

**Kirwan Uniting Church**

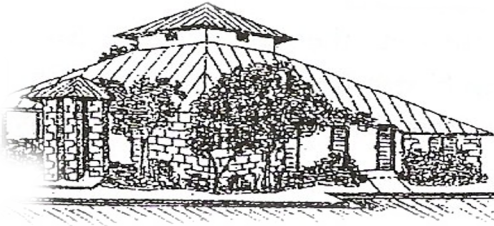
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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

***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**

**17<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 Epiphany 2**

**09:00**

**Preacher: Richard Lance**

**Reader: David B-T**

**Psalm 139**

**1 Samuel 3 vv1 – 11**

**John 1 vv43 - 51**

### **RICHARD'S RAMBLE**

If you frequent a well-known social media site, you might have read that Leisa and I have bought only our second mattress since we moved to Australia, 25 years ago. That first one, from Forty Winks Nunawading who, along with IKEA, furnished (and still furnish) much of our home, was supposed to last 8, and certainly no more than 10, years. 25 years was pretty good going.

The new one (Forty Winks Townsville Domain, we're nothing if not loyal 😊) is 15cm or so deeper than our old friend. Which introduces a problem for stooping-down-averse old geezers when I want to tie shoelaces from my usual edge-of-the-

bed shoelace-tying station. So Leisa has moved a little folding step to my side of the bed, upon which I place (1) the sock and/or shoe which I want to wear, and (2) the foot which is to go into it.

In Isaiah 61, God says that heaven is his throne and the earth is his footstool. Much hymnody portrays Jesus, God the Son, stooping down to this footstool earth to raise us up to heaven. Just a few weeks ago, "He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all." And my old mate Bishop Tim Dudley-Smith,

"O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven, O Prince of life, in all your saving power, O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given, we bring our thanks for this the present hour." Look out in a future service for the song from which those lines come.

I'm grateful to Leisa for repurposing that little folding stool, but even more to God whose Son stooped down to his footstool to raise me up.

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## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Recommences for 2021 on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30pm.  
New people are always welcome.  
We will start the year with a look at  
the OT Prophet Micah.

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## **CANS AND BOTTLES FOR LEPROSY MISSION**

The Townsville committee is still  
seeking your bottles and cans to  
raise much needed funds for  
medical work.  
So if you want to donate any with  
the 10c logo, leave them in the  
green bin behind the kitchen.  
We will get them to the committee  
to cash them.  
Thanks heaps     Peter Ireland

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## **HI TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!**

Sunday School is starting again on  
the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Our theme for that day will  
be *Caring for God's world*,  
so it would be if great if you could  
bring along anything  
interesting you can find in your  
garden; rock, plant,  
animal or bird wise, or just an  
interesting fact about an animal  
or plant that you have come across  
in the last few weeks.

Looking forward to seeing you all.  
Annette, Gail and Sheree

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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** are still  
being collected.

## **Roster for 24<sup>th</sup> January 09:00**

**Preacher:** Bill Green

Lectionary Readings for Epiphany 3

Psalms 62:5-12

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Unfortunately, the rookie Keep in Touch  
editor doesn't know who's on what roster,  
so check that it's not you!

