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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**

8th March, 2020 Worship Leaders for Today

Preacher: Pastor Richard Lance

Reader: John Short

Lectionary readings

Lent 2

Gen 12: 1-4a;

Ps 121

Rom 4: 1-5, 13-17

Jn 3: 1-17

Richards Ramblings

Psalm 24 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands ... I've put a couple of handwash bottles at the entrance to the church. Pretend it's holy water, but instead of crossing yourself with it as you come in, squirt and rub vigorously on your hands. I'm sorry that precautions against COVID-19 have intruded into our fellowship together, but we have to be like the disciples in Matthew 10, to whom Jesus said, "I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." The coronavirus makes wolves look like your favourite fluffy puppy. We should make some

changes in the way that we greet each other, too. Perhaps elbow bumps instead of handshakes, or air high fives or air fist bumps instead of the real thing. At the Peace before Communion next month, we'll turn round and greet each other from our seats instead of our usual sacramental walkabout. We don't offer communion by intinction at KUC (at least, I don't) nor from a so-called common cup, or chalice, so we don't need to make any changes to distribution except that the Elders and I will give ourselves a liturgical squirt of holy handwash before each cohort of communicants come up to the table. Again, I'm very sorry that we have to distract and detract from worship in this way. Our membership demographic is particularly at risk of an infection producing a severe outcome. But one precautionary measure gives me a lead in to our Sunday topic for the next five weeks. You might know that you're supposed to wash your hands at home with soap and as hot water as you can tolerate, scrubbing away for twenty seconds. To help you know how long is twenty seconds, it's how long it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice. But wait! The traditional words of The Lord's Prayer, recited with suitable solemnity, also take twenty seconds. Much more edifying. And by a singular coincidence, I'm preaching on The Lord's Prayer for five weeks leading up to Palm Sunday ☺

This Week's Calendar

Mon 9th **9.30am** Pastoral Care
 10.30am: House of Jonah
 7.30pm: COM Meeting
Tues 10th **9.30am:** Craft Cards Chit Chat
Wed 11th: **5.30pm:** Music Group
 7.30pm: Bible Study

Roster for 15th March, 2020

Preacher: Richard Lance
Reader: Sheila van Prooijs
Greeters: John Short
Door Steward: Sally & John Sands
Offering: Sheree Bugden & David B-T
Announcement: Sheree Bugden
Morning Tea: Robyn & Alan Carroll: Kathy Reid
Flowers: Amelia Palu



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on 28 March 2020 at

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.

Our speaker will be David King
Please put your name on the list at church, or contact David Brooke-Taylor on 4779 9976.

Lent Event

Information and envelopes have arrived for the UnitingWorld Lent Event. Their letter and Poster are on the Notice Board and envelopes etc will be on the counter in the Foyer.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Kirwan Uniting Church will be held on Sunday 22 March immediately after the morning service.

There will be a light morning tea, and congregation members are requested to collect their Tea/Coffee and return into the church so the meeting can start quickly.

Anyone planning to raise General Business or stand for election to any church position, or with questions about the meeting, please contact David Brooke-Taylor as soon as possible. Phone 4779 9976 if you can't see me in person.
David Brooke-Taylor (chair)

Evening Service

Our monthly evening service will be held this Sunday 8 March at 5.30 pm.
All are most welcome to come and share in communion with us.



The Leprosy Mission – Cuppa for a Cure

Nagammal's story; A life Transformed
Date: Saturday 21st March, @ 2.00pm
Where: Northreach Baptist Church
38 Canterbury Rd. Kirwan
Enquiries: Audrey Sheffield. 07 4779 1960

On the Notice Board

The Moderator's Letter regarding the newly formed Carpentaria Presbytery.

Information about the Carpentaria Presbytery's Logo and the meaning of the symbols and colours.

Dates of the McKay Patrol Church Golf Days for 2020.