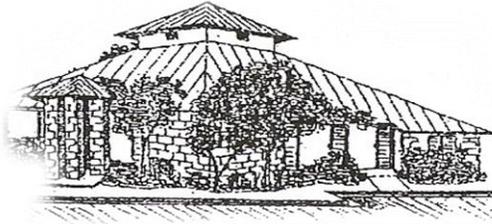


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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

**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

**27th September, 2020**

**Service Time: 8.30am**

**Preacher: Heather Reid**

**Reader: Sheree Bugden**

**Service Time: 10.00am**

**Preacher: Heather Reid**

**Reader: Chris Reid**

**Lectionary readings Pentecost 17**

**Ex 17: 1-7 Psalm: 78: 1-4: 12-16**

**Phil 2: 1-13 Mt 21: 23-32**

### *Richard's Ramble*

We don't need to wear masks up here in North Queensland, more than 1,000km away from any current COVID-19 case. You might sometimes see them on staff in our hospitals, and you'll have seen entire populations wearing them in hotspot cities and countries – including Melbourne. There is a common misconception that they are worn to protect the wearer, while really they are worn to protect other people who are in contact, fleeting or prolonged, with the wearer. Except for clinical grade N95 masks, a mask doesn't prevent infected droplets from entering the wearer's airways, but it does a good job of restricting droplets from being breathed, coughed or sneezed out in the first place. So they are worn out of concern for others. Jesus has something to say about things leaving our mouths, that we should be more on guard for them than for things which enter: 'Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into

someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.'" (Matthew 15:10,11) It was in the context of Pharisees being over-scrupulously concerned with ritual preparation before eating (rituals made up by them, by the way, with no mention in the written Torah, the law).

Another week, other visits, and I hear the by now familiar story, but each time from a different person, that the reason they made Kirwan Uniting their spiritual home was that they turned up speculatively, having been made uncomfortable elsewhere, and were immediately welcomed, loved, no-questions-asked, and put to work! These stories span too many years to put the phenomenon down to a particular pastor, it's something which the Holy Spirit has graciously built into the fabric of the church. Our – no, your – metaphorical masks aren't to stop people entering, but to stop anything escaping from us which might harm them. And they seem to be working 😊 So thank you for all that you do to promote the health of our bit of Christ's body on earth!

### *This Week's Calendar*

**Mon 28th: 9.30am: Pastoral Care**

**10.30am: House of Jonah,**

**Tues 29th: 9.30am: Craft Cards & Chat**

**7.00pm: COM meeting**

**Roster for 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

**8.30am Service:**

**Preacher:** Richard Lance

**Reader:** David B-T

**Greeters:** TBA

**Announcement:** Narelle Harrison

**Flowers:** Merrill Green

**Roster for 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

**10.00am Service**

**Preacher:** Richard Lance

**Reader:** Sally Sands

**Greeter:** Kathy Reid

**Announcements:** Sheila v.P

**Offering:** Sally Sands: Kathy Reid

**Announcements:** Anne Holmes

**COVID update**

Synod has told all churches that a risk waiver, like the one we proposed, is not acceptable. Therefore I will be sending out the vulnerable workers risk assessment form to everyone who is on a roster; electronically to people on the KIT email list and hard copies printed and available at church. We will pre-fill the risk assessment on everyone's behalf. CoM decided that the risk of someone contracting COVID at our church is rare, because there are no cases in the north and we have taken stringent precautions, but the consequence for a vulnerable volunteer (most of us) catching the virus would be severe. This makes our overall risk moderate so we advise everyone over 65 to take precautions to reduce their risk, which I'll identify in the pre-filled out sections of the form. While I have to sign everyone's form, these will be strictly confidential and will be stored securely in the church office, to be available for inspection only if required by the authorities. If cases of the COVID virus reach Townsville and begin to spread in the community our response will very sadly have to be to close the church again and go virtual as before. At this stage – this week - that is very unlikely, so we will continue as we have been meeting. The situation could change quickly, which is why you get an update every week. Keep safe, socially distance and disinfect. Blessings. David K. **World Vision**



**WORLD VISION**

Just a reminder that, despite COVID, it is that time of year again when we collect the annual sponsorship payment from those who contribute to our 2 World Vision kids. I've been staying away due to the number of people I have to interact with at work, but will be back soon. I'll try to be as COVID safe as I can be! If you want to pay, but are not yet back at church, contact me and I'll come to you. Other options are direct into the bank account, perhaps, or posting a cheque, or perhaps via a friend in the collection plate? We'll make it work!

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**Change, Grief & Loss Programme Course**

Salvation Army are conducting this course.

Courses will be conducted on following dates:

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> and Wed 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Flier on Notice Board if anyone is interested

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more information.

