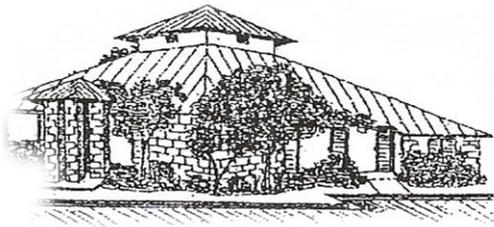


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

3rd May, 2020

Lectionary readings	Easter 4
Acts 2:42-47	Ps 23:
1 Pt 2: 19-25	Jn 10: 1-10

Richard's Rambling

Our fellow shut-ins are coming up with all sorts of diversions to keep themselves sane during lockdown. Many are learning a new language, or a musical instrument. I was all for taking up the bagpipe, but Leisa pointed out that among our near neighbours are some church members. We don't want them to move to Belgian Gardens just to escape the wail of Amazing Grace. They might not travel all the way to KUC after restrictions end.

Jigsaws are a common pastime. You buy, or are given, a great big box with a lovely picture on the outside. And then you open it to find hundreds of strange little shapes which don't look as if they could have anything to do with the beautiful scene on the box. But with care and perseverance, qualities entirely lacking from my personality, you discover how those strange shapes fit together to form a

gorgeous panorama, exactly like the picture on the box.

We're like a jigsaw at KUC, except someone – something – has taken the completed picture apart and scattered the pieces around Townsville. We know what the picture is, though, we remember it well, the beauty of so many pieces of the whole, all so different from each other, but all fitting together. Ephesians 4 puts it: ... we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

That picture will be reassembled in God's good time. His ancient people, the Jews, were scattered in exile, but prophets continually reminded them that exile and dispersion were temporary. Today's scripture readings feature God the Father and the Son as the Good Shepherd.

Here's Jeremiah's promise from God (chapter 31)

... they will pray as I bring them back.

I will lead them beside streams of water

on a level path where they will

not stumble,
 because I am Israel's father,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn son.
 "Hear the word of the LORD, you
 nations;
 proclaim it in distant coastlands:
 'He who scattered Israel will gather
 them
 and will watch over his flock like a
 shepherd.'
 For the LORD will deliver Jacob
 and redeem them from the hand of
 those stronger than they.
 They will come and shout for joy on
 the heights of Zion;
 they will rejoice in the bounty of the
 LORD.

CHURCH ACCOUNT DETAILS

St George Bank

Account Name UCA-Kirwan Uniting
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BSB 334040
Account Number 553871199

Help to Dismantle fence



Maarten needs three people to help him
 dismantle and pull out corroded fence posts
 around the kids area. I'll be there. A couple
 more helpers please at 8am on Monday 4th –
 labor day so good for labouring.
 David

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**Pastoral care volunteering at
 UnitingCare Queensland**

At UnitingCare Queensland every person
 matters and at this time of crisis, they
 would like to ensure all
 staff and retirement living residents have
 access to pastoral care.

UnitingCare Queensland is seeking
 pastoral care volunteers to ring staff or
 retirement living residents who have asked
 for a pastoral call. Volunteers can choose
 the hours they are available and the
 number of calls they are willing to make.
 This will enable the UnitingCare
 Queensland Mission Team to serve staff
 and residents by providing a listening ear.
 If you are interested in supporting
 UnitingCare Queensland as a telephone
 pastoral carer or you want to find out
 more, please email
missionteam@ucareqld.com.au or register

For those home schooling. Time for a
 laugh

