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Keeping in Touch

23 May 2021

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!



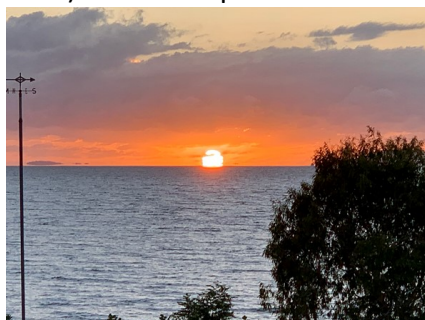
9:00 am service - 23 May 2021

Preacher:	Peter Ireland	1st Reading	Acts 2: 1 - 21
Reader:	Sally Sands	2nd Reading	Rom. 8: 22 - 27
Gospel	John 15: 26 - 27 16: 4b - 15	Psalm	104: 24 - 34. 35 b

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

Richard's Rambling - 23 May 2021

I'm back from what has turned out to be the best Ministry Retreat since I've been in NQ/Carpentaria Presbytery (my fourth). We returned to Cardwell from last year's flirt with Cairns. Cardwell of the scrumptious crab roll known to personkind. Cardwell of a room directly facing Hinchinbrook Island (and Goold Island, which you'll see in a sec). I love the place. I read in three days what might have taken three weeks or more of interrupted Real Life®.



I spent lovely time with my colleagues, drawn from many different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Especially, I enjoyed exploring and discussing living in community, following one of the historic monastic rules of life (Carmelite, in the case of Rev Craig Mischewski who is offering an intentional community in Weipa). And dabbled in proselytising for the Carpentaria Presbytery Pipe-smokers' Guild.

Now, Goold Island. My room looked straight across to it. The much larger Hinchinbrook Island is to its right. The rising sun almost bisects them as it floats up like a great orange luminous balloon above the Coral Sea.

It is an awesome sight, worth getting up for (at a civilised 06:35 at this time of year). It put me immediately in mind of Malachi 4. "The Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in its rays." The prophet has been doing what OT prophets do, acting as antetypes for Private James Frazer in Dad's Army, "We're all doomed." But he switches to OT Prophet Mode 2 (i.e. that was the bad news, here's the good) with that promise of a Sun of Righteousness. But wait - we can't just laze around gazing at the awesome sun, as I did each morning. Malachi goes on, "And you will go out and frolic like calves released from their stall".

After great instances of blessing in scripture - Pentecost, of course, this Sunday - God's people are told don't just sit there, go out and tell people about your blessing. OK, not everyone can go into all the world and proclaim the gospel, baptising in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, but you can do your bit of the Great Commission. And frolicking might be a stretch, but the joyful demeanour which it implies can be your demeanour as you let your family, your friends, your neighbours, your workmates, your school and university pals, the barman at the Kirwan Tavern, whoever, know that light has come into the world, the darkness has not overcome it, the Sun has risen, the Son has risen, with healing in his wings.

Roster for 30 May 2021

9:00 am service:

Preacher:	Richard Lance
Reader:	David B-T
First Reading:	Is 6: 1 - 8
Second Reading:	Rom 8: 12 - 17
Psalm:	Ps. 29
Gospel:	John 3: 1 - 17
Greater / Door Steward:	Gail Mumme
Offering:	Wayne Paul, Kathy Reid
Announcements:	Sheila v.P.
Morning Tea:	Jenny Titmarsh & Susan Burton
Flowers:	Narelle Harrison

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

In order to comply with COVID regulations regards washing up it would be helpful if those attending brought their own cup and plate.



ZOOKEEPER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
— PSALM 46:6-7 NIV

BOTTLE /JAR TOPS

Adam, who comes to Jonah, has asked us to collect any plastic tops for LIDS FOR KIDS who turn them into plastic limbs for children

NATIONAL 17-23 MAY 2021 VOLUNTEER WEEK

RECOGNISE. RECONNECT.
REIMAGINE.

2021

VOLUNTEER TEAM DRIVE

JUNE 7TH 2021
5:00PM - 7PM

215 WALKER ST, TOWNVILLE

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR STABLE?

WHY WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER TO VOLUNTEER, START TODAY!

COME ALONG AND HEAR THE VISION FOR STABLE 2021 AND SEE HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 5PM
EVENT KICKS OFF AT 5:30PM**

**RSVP: TODAY AT:
HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BRLEY
FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

FOR MORE DETAILS FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR CONTACT
ADMIN 0411 756 273

What is a Volunteer Team Drive?

The Volunteer Team Drive is an invitation for you to come along and hear the vision for Stable 2021 and see how you can get involved.

There are many jobs throughout the year before the event and we would like to give you the opportunity to be a part of creating this unique event sharing the powerful gospel Christmas story.

This event is a gift of love from the Combined Churches of Townsville touching and strengthening families of our city and we want you to join us!

