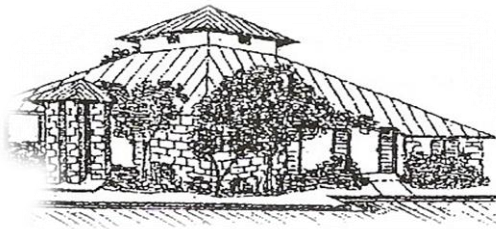


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

22nd March, 2020 Worship Leaders for Today

Lectionary readings	Lent 4
1 Sm 16: 1-13	Ps 23
Eph 5: 8-14	Jn 9:1-41

Richard's Ramblings

Well, what has been on the cards for a couple of weeks has come to pass, and our "In church" services are cancelled for an indefinite time.

You might have heard cheerful folk looking on the bright side, and pointing out that:

When Shakespeare was quarantined at home because of a plague outbreak, he wrote King Lear. And,

When Cambridge University was closed in the 1700s because of another plague outbreak, Isaac Newton had to work from home and that was why he was in his garden when an apple fell on him and he propounded the Law of Gravity. And,

When the Pevensie children were stuck in their evacuation home during WWII, they found a secret, magical wardrobe, which led them to talking animals who joined them in the fight against an evil witch, and they reigned for many years with a divine Lion in His kingdom. All in the space of a morning. Paul ministered primarily in the synagogue when he first came to

Ephesus in Acts 19. However, he soon faced opposition which forced him to adapt. He moved to a different place and shifted his focus to teaching daily. What happened? Verse 10 says: "This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks."

Sometimes, the unexpected trials we face, open opportunities for ministry we never thought of before. Broadcasting "church" into people's homes who never come into a physical church. Caring not only for our own more frail members, but offering a caring service of errands and phone contact to our non-member neighbours. May this be such a time, and may God equip us to be ready.

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The church will be open this Sunday morning for private prayer. I'll be there by 8am.

While you're there, if you're there, say from 9am, if there's a quorum for the AGM, the two Davids might organise one. They'll communicate separately about that.

Look forward to seeing some of you at prayer on Sunday morning!

This Week's Calendar

Mon 23rd 9.30am Pastoral Care

10.30am: House of Jonah

Tues 24th 9.30am: Craft Cards Chitchat

Wed 25th 7.30pm: Bible Study

