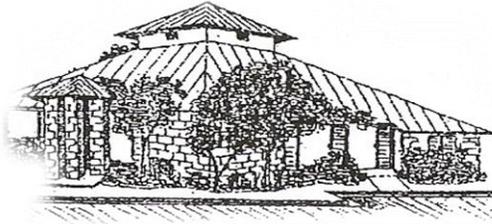


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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

**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

9th August, 2020,

**Service Times: 8.30am and 10.30am**

<b>Lectionary readings</b>	Pentecost 10
<b>Gen 37:</b> 1-4; 12-28	<b>Psm:</b> 105 1-6; 16-22; 45b
<b>Rom 10:</b> 5-15	<b>Mt 14:</b> 22-33

### *Richard's Ramble*

A question which I address to myself with increasing frequency as I get older, is "What am I doing here?" I don't mean as an existential crisis, *pace* Sartre, but "Why have I walked into the kitchen?" Just a few moments ago, I knew, otherwise I wouldn't have walked into the kitchen, but now I've completely forgotten. Or, "Grimble, have you seen my reading glasses?" "They're perched on top of your head, darling". So they are. I forgot that I moved them off my nose while I was making coffee.

I'm on Retreat in Cairns as I type this. I won't forget that I have to be in the Common Room in twenty minutes, nor, once I've strolled up there, why I'm there. That's because I have a timetable, a visual cue for where I need to be, when, and why. These cues are the way some people ensure that they don't forget something important. I have friends who scribble an appointment, or a phone number, or a password, on the back of their hand or wrist.

A quality of our God is that he doesn't forget. He doesn't forget things or the people whom he has made. There is one exception – he forgets where we've screwed up. Isaiah 43, echoed in Hebrews 8: "I will remember your sins no more". And Psalm 130, he doesn't keep a visual cue: "If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness."

Ah, but there's an exception to the visual cue thing, too. Isaiah again, chapter 49, and this is important if you ever worry that God might have forgotten you, overlooked you: "Can a woman forget her nursing child? Yes, she might forget, but I will not forget you." And here's the visual cue: "I have engraved you upon the palms of my hands". When Jesus wanders metaphorically into the room of your heart, he doesn't forget what's he's doing there. His nail-scarred hands are eternal testament to why he's there and that he's not leaving.

Toplady's hymn, to the lovely Welsh tune Trewen:

My name from the palms of his hands,  
Eternity cannot erase.  
Impressed on his heart it remains  
In marks of indelible grace.



**Evening Service**  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
 August at  
 5.30pm in  
 the church.  
 We will

celebrate communion.

***This Week's Calendar***

**Mon 10th**      **9.30am: Pastoral Care**  
**10.30am: House of Jonah,**  
**Tues 11th**      **9.30am: Craft, Coffee & Chat**  
**Wed 12<sup>th</sup>**      **7.30pm: Bible Study**

**COVID Updates**

Nothing has changed during this last week, so



each time you come to a meeting or service at church please continue to disinfect hands, sign the attendance sheet and keep 1.5 metres away from other folk. Everything that is touched or sat upon has to be disinfected so please be responsible and keep the cleaning workload down. If you are unwell please stay away until you feel better. Morning tea is beginning to work in bringing us together between services. Remember to sit down once you have got your tea and biscuits. As no one has objected to us bringing the services closer together, **from Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August onwards we will worship at 8.30 and 10am.** This Sunday there is a baptism taking place between the worship services so the second service will still be at 10.30 this Sunday, but will move to its new time of 10am the following Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for your patience and support in helping us to stay inside the government health rules. We are doing the right thing in coming together at church but we have to keep all our meetings safe.

Blessings to you all, David K.

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**STABLE ON THE STRAND TRIVIA NIGHT**

**OmniTitan** Trivia Night on the 15<sup>th</sup> August has it all. Check out the flyer on the notice board..

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**Thank You:**

Troy and Katherina Coffison would like to thank the congregation for the prayer of

blessing for Callum on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and the lovely gift. . We are truly blessed to welcome this little miracle into our family.

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