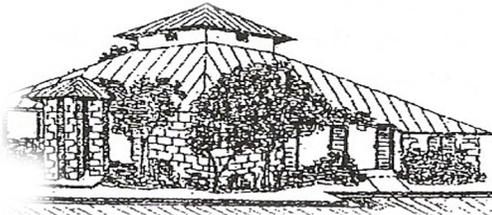


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

24th January, 2021 Epiphany 3B

09:00

Preacher: Bill Green

Reader: David Beck

Psalm 62:5-12

Jonah 3:1-5,10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

RICHARD'S RAMBLE

When I left the regular army, I had to serve a certain number of years in the reserves. The navy was short of people to do the job I did in the army, so I swapped khaki for navy blue. It wasn't a seagoing job. My usual reporting centre was in Birmingham, they don't come much further from the sea than that in UK, and my war station was down a hole in the ground in the middle of nowhere.

But landlubber or not, I had to undergo a "Divisional Course" (mariners, ancient and otherwise, will nod at this), escaping from an upturned vessel, crawling through a smoke-filled tank wearing breathing apparatus, donning NBC (nuclear, biological and

chemical) gear while pretending to fight the ship, that sort of thing. It culminated in a navigation exercise on a plastic-hulled minehunter on passage from Liverpool to the Isle of Man (about Townsville to Cardwell, not exactly Captain Cook stuff). Another landlubber and I took it in turns to be Navigator and OOW (Officer of the Watch). It seemed to us that there was a Force 10 gale blowing in the Irish Sea, although the Bosun assured us that it was like a millpond. I thought of this episode from the dim past while I was reading Psalm 107 a few days ago.

'They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end.

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,

and he brought them out of their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.

They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.'

I can't remember if I thanked the Lord.
Probably I did, because "Thankyou Lord" is perhaps my most frequently, under my breath, uttered phrase, I get in so many scrapes of one sort or another from which I am rescued.
Or as the psalmist has it:
'Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.;

and

'Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.'

And the one who is unwise!

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Recommences for 2021 on Wednesday

3rd February, 7.30pm.

New people are always welcome.

We will start the year with a look at the OT Prophet Micah.

HI TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!

Sunday School is starting again on the 31st 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

Roster for 31st January 09:00

Preacher: Peter Ireland

Reader: Kathy Reid

Lectionary Readings for Epiphany 4B

Psalm 111

Deut 18:15-20

1 Cor 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Greeter/Door Steward: Marion Lynch

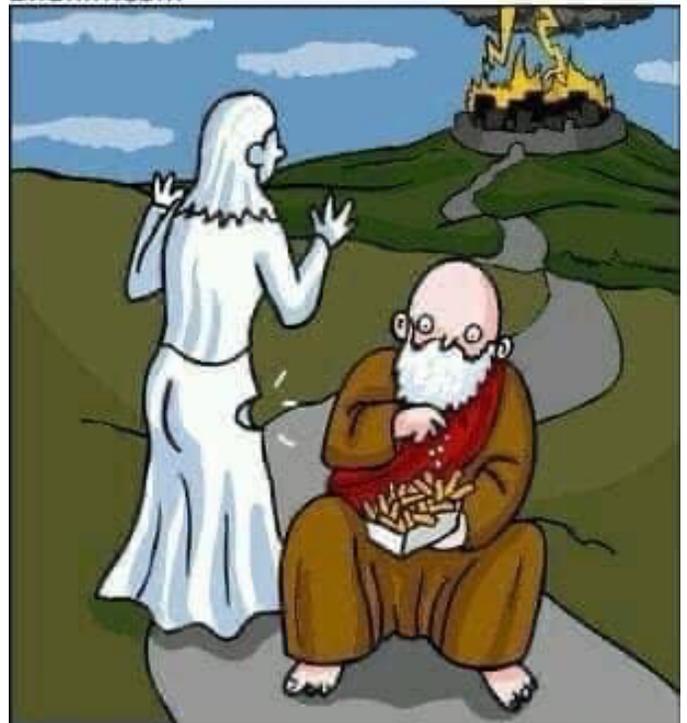
Offering: Trevor Nuss and Wayne Paul

Announcements: Anne Holmes

Morning Tea: Anne Holmes and Greg Fraser

Flowers: Tomonica Taumalolo

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While Lot was obviously going to miss his wife desperately, he could see no reason not to make the best of the situation.