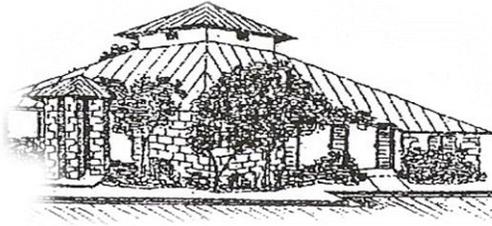


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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

**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

6<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 Advent 2 Sunday

**Service Time: 8.30am Communion**

**Preacher: Richard Lance**

**Reader: Bill Green**

**Service Time: 10.00am Communion**

**Preacher: Richard Lance**

**Reader: Sunday School**

### **RICHARD'S RAMBLE**

I've put a couple of Stable on the Streets stars either side of my rear number plate. The last time that I had anything on my car identifying me as a Christian, at Dayboro, I inherited magnetic signs from my predecessor which carried our service times. One fell off along a country lane, and rather than retrace my route to find it, I took off the other one, too, because it was inhibiting my driving habits. That is, I couldn't shout at visiting Victorians for driving too slowly, or try to out-accelerate whoever was alongside me at traffic lights, while I sported signs declaring that Dayboro Uniting Church was a welcoming, family Christian community. When I first started driving, mumble mumble years ago, it was the custom for earnest young Christians to have a sticker in their back window, or on their bumper, declaring that Jesus Saves, or The Wages of Sin is Death, or, a few years later, the

Fish symbol. I'm still wary of whoever is in front of me when I see that Fish, because my experience is that the Fish people ought not to

be allowed anywhere near a car except as well-strapped-in rear seat passengers. Anyway, here I am with my automotive witness to a gospel event in Townsville, so I must remember that loving my neighbour as myself extends to fellow road users. Because it's all very well standing on the stage at KUC quoting scripture – the devils can do that, by the way – for the benefit (I hope) of 80 folk, but 150,000 more will form an impression of Christ's love by how my star-adorned old Merc comports itself on Dalrymple or Ingham or Fulham Roads.

Philippians 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

### *This Week's Calendar*

**Mon 7th: 9.30am: Pastoral Care**

**10.30am: House of Jonah**

**This will be the last House of Jonah for this year**

**Tues 8th: Craft, Cards & ChitChat**

**Wed 9th: 5.30pm Music Practice**

### **Roster for 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 8.30am**

**Service:**

**Preacher:** Richard Lance

**Reader:** TBA

**Greeters:** Greg Fraser

**Announcement:** David B-T

**Morning Tea:** Val Hobson & Jenny Titmarsh

**Flowers:** Pam Kennedy

**Roster for 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 10.00am Service**

**Preacher:** Richard Lance

**Reader:** TBA

**Greeter:** Margaret Lowe

**Announcements:** Kathy Reid

**Offering:** Chris Read & TBA

**Stable on the Streets**

- Kirwan UC – you are STARS!  
Thanks for bringing stars. They are up and shining from the front church alcove.
- KUC's SOTS signs are up next to the cross – make sure you drop in some nights and have a look. Pause to thank God for the birth of Jesus, and pray for our city that the Christmas message is known.
- Be part of SOTS! Put up your own star at home and share the Christmas **JOY LOVE PEACE**

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**Evening Service**

The December Evening Service will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm  
We will meet a bit earlier than usual in the covered area for a sausage sizzle first. Followed by 'Outside Christmas' church also in the covered area. Bring your friends and family along.  
We will celebrate communion together as usual.  
Could you let Peter or Annette know if you are coming so we have enough sausages.

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**COVID Update**

**At last – we can go back to our usual single 9am service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, and continue to worship at 9am each Sunday next year unless something changes.** Please tell everyone you know and spread the news amongst family and friends. 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. Unfortunately we are still not legally permitted to hug, or shake and hold hands. Smiling and laughing are permitted. We are restarting 9am services on 20<sup>th</sup> because we have already advertised the congregation meeting between the services on 13<sup>th</sup>. We still need to hold 2 services at Christmas because our numbers of worshippers has always exceeded 85. So please come either on Christmas Eve at 7.30pm or Christmas Day at 8am.  
Blessings, David K

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

There will be a Kirwan Congregational Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020 for us to vote on the election of Tupou (Samson) Palu as an elder of this church. The meeting will be arranged so that attendees at both morning services will be able to vote

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**NEWS from House of Jonah**

Thanks to everyone who has been part of HOJ this year. We are planning to have a small breakup Christmas Party this Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. We will be thanking Adam and his carer for helping out this year.

Also we are pleased to say that through the profit we make from the coffee morning we have been able to purchase 5 chooks and 1 goat through Uniting Care for families in Indonesia. We look forward to sharing coffee and stories next year.

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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.

However....

**POSTAGE STAMPS** are still being collected.

Thanks again, Narelle H.

