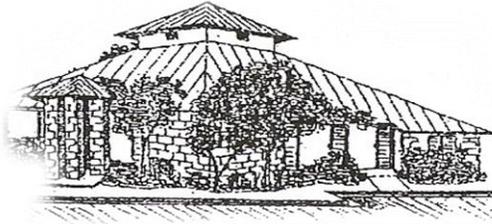


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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

***WELCOME!*** *We welcome all visitors with us today, and pray your time with us will be a blessed one.*

### **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

19th April 2020

**Easter 2 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Lectionary readings**

**Acts 2:** 14a, 22-32

**Ps 16:**

**1 Pt 1:** 3-9

**Jn 20:** 19-31

### **Richard's Rambling**

First, this week's online service is provided by the Moderator, Rev David Baker. I'll send the link out on Saturday so that you can watch from home church on Sunday morning (or whenever you like, one of the silver linings of this novel way of worshipping). And I'll take DVDs round to internetless folk.

On this topic of online stuff, I have a number of Zoomy meetings during the week. Some with Presbytery, some with Elders and CoM, with the Pastoral Care group, with a couple of other groups which I belong to. And Thursday morning sees a Zoom version of what the City's ministers used to do in Real Life™ at Macca's, an early prayer meeting. Forgetting to mute my mike can be embarrassing. The dog barks her head off at a sensitive point in someone's earnest prayer. Leisa brings me in a coffee (at which I forget to suspend video), and I

thank her profusely and give a running commentary on my colleagues, including, for the AoG, their distinctive style of extemporaneous prayer. The Uniting Church ministers glower at me. But look, I do have to thank Leisa. That first coffee of the morning (we kick off with tea) is soooo welcome.

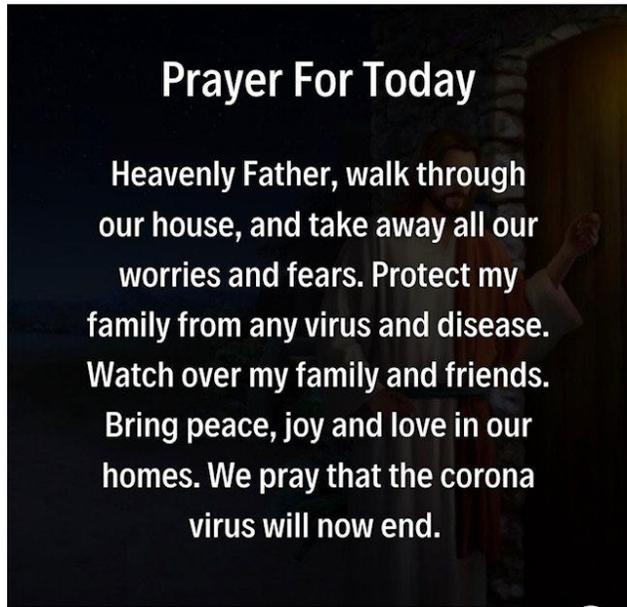
Palm Sunday's Luke reading, just a couple of weeks ago, had Pharisees scolding Jesus because the crowds were shouting "Hosanna!". Jesus replied that if the crowds hadn't barracked for him, "the stones will cry out" (Lk 19:40). Sometimes, we just have to express gratitude for what God has done for us in Christ, even if we've not muted our praise button.

Along Greenwood Park's paths are dotted decorated stones, you might have something similar in your parks and walkways. Last weekend, many of them bore legends like "Jesus is Alive!", "Christ is Risen!", "Happy Easter." Who knows who's responsible? Northreach Baptist, perhaps. But whoever is/are the mysterious artist/s, knew that even if our church buildings are silent, the stones cry out "Thine be the Glory".

Don't mute your mike. Except on Thursday morning.

**Extra Richard's Ramblings**

This week, the Moderator is providing an online service, and I'll come up with April 26 and (communion) May 3. If you'd like to try your hand for other dates at being a star of stage and screen - well, of Vimeo - let me know. Not only our established lay preachers, we're very fortunate at KUC to have them. But there might be - I'm sure there is - hidden talent waiting to serve God and His people by preaching and leading worship. You can do as much, the whole service, or as little, a thought for the morning, or anything in between as you feel led.



(From Carpentaria Link 5)

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**Church collection**

The financial requirements of our church are continuing. However, without the usual Sunday service, our Sunday collection offerings are not available. If you are willing to deposit into our Church account at the St George Bank (located at 288 Ross River Road, Aitkenvale, past Stockland's near the

Hardware shop) or direct debit, the details are below:

**St George Bank**

**Account Name** UCA-Kirwan Uniting Church  
**BSB** 334040  
**Account Number** 553871199

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**“Chrsity’s Thoughts**

Like many of you, I have been struggling to find a new routine in this unusual season. Things are just not quite right although I have fulfilled a lifelong wish which is to attend church from bed in my pjs with coffee. It was very satisfying I have to say!”

This was the opening paragraph of Christy’s Thoughts from Carpentaria Link 5 on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. The rest of Christy’s thoughts were well worth reading.

How many other people were tempted to do the same? A casual service with coffee sounds very tempting. On Easter Sunday I got dressed, maybe not in my normal church clothes, but definitely dressed and no coffee till after the online service, as we watched it at the usual 9.00am timeslot. When have the rest of our congregation been watching Richard’s online services??? He has also been burning DVDs for those not on the internet. If you would like a DVD ask Richard, or one of the pastoral care group or your congregational contact person who has been connecting with you.

If you do not get the Carpentaria Link but would like to, email the church office and we will send it on to you when they come in. Carpentaria Link has replaced the Presbytery Prompts. Our Presbytery is now the Carpentaria Presbytery.