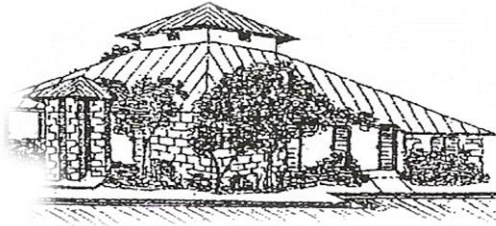


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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

***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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020 Worship Leaders for Today**

<b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Richard Lance - Communion	
<b>Reader:</b> Shirley Nuss	
<b>Lectionary readings</b>	<b>Epiphany 4</b>
<b>Mic 6:</b> 1-8	<b>Ps 15</b>
<b>1 Cor 1:</b> 18-31	<b>Mt 5:</b> 1-12

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

I was at a planning breakfast with Townsville church leaders this (Thursday) morning (my thoughts aided by a Macca's Big Brekkie Burger and Macca's surprisingly good coffee). One pastor asked, "Why has God raised up Townsville?" He means what part does the founding and continuing existence of the city have in God's grand plan of salvation? And then another responded that there is a darkness persisting in the city as a consequence of its history as the Administration centre for Palm Island, with all the cruel mistreatment of indigenous Australians that entailed, and of its history in acting as a sort of centre for what he said amounted to the slavery of Pacific Islanders.

I'm new to the city, and haven't really got up to speed on much of its history. But my own mind turned to the infamous meteorological "Dome", the way in which Mt Stuart and Cape Cleveland and some smaller hills prevent rain which falls just south and north of us from falling on us. Hence, "Brownsville". During the week, a contributor to Higgins Storm Chasing (my weather site of choice)

posted gleefully that "The Dome has broken!". And so it has. And then, in the way in which one thought leads to another, Ezekiel 34 and then Malachi 3 popped into my head: Ezekiel, "I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing." Malachi, "see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

So I'm not with my pessimistic mate, right as he might be about the City's history. Leisa and I have been blessed here, and I think that, as concerns Townsville, the old gospel song has it:

The end is not yet, praise the Lord.

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

<b>Mon 3rd</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Pastoral Care
	<b>10.30am:</b> House of Jonah
	<b>7.30pm:</b> Elders Meeting
<b>Tues 4th</b>	<b>9.30am:</b> Fellowship Group
<b>Wed 5th:</b>	<b>5.30pm:</b> Music Group
	<b>7.30pm:</b> Bible Study

**KIRWAN FELLOWSHIP : PLEASE  
NOTE Our meeting this week will be  
held at the church, NOT at Pam's.**

**Roster for 9th February, 2020**

**Preacher:** Pastor Richard Lance

**Reader:** Wayne Paul

**Greeters:** Annette Ireland

**Door Steward:** Anne B-T

**Offering:** Wayne Paul: Robyn Warren

**Announcement:** Anne Holmes

**Morning Tea:** Merril Green: Eleanor & Wendy

**Flowers:** Amelia Palu



**Evening Service**

Our monthly Evening Service will recommence for 2020 on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

February at 5.30pm at Kirwan Church. This is a more 'laid back' style of service at which we always share in Communion. You are most welcome to come along. Talk to Peter Ireland if you'd like some more information.

**DATE CLAIMERS**

**House of Jonah**

- The Leprosy Mission is coming to talk at House of Jonah on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. All are welcome
- **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**

**AGM & ANNUAL REPORTS**

We will be holding our AGM in mid March so please start to write your annual reports and send them to me or the Kirwan website. I need them all before the end of February. Thanks  
**David King**

