

# **.Kirwan Uniting Church**

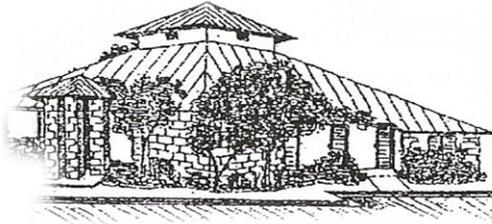
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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

***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

16<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 **Worship Leaders for Today**

**Preacher:** John Short

**Reader:** Kathy Reid

**Lectionary readings**      **Epiphany 6**

**Deut 30:** 15-20      **Ps 119:** 1-8

**1 Cor 3:** 1-9      **Mt 5:**21-37

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

There are two Sundays in the church year which fill preachers with dread. One is Trinity Sunday, when we have to tread the minefield which is exegeting the mysterious doctrine without setting off assorted heresy bombs laid along the way. Another is Stewardship Sunday, when we search for biblical warrant to coax money which they haven't got to spare out of folk who are already wonderfully generous to God's work. By a series of amazing coincidences (cough cough) spanning many years, I've managed to be ill, on holiday, at a conference, or otherwise not rostered on Trinity Sunday. And Stewardship Sundays seem to have fallen out of fashion, as we realise that there just isn't any elasticity (as economists put it) in our congregations' budgets.

There's no elasticity in KUC's budget, either, despite our members' lovely generosity. But while there might not be scope for extra giving, there are ways in which existing giving can be leveraged (another term beloved of

economists). Giving by direct debit\* helps to smooth out peaks and troughs in our weekly offerings. If you're a taxpayer, there are benefits to the church in this sort of covenanted giving. Our children and grandchildren are a gift from God, and need financial help nowadays. But a bequest to KUC need not diminish help to them greatly.

KUC's AGM is to be held on March 22nd after the morning service, and our phenomenal Treasurer, Graham Fraser, will present our budget. But you don't need to wait until next month, buttonhole Graham before then to ask his advice on "Smart giving".

\*I might have told you about Rev Paddi Mullan, a colourful Irishman, who was heckled at Kangaroo Point Uniting's AGM, "There's no direct debits in the Bible!". "There's no refrigerators in the Bible", Paddi retorted, "but yer've got one of them, ain't ya!"

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

**Mon 17th**      **9.30am** Pastoral Care

**10.30am:** House of Jonah

**7.30pm:** Kiononia

**Tues 18 th**      **9.30am:** Craft, Coffee & Chat

**Wed 19 th:**      **5.30pm:** Music Group

**7.30pm:** Bible Study

**KOINONIA LADIES'S GROUP:** Our first meeting for 2020 will be held next **Monday night, 17 February, at the church at 7:30pm.** Please bring along any ideas for our meetings as we organise our program for the year.

All ladies are invited to join us for a night of fun and fellowship.



**CHILD SPONSORSHIP - HELP**

**NEEDED!:** For a number of years our congregation has sponsored two children in developing countries through the World Vision Child Sponsorship Scheme. This project was instigated by a member of the congregation and the 24 sponsors needed to finance the support of two children was achieved.

This entailed a yearly cost of \$50 per person. In the time the scheme has been operating a number of contributors have been unable to continue their support. We are, therefore, asking if there are any more members of our congregation who would be able to contribute \$50 per year for the ongoing support of these children.

Please contact **Sharon Elvins** if you are able to help continue this valuable mission outreach

**Roster for 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020**

**Preacher:** David King

**Reader:** Sally Sands

**Greeters:** Margaret Lowe

**Door Steward:** Maria Riis: Jenny Warden

**Offering:** Chris Reid: Sue Burton

**Announcement:** Anne Holmes

**Morning Tea:** June George: Sharon Elvins: Joy Rendall

**Flowers:** Narelle Harrison



**Kirwan Uniting Church Voluntary Workers**

Voluntary Workers who are injured in the course of their work at our premises or during

an offsite activity, are covered for Personal Accident Insurance which is administered by Aon Risk Solutions on behalf of the UCA Qld Synod.

To ensure volunteers are covered, whenever they are working in our premises or grounds, they are to sign on in one of the two volunteer sign in books:

- **In Tool Store**
- **On wooden communion cupboard in Foyer**  
also
- **Sign on sheets for working bees or market days must also be signed by volunteers.**

**AGM and Reports**

Our AGM will be held immediately after the service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Thanks to those who have sent reports. We need the following:

Pastor's Report

Elders' Report

Pastoral Care Report

Kirwan Fellowship

Coffee, Cards, and Chit-Chat

Wednesday Night Study Group

Koinonia Annual Report

Annual Report for House of Jonah – Coffee Group

Report on Men's Breakfasts 2018

Riverview Play Centre

Kirwan Uniting Church. Annual General Meeting. 2019

Kirwan Congregational meetings 2019

Financial Report for Year Ending 31/12/2019

Budget 2020

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**DATES TO REMEMBER;**  
**Biggest Morning tea will be on**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.**  
**Mark your diaries**

