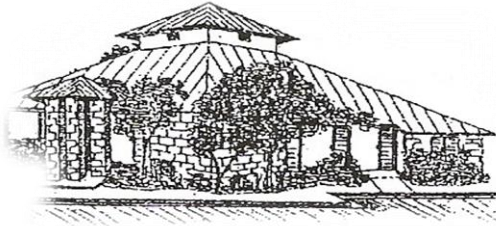


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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

***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

### **23rd February, 2020 Worship Leaders for Today**

**Preacher:** David King

**Reader:** Sally Sands

<b>Lectionary readings</b>	<b>Transfiguration</b>
<b>Ex 24:</b> 12-18	<b>Ps 2:</b> or <b>Ps 29</b>
<b>2 Pt 1:</b> 16-21	<b>Mt 17:</b> 1-9

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

“Twixt the optimist and the pessimist the difference is droll:

The optimist sees the doughnut , while the pessimist sees the hole”.

I’m an incurable optimist, a glass half full chap. A hard learning process for me when I first became a hospital (and later an aged care) chaplain, was to recognise and validate other people’s understandable pessimism in their particular circumstances. Those circumstances belong to them, it is their illness, their frailty, their terminal prognosis, their bereavement, their dislocation. Their response is just that, it is *their* response. I should not project my hypothetical response to events which belong exclusively to them. Unfailing cheerfulness might be a useful trait for an Uber driver, but pastoral carers (that’s all of us at some time) need to be able to switch it off. Job’s “comforters” get a bad rap, but they ended up sitting down in the mud with Job and crying their eyes out along with him.

Two thirds of the psalms begin with lament, questioning, complaint. A response of faith to pain. Yet many us (OK, me) only use the psalms selectively and we have lost this acknowledgement of the dark. I want to fit into a permanently joyful model of a spiritual life, treating communion with God and my Christian sisters and brothers as if I were down the pub with my mates. My sisters and brothers might be down, all right, but not down the pub, down in the depths of despair.

When rescue helicopters pull someone off a mountain, or off a sinking ship, or from inhospitable desert, the pilot doesn’t hover above the casualty shouting through a megaphone, “She’ll be right, just get out of that jungle and come on up here”. No, a paramedic is winched down – down – to where the injured person lies, only then can a rescue be effected. Psalm 22 – “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” – comes before the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Romans 12:15, a spot of backslapping is OK with those who rejoice. But the proper response to those who weep, is to weep with them.

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

**Mon 24th** 9.30am Pastoral Care

10.30am: House of Jonah

**Tues 25th** 9.30am: Craft, Coffee & Chat

**Wed 26th:** 5.30pm: Music Group

7.30pm: Bible Study



### **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



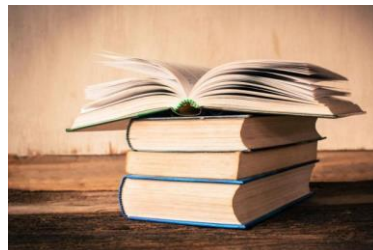
### **Kirwan Uniting Church Voluntary Workers**

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.**



### **Bookcase to give away**

If you know of someone

who could do with a white storage/bookcase (760H x 760W x 390deep)

It is in good condition, and has 4 cube spaces. See Peter and Annette

### **Roster for 1st March, 2020**

#### **Communion & Presbytery**

**Preacher:** Bill Green & Rev Ev Blackman

**Reader:** Chris Reid

**Greeters:** Leisa Lance

**Door Steward:** June George: Joy Rendall

**Offering:** Greg Fraser: Andrew Reid

**Announcement:** Sheree Bugden

**Morning Tea:** Val Hobson: Monica Pinto: Ruth James

**Flowers:** Merrill Green

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

### **AGM REPORTS.**

I have most of the annual reports now, but there are still a few to come. I should be grateful if you could send them to me by the end of this week – 28<sup>th</sup> February – [david.king@jcu.edu.au](mailto:david.king@jcu.edu.au) or [kirwanunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:kirwanunitingchurch@gmail.com) We'll send the report out to everyone on the KIT list a week before the AGM and print off a smaller number of paper copies for the day. David

