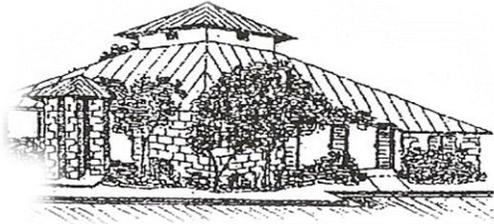


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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

**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

8<sup>th</sup> November October, 2020

**Service Time: 8.30am**  
**Preacher: Richard Lance**  
**Reader: Bill Green**  
**Service Time: 10.00am**  
**Preacher: Richard Lance**  
**Reader: Sally Sands**

**Our Evening service will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm at the church. We will share in Communion as usual.**

<b>Lectionary readings</b>	<b>Pentecost 23</b>
<b>Jos 24: 1-3a:14-25</b>	<b>Psalm: 78: 1-7</b>
<b>1 Thes 4: 13-18</b>	<b>Mt 25: 1-13</b>

### *Richard's Ramble*

The Mater told me today what time I have to roll up on Tuesday (8am). The usual stuff about not eating after midnight (do I splurge on a big dinner on Monday, or a light supper?), only water after 6am. No alcohol for 24 hours before the op or 24 hours after an anaesthetic. Bring an overnight bag. Which in the old days (in this context, I'm not sure when the old days ended) for me would have included a bible.

I have lots of bibles on my shelves and scattered around the house. Do you know, I don't read any of them. Nor do I take one of them with me when I go to church or to hospital or visiting. But I always have a bible with me, something which

didn't even happen in the old days. That's because I use a bible app on my phone or iPad, or on my iMac or laptop. More versions than Harry Potter, Greek and Hebrew side-by-side, listen to Hebrew pronunciation, spoiled for choice for commentary at the swipe of a screen or click of a mouse. "Ah", you say, "but you can't scribble in the margin or underline a passage!" Yeah I can, easy peasy, with a keyboard or a digital pen, I can even make the margin note look like my own handwriting (not too much like my own handwriting or I wouldn't be able to read it). And whatever I note on one device, immediately pops up on all of them. [www.olivetree.com](http://www.olivetree.com) There are others, Logos and Accordance, they're stupidly expensive. And if olivetree is too pricey for you (it needn't be), there's [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com), completely free. I sometimes leaf through a hymnbook, but more often than not I read those online too. No analogue hymnbook can keep up with the prolific output of "Jesus is my boyfriend" Hillsong ditties anyway. I mention this, because God's Word Written is more widely available than ever its been. Live in a country where possession of a physical bible will land you behind bars or worse? No problem, an anonymising browser and a VPN (Virtual Private Network) connection and the world and The Word is your oyster. Every nano-second of every day, God's Word is whizzing across the globe at gigabyte speed, in every language to every nation. And into space! Isaiah 55: my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

### *This Week's Calendar*

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am: Pastoral Care**  
**10.30am: House of Jonah**  
**7.30pm: COM Meeting**

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am: Craft: Coffee: Chat**  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm: Bible Study Group**

**Roster for 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**

**8.30am Service:**

**Preacher:** TBC

**Reader:** Bev Blackman

**Greeters:** Sheila v.P

**Announcement:** Sheila v P

**Flowers:** Merril Green

**Roster for 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**

**10.00am Service**

**Preacher:** TBC

**Reader:** Helen Beck

**Greeter:** Leisa Lance

**Announcements:** Kathy Reid

**Offering:** Chris Reid: TBA

**COVID News**

There is no change, so here is a message from Synod.

As always, a reminder that we all have a part to play as we endeavour to prevent an increase in COVID-19 cases in Queensland. We must always remember to:

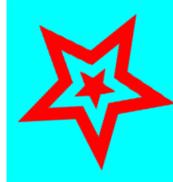
- Maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Maintain good hand hygiene (washing hands or using alcohol-based sanitiser).
- Maintain good respiratory hygiene (coughing or sneezing into elbow).
- Maintain tracking, tracing and rapid response (keeping contact details for 56 days for each service and ensuring it is readily available if requested).
- Frequently clean and disinfect our spaces.

David K

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From **Helen Middleton (YWAM), Jess Swartz (Power to change) and Scripture Union- Impact Day is for all year 12s across the region** who would like to spend a day building their confidence and learning how to have a greater impact as they leave school. It would be great if all churches are able to invite their year 12s to bring a friend to our very first Impact Day that is run by YWAM with the help of Scripture Union Queensland and Power to Change. We want to equip and encourage our young people to impact the world for God and are still looking for leaders (with blue cards), who would be keen to journey with a small group throughout the day. They can contact me (Jess) on 0401 027 178 for more information. Please  
Flyer ON NOTICE BOARD

**STARS FOR OUR STABLE DISPLAY**



As part of our Kirwan Stable on the Streets display we are inviting everyone to contribute a star – If you would like to participate, you might like to make a star, find a star, check your old Christmas decoration box and dig out a star and bring it along to church and put it in the box provided in the foyer.

We will hang our varied collection along the top of the alcove on the street side of the church. You could put your name on the star if you like. This will add to our display sign at the front of the church.

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Richard Lance is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. He is holding a service for a church in France (who are locked down) (in English) on **Sunday evening 8 Nov at 8pm T'ville time.** Here's the Zoom invite details.

Topic: ESCF from Australia

Time: Nov 8, 2020 07:30 PM Brisbane

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2981624765?pwd=S2pzRIErUUE0SjNyenhDTTICcm1rQT09>

Meeting ID: 298 162 4765

Passcode: 187429

I'll record it and burn a DVD for our own housebound non-internet members.

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"I wouldn't get lost all the time if the shepherd would let me use his GPS navigator."

