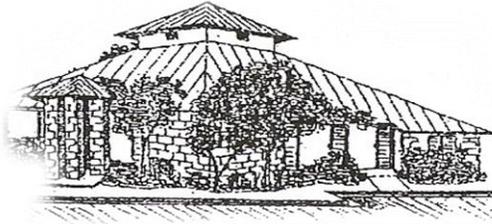


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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

**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

20th December, 2020 Advent 4

**Service Time: 9.00am**  
**Preacher: Richard Lance**  
**Reader: Wayne Paul**

**Lectionary readings**      **Advent 4**  
**2 Sm 7: 1-11, 16**      **Ps: 89: 1-4, 19-26**  
**Lk 1: 26-38, 46b-55**      **Rom 16: 25-27**

### **RICHARD'S RAMBLE**

We haven't got round yet to watching one of our Christmas staple films, Love Actually. We shall! But we did watch A Christmas Carol on Sunday afternoon. More precisely, The Muppets Christmas Carol. I can't imagine what Dickens would have made of it. Did you know that Dickens started a novel, or rather a magazine instalment, because that was how novelists of the time eventually produced the finished article, without having much of an idea of how it would end? You would think that a plot diagram would be an essential part of writing, but Dickens broke the rule and it doesn't seem to have done him any harm.

The real Christmas story is on the face of it a plot beginning. Except that when the Word became flesh, the story of salvation had already begun, outside of time. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word

was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." Our part in the story had already been written, too. "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Character development: the Fall and Christ's victory over its consequence, death, describes our progression from sinners to ransomed sinners. So what about this story's ending?

Well here God breaks the rule, too. The familiar Christmas passage from Isaiah 9: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the greatness of his government and peace

there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

There will be no end. Now that's a story worth reading and telling.

**Roster for 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 7.30pm**

**Christmas Eve**

**Preacher:** Richard Lance

**Reader:** TBA

**Greeter:** Gail Mumme

**Flowers:** Narelle Harrison



**Roster for 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 8.00am**

**Christmas Day**

**Preacher:** Richard Lance

**Reader:** Sheila V. P.

**Greeter:** Gail Mumme

**Offering:** Greg Fraser & TBA

**Flowers:** Narelle Harrison

**Roster for 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 9.00am**

**Preacher:** Heather Reid

**Reader:** Wayne Paul

**Greeter:** Sheila V. P.

**Offering:** Heather Reid & Wayne Paul

**Morning Tea :** Lois Williams & Greg Fraser

**Flowers:** Narelle Harrison

**Service Time Change**

**We are back, 1 service at 9.00am.**

We are now permitted to have up to 83 people in church, as long as we maintain 1.5 metres social distance, disinfect hands (and all chairs after the service), sign in on the contact list, and maintain the same rules for morning tea which we already practise. Members of the same families and extended families, and people who travel to church in the same car, may all sit closer together, but please keep one and a half metres between your group and the next person.

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**Pastoral Care in 2021**

Our pastoral care team in its current format won't be continuing in 2021, and we're considering how best to serve the pastoral needs of our wonderful church family. If care and prayer are a big part of who you are on a daily basis, you might be just the person we are looking for. Have a conversation with Richard or one of the Elders and let's see if we can figure out what God might have planned for you for next year.

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**Christmas Services**

We are hosting 2 services this year in order to safely accommodate the anticipated increase in numbers for such a special celebration – one at

**7.30pm Christmas Eve**  
and

**8.00am Christmas Day.**

To help with our Covid-preparedness, would you kindly indicate your intention regarding your attendance (or non-attendance) at our Christmas Services? A simple note on the appropriate register to indicate which of our two services you plan to attend is sufficient - and any additional numbers who might be attending with you – names are not required at this stage – just numbers.

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**RECYCLING SUSPENDED**

Many thanks for saving lids, ring pulls and tea tags.

We'll let you know if and when we'll be collecting these again.

**POSTAGE STAMPS, CANS & BOTTLES** are still being collected.

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