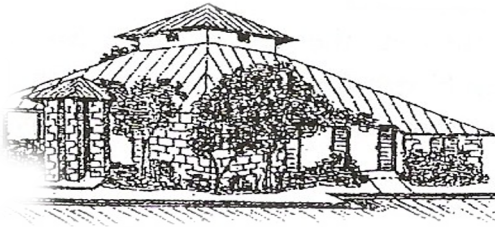


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

WELCOME! We welcome all visitors with us today, and pray your time with us will be a blessed one.

**We aspire to be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit
to practise and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world**

28th February, 2021 Lent 2B

**09:00 Pastor Richard Lance
Reader: Sally Sands**

**Psalm 22
Genesis 17:1-7, 15,16
Romans 4:13-25**

RICHARD'S RAMBLE

Many 21stC ethical or conscience questions aren't answered exactly in the Bible, because they concern issues which weren't faced directly in the 1stC CE or in the times of the OT patriarchs or prophets. I think I've related the tale of Rev Paddi Mullan being berated at an AGM by a lady who told him that "Direct Debits aren't in the Bible!" when Paddi urged giving by regular direct debit. Paddi retorted, "Refrigerators aren't in the Bible, but you've got one of them, haven't ya?"

So we come to COVID vaccination. You won't find Pfizer or Astra Zeneca, even in the genealogies. And it's sad fact that, certainly in the USA, anti-vaxxers claim to have a Christian remit. But there are three passages which contradict their claims. First, and most

important because it is a Dominical injunction, Matthew 22:

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

You are not loving your neighbour as yourself if you refuse a vaccination which protects those who come in contact with you.

Second, 1 Corinthians 6: *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.*

To negligently heighten disease risk, is not honouring to God.

And third, Philippians 4: *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true ... think about such things.* If you're reading anti-vax articles in social media, they are not true.

So when it's your turn, listen to Jesus and Paul and get that jab!

AGM

The AGM will be on March 8th after the 09:00 service.

Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. We're looking at the OT prophet Micah.

Craft and cards at 09:30 Tuesday.

Lions Trivia Night Fri 5th March, 6:30pm BBQ & drinks, Trivia 7:30pm. We want at least 2 KUC tables! \$15 per head incl BBQ. See Graham Fraser.

Aitkenvale Uniting Church is holding a **Market Day** on Saturday March 20th. Contact Jayne Jackson 0416 257 798 if you know/hear of anyone who would like a stall.

Church Bowls to Support McKay Patrol Padre at Cloncurry

A social Bowls morning will be held on Saturday 13th March at 8.00am at the Jubilee Bowls Club, Burdekin Street, Mundingburra.

Morning Tea afterwards at Aitkenvale Uniting Church.

Cost is \$10.00 includes hire of bowls.

All are welcome (no skill necessary)

See Peter Ireland if you are interested.

On behalf of her family and herself, June George would like to thank anyone who helped in any way for Aubrey's funeral and the celebration of his life well-lived. Pastor Richard leading the service, and everyone who helped prepare the church, flowers, music, and the wonderful refreshments. Thankyou also for the many cards, thoughts and prayers which have comforted us in our loss.

7 March 09:00 Holy Communion Lent 3B

Preacher Pastor Richard

Reader Leisa Lance

Psalm 19

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Greeter/Door Steward: TBA

Offering: Wayne Paul & Andrew Reid

Announcements: Kathy Reid

Morning Tea: Anne Holmes & Andrew Reid

Flowers: Merrill Green



"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."