by welcoming everybody, seeing how he had compassion, seeing his prayer life, seeing his firm conviction that his Father's will was that they should love each other and that they would not be left comfortless in this world or the next. So look, you are called. And if the *doing* aspect of following Jesus seems a stiff call, concentrate on the *seeing*. Turn your eyes upon Jesus. And I'll let you know if we catch anything on one of those Friday nights.

This Week's Calendar

Mon 27th **9.30am** Pastoral Care
 10.30am: House of Jonah
Tues 28th: **9.30am:** Craft;Coffee:Chat
Wed 29th: **5.30pm:** Music Group

Roster for 2nd February, 2020 - Communion

Preacher: Pastor Richard Lance
Reader: Shirley Nuss
Greeters: Sue Burton
Door Steward: Chitra Madhavan
Offering: Trevor Nuss: David B-T
Announcement: Anne Holmes
Morning Tea: Jenny Titmarsh: Heather Reid:
Margaret Fraser
Flowers: Merril Green

DATE CLAIMERS

House of Jonah

- The Leprosy Mission is coming to talk at House of Jonah on Monday 3rd February. All are welcome
- KIRWAN FELLOWSHIP Tuesday February 4th @9.30 a.m. We are invited to Morning Tea at Pam Kennedy's house, 100 Monolith Circuit Cosgrove
- Richard will be doing a 5 week Lenten series on The Lord's Prayer during the morning services from 8th March to 5th April

ENDING LEPROSY STIGMA

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

DATE: Saturday 1st 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



Wednesday Night Study Group

The group will recommence

for 2020 on **Wednesday 29th 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



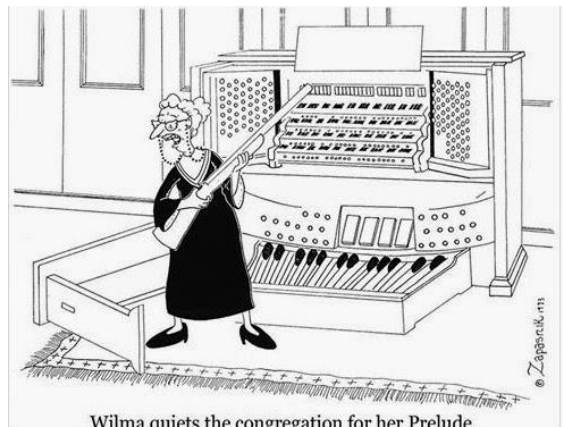
The next Mens Breakfast will be held on Saturday 1st February 2020

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



Wilma quiets the congregation for her Prelude.

