

# Kirwan Uniting Church:

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## WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors with us today and pray your time with us will be a blessed one. Please stay for morning tea after the service.



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

### 9:00 am service - 18 July 2021

<b>Preacher:</b>	Bill Green	1st Reading	2 Sm 7: 1 - 14a
<b>Reader:</b>	Anne Holmes	Psalm	Ps 89: 20 - 37
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 6: 30 - 34, 53 - 56	2nd Reading	Eph 2: 11 - 22

### Evening Service—5:30 pm—Peter Ireland

### Richard's Rambling - 18 July 2021

Eleanor Rigby

Picks up the rice in the church where a wedding has been

Lives in a dream

Waits at the window

Wearing the face that she keeps in a jar by the door

Who is it for?

Father McKenzie

Writing the words of a sermon that no one will hear

No one comes near

Look at him working

Well we know for whom Eleanor Rigby puts on her face. It is for the faithful God whom she faithfully serves picking up rice from the church floor. And we know for whom Father McKenzie writes his sermons. It is for the faithful God whom he faithfully serves by being open to what the Holy Spirit is teaching him from God's Word.

This theme of faithfulness is everywhere in the Bible. The role models are often seemingly insignificant people. They might be OT exiles who refuse to let the stories die of God's great rescuing acts in Israel's history. Or of widows who put their mites into the temple offertory. Or of a young boy who offers his meagre supper to Jesus to multiply for thousands of hungry people. Or of women who brave Roman soldiers and the ridicule of Jesus' supposed closest followers to mourn and anoint Jesus whom they thought was dead. And who then faithfully carry out Christ's commission to announce his resurrection.

KUC is blessed by faithful, self-effacing disciples. When our Eleanor Rigbys pick stuff up from our floor as an act of worship, they pick up our spirits too. When our lay preachers scatter their sermon seed, it takes root somewhere even if a dispirited preacher doesn't see the fruit straight away.

A debate is raging in ecclesiological circles in UK and USA, and not unnoticed here, about whether the church is being called to be "successful". A wise contributor to the debate has said that the church isn't called to be successful but to be faithful.

We know ourselves well, and sustained faithfulness seems beyond us. So it is. But 1 Thessalonians 5:24 – The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

## Roster for 25 July 2021

Preacher:	Peter Ireland
Reader:	Sheila V-P
Greeter / Door Steward:	Jenny Warden
Offering:	Trevor Nuss David B-T
Announcements:	Anne Holmes
Morning Tea:	Andrew Reid Kathy Reid
Flowers:	Amelia Palu

Richard and Leisa are on leave until Sunday 1 August.

Richard is coming back from leave to baptise Callum Coffison on Saturday 24 July (with vows and prayers in German!)

Keep Callum, Katharina and Troy in your prayers."

## Week's Activities:

<b>Mondays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>House of Jonah @ 10:30 am</li> <li>Pastoral Care</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Craft, Cards & Chitchat @ 9.30 am
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Bible Study @ 7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Regis Service (When applicable)

**Ezra Leon's baptism has been postponed to 15 August**



## Evening Service

18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 5.30pm

Note the Evening Service will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday this month - one week later than usual. We will share in Holy Communion together. All are welcome.

Thanks  
Peter Ireland

## Prayers request e-mail

The Prayers Request email is sent out each week after the Pastoral Care Team meet each Monday morning.

It lists prayers that have been asked for and known to the Pastoral Care Team.

The prayer requests come from the list in the Church entrance on the glass lectern, and from other communications within our congregation, and the wider community.

If you are not receiving the Prayers Request email sent out by the Pastoral Care Team each week, but would like to receive this email, could you please contact Richard, Helen, Sheila or Greg

## COVID Updates:

### COVID good news

- ⇒ We are no longer required to wear masks in church, or anywhere else in town, but are advised to wear one if you cannot keep a metre and a half distance.
- ⇒ The church will continue to supply pre packaged biscuits for morning tea.
- ⇒ Remember your mobile to check in.

David K



Dear God  
Is "impossible" just a punctuation problem?  
Amen

*I'm Possible*

