

# 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 - 08 August 2021

<b>Preacher:</b>	Richard Lance	1st Reading	2 Sm 18: 5 - 9
<b>Reader:</b>	David B-T	Psalm	Ps 130
<b>Gospel</b>	Jn 6: 35, 41 - 51	2nd Reading	Eph 4: 25 - 5:2

### 5:30 pm Service - Peter Ireland

#### Richard's Rambling 8 August 2021

You know that feeling after a lovely holiday away, your body is back home but half of your mind is still at the place where you've just spent two restful weeks ...? Leisa and I wondered why I slept so well. The holiday cottage bed was comfortable, but so is ours. There was no night-time noise in Speewah, except for scrabbling possums. Even with my hearing aids out, there is always intrusive sound on Greenwood and Thuringowa Drives. And of course Kirwan has ambient artificial light on all sides, while our cottage grounds were bathed only in moonlight filtered by rainforest.

That lack of light, such an aid to sleep, posed its own problems when we took Yannie for her, pre-bedtime walk. Leisa sported a headband torch, but how could we be sure that an indistinct shape looming up through the gloom wasn't a cassowary or wild pig, endemic in the area? It can truly be said of them, that you don't want to meet them on a dark night. In literature, sacred and secular, the dark has always hinted at unseen terrors. And at being lost, unable to make out a path. Not knowing what's in store.

An acquaintance – a bishop, no less! – is working his way through the Septuagint, the Hebrew scriptures in Greek (as bishops are wont to do). He translated Exodus 20:21b as “... but Moses went into the utter darkness where God was”. God has given the Ten Commandments to Moses to give to the people, and is about to give more rules of conduct. The people are terrified of the dark from which Moses has come and into which he is going back. Just as we are in cassowary-and-pig-land, and just as we are in that metaphorical darkness when we can't see what the future holds, what our path should be, what might be lurking to harm us or those we love. Utter darkness.

But darkness where God is. Psalm 139:

If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,”  
even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

#### Cashless Society

“The cashless society comes to KUC! There will be a credit/debit card reader in the foyer as an alternative way for members and visitors to donate to the church's work, if they choose.

Minimum transaction is \$1, and Graham Fraser might be delighted to know that the maximum is \$7,000



## Roster for 15 August 2021

<b>Preacher:</b>	David Beck
<b>Reader:</b>	Helen Beck
<b>Greeter / Door Steward:</b>	Kathy Reid
<b>Offering:</b>	Susan Burton Heather Reid
<b>Announcements:</b>	Sheila v. P.
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Jenny, Maria & Ruth
<b>Flowers:</b>	Narelle Harrison

## 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>	Kirwan Fellowship Olympic brain games @ 9.30 a.m.
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Bible Study @ 7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Regis Service (When applicable)

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after the service on 8 August to discuss our continuing involvement in Child Care provision.

This follows a significant change in management structure for the 2 Child Care Centres we currently manage.

David Brooke-Taylor

## House of Jonah

Anyone who feels like a tea or coffee and chat is welcome to come along to the house of Jonah morning tea at 10.30 every Monday. You don't have to be a member – there's no formal membership. Just turn up.

Most folk put in \$5 to cover costs, but it's not compulsory.

Any donation is welcome as spare funds are donated to good causes. So come and join in.

David

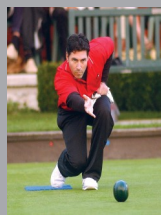
## Lawn Bowls Jubilee Bowls Club

**Date:** 14 August 2021

**Time:** 7.45am for 8.00am start

**Cost:** \$20 (Green Fees & Donation)

Immediately After The Game  
Morning Tea and Trophy Presentation  
Aitkenvale Uniting Church



To assist the bowls club with preparation & for catering purposes please if possible advise by Thursday if you are attending otherwise just arrive. Children welcome!

Contact: Kay Ph: 0409892795 , Email: wazz.kay@bigpond.net.au  
All proceeds to McKay Patrol

Join us and continue the good work done by Roy Backer for so many years.

## YOUTH GROUP

FRIDAY NIGHT 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

AT KIRWAN CHURCH

STARTING AT 6.30pm

GOOD FOOD!

AN INSPIRING SESSION WITH SILAO!

SOME FUN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY YOUTH MEMBERS.

Be there and bring some friends

## Early Learning Centres: Kirwan Uniting Church Child Care Centre and Riverview Play Centre

A long term strategy for the 2 child care centres that we support might be to amalgamate them into one larger centre on our church land. We never use the eastern half of our land, shaded light green in the image. Both centres are already being jointly led by a single director and an administrative support worker. Synod Early Learning is now their manager. State government owns their land and property on rolling 3 year leases. Both centres are getting older, but are well maintained. A brand new modern child care centre could be built with loans through Synod, to replace both existing sites, sometime in the next 5 to 10 years. All we would have to do is agree to the use of our land (which is owned by Synod Property anyway).



Our total land area is 7,574 square metres. The shaded area is about 2,500 square metres, plus the car park already exists to service the new centre. Are we interested in strengthening our relationship with the child care centres by bringing them onto our church land? Shall we explore this opportunity?

## COVID Updates:

Cases of COVID have been identified in Cairns and Rockie. Please check Queensland Government warnings and the news to find out if Townsville is threatened with lockdown. So far we are okay for this weekend. Please remember that 1.5 metres distance is still the rule. The new Delta strain is best controlled by wearing a facemask, but this has not been enforced at this stage. Please check in wherever you go, and especially at church.

David K

## Prayers Request Email

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.