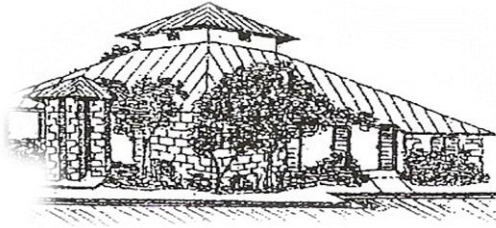


# Kirwan Uniting Church



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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

28th June, 2020

<b>Lectionary readings</b>	Pentecost 4
<b>Gen 22:</b> 1-14	<b>Ps 13</b>
<b>Rom 6:</b> 12-23	<b>Mt 10:</b> 40-42

### *Richard's Ramble*

Many of you know the UK chain, Marks and Spencer. Leisa and I still shop with "Marks n'Sparks" online. Shipping is free above a certain order value. But we can't order items from their fabulous Food Hall, for obvious reasons. Woolies and Coles stock pre-prepared gourmet meals now, but when Leisa and I started going out, M&S and Waitrose were the only source of that lovely grub.

I lived in a rather nice cottage in a South Downs village near Chichester (next door to a pub, over-the-road from a Baptist Chapel, we didn't go to either). Leisa would come down at weekends from London, and for the first few weeks she thought that she was dating a cordon bleu chef. Until she felt bold enough to take over the kitchen, opened the waste bin, and discovered a load of empty M&S and Waitrose boxes. I had been pretending to be something that I wasn't, to impress her. To make her love me, if you like. When, sometime later, she decided that she did love me,

it was warts and all, no need for me to put on an act.

I don't think that I'm the only play actor in the world of relationships. Many of us feel that if other people, and particularly if God, knew who we really are, what we really can't do, they wouldn't love us, or we'd be left out of the spiritual in-crowd. As regards other people, never mind them. The apostle Peter asked Jesus concerning John (John 21), "What about him?" Jesus answered Peter, "(If I want him to remain alive until I return,) what is that to you? You must follow me." So what if other people judge you for who you are, or do, or don't do, just don't judge them back, and get on with following Jesus. As regards God, He knows us only too well, hidden M&S boxed dinners and all. Psalm 139: 'You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.' And He still loves us, wants to be with us, wants us to be with Him, won't let bad play acting (Don't give up your day job) get in the way. Still Psalm 139: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

I don't know what metaphorical kitchen waste bins God has opened in your life, or what was hiding in them. Romans 8 doesn't say that while you were an upright citizen, or a paragon of virtue, or cooked from your own recipe, God loved you. No: 'God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.'



**Bible Study Group**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm. We meet in the church, and not

the small meeting room at the back

**KIRWAN FELLOWSHIP** Thank you for those who let me know that they will be coming. We have our 20 attendees signed up for **July 7th** so sadly, please don't just turn up on the day unless the government announces new rules. Sheila



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June Service time Preferences**

We have added and swapped people in and out of this table of service times. If we have forgotten anyone or put you in the wrong service time please let me know. Some of us will follow proceedings from outside. Its okay to sing in church if there are only 20 people. This is a first trial run to see how it works. We'll go back to an online service next Sunday 5th July, but hope that after that we have the go ahead to increase to double the number at just two services, which will probably be 8 am and 10 am. We'll keep you informed about what is happening.

Blessings, David King

8 am	10 am	12 noon	Sunday School
Richard	Richard	Richard	Teachers X 2
Bill G	Amelia Palu	Max & Michael (?)	Annette
Wayne	Tupou Palu	Margaret L	Siloni
Val H	Siu Palu	Nuss x 3	Tevita Palu
Greg & Sue	Seini Palu	Reids X 2	Hugo
Ruth J	Vi & Tominca Taumalolo		Zavier
Merril Green	Kuli and Siulovao Tuitahi	Eleanor & Gene + 2	Linton, Hulu, Casaloma and Angarehu
Trevor & Pam Holman	Harieta and Aiden Palupe	Anne H	Silao Jnr and Akanisi Palupe
Gary Waller	Frances & Brad W	Graham & Margaret	

Jenny Warden	Ev and Bev	Kevin & Frances Gietzel	
Robin & Kevin W	Peter	Dale & Mark	
Maria Riis		Chitra	
Marilyn Coffison	Joy Rendall	Lois W	
Win M	Sheree & Ken		
Sue Burton	June George		
18	20	20/22	13

Notes: ? maybe away or not sure

- June Palk – most likely not attending
- Ross & Jeanette Cullen
- David king