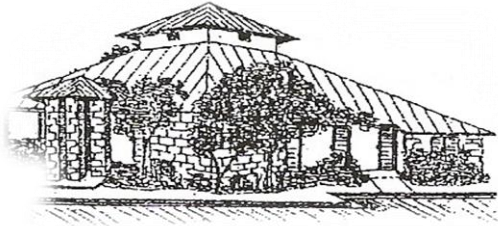


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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

**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

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

**Service Time: 8.30am**

**Preacher: Richard Lance**

**Reader: David B-T**

**Service Time: 10.00am**

**Preacher: Richard Lance**

**Reader: Sally Sands**

<b>Lectionary readings</b>	<b>Pentecost 18</b>
<b>Ex 20:</b> 1-4; 7-9; 12-20	<b>Psalm: 19:</b>
<b>Phil 3:</b> 4b -14	<b>Mt 21:</b> 33-46

### *Richard's Ramble*

I'm just back from taking a funeral. The widow met her late husband at a tram stop in Brisbane, and that meeting turned into a happy marriage of 57 years. By way of showing their stability, he worked for the same State Government department for 43 years, his whole working life spent serving us Queenslanders. They don't make them like that nowadays. Anyway, I mentioned to our musos at practice last night that I wanted to weave trams somehow into the thought for this afternoon. "Good luck finding trams in the Bible", came the response. They were right, up to a point. I googled 'a tram in the bible' and didn't come up with a verse, but I did find a bible character anagram

quiz. 'A tram' is an anagram of Tamar (you'd have guessed that puzzle, wouldn't you). She features scandalously in Genesis 38. This is a family forum, so I won't go into detail, look it up yourself after the kids have gone to bed. Let's just say that you wouldn't want your daughter, sister, mother or aunt (she was still at it after having children) to behave like that. I expect that the vocal proponents of 'biblical marriage' have her in mind, although I hope that they don't, but they probably do because they don't know how the early books of the Old Testament view marriage. Her husbands/boyfriends were just as bad, if not worse. But that's 'biblical marriage' for you.

So there are a couple of lessons from this ramble over hill and dale. One is that Tamar is in the bible, and notwithstanding her notoriety and anti-rôle-model status, she was an ancestor of King David and Jesus. We are not doomed to have our ancestor's, however immediate, sins (if any) visited on us, each generation is a fresh start of a work of grace. The other is that trams aren't in the bible. But, First Corinthians 2:

However, as it is written:  
"What no eye has seen,



