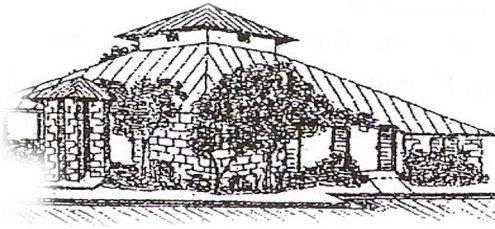


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

WELCOME! We welcome all visitors with us today, and pray your time with us will be a blessed one. Stay for morning tea after the service!

**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**

7th March, 2021 Lent 3B

09:00 Holy Communion

**Pastor Richard Lance
Reader: Leisa Lance**

**Psalm 19
Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

RICHARD'S RAMBLE

Long before COVID turned us all into stars of stage and screen, I used to video conference for business, to save international or interstate travel. And of course, many of you will have Skyped or Facetimed distant family and friends. It's always fun to meet someone in the flesh who has previously only been a face and voice on a screen.

Job had that fun (well, it wasn't exactly fun if you read the context in Job 43) when he said to God, "My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you." And an even better-known instance of longing to transform a relationship from being remote pen-pals, is Job 19: "I know that my redeemer lives,

and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes — I, and not another." Sick of long-distance communication with God, Job is convinced that the living God will bring about on earth the same victory over death and decay which has been won in heaven.

We're fed up with COVID restrictions. We're fed up with restrictions which our own infirmity or age impose on us. We grieve separation from loved ones, separated by borders or death. And all we can do is carry on what seems like a long-distance chat with God in prayer. "Earth calling Heaven, come in Heaven."

That long-awaited meeting in the flesh will happen. We'll recognise our Redeemer straight away. The old hymn has it: "I shall know him, I shall know him, when redeemed at his side I shall stand. I shall know him, I shall know him, by the prints of the nails in his hands."

Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. We're looking at events in Jesus' life in the lead-up to Easter.

AGM

The AGM will be on March 14th after the 09:00 service.

Craft and cards at 09:30 Tuesday.

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 \$20.00, to include hire of bowls. \$10 of this goes to support the McKay Frontier Services Patrol.

All are welcome (no skill necessary) See Peter Ireland if you are interested, or for preparation and catering purposes, contact Kay Ph: 0409892795

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CoM (Council of Ministry) meet at the church on Monday 8th March at 7:30pm. Keep the Council in your prayers.

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be in the church covered area on Saturday 20th March at 07:30am. \$10 for a traditional breakfast, but non-eaters are welcome to attend – with a suitable donation.

The always-interesting John Sands is our speaker. Please put your name on the list at church, or contact David Brooke-Taylor 07 4779 9976.

Our next **Evening Service** will be held at the church on Sunday 14th March at 5:30pm. We shall share communion together.

Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Ryan Community Centre, Morindo Drive, Kirwan, Friday 2nd April at 5pm.

Bring a plate to share for a light supper at the conclusion of the service, and enjoy fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Christ from other churches.

KUC has been asked to provide a volunteer or three to play the part of servants in the passion play. One person can play all three parts. A role for one or more of our young people, perhaps? Talk with Pastor Richard.

14 March 09:00

Lent 4B

Preacher David King

Reader Wayne Paul

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Greeter/Door Steward: Marion Lynch

Offering: Susan Burton & Trevor Nuss

Announcements: Kathy Reid

Morning Tea: Val Hobson & Jenny Titmarsh

Flowers: Amelia Palu

5:30pm Evening Service with Communion.

Led by Peter Ireland

