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Keeping in Touch

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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 - 15 August 2021

Preacher:	Richard Lance	1st Reading:	1 Kgs 2:10-12; 3: 3 - 14
Reader:	Helen Beck	Psalm:	Ps 111
Gospel:	Jn 6:51-58	2nd Reading:	Eph 5:15-20



Richard's Rambling

King David (our own dear Chair of Council comes up on my email lists in that very form, King, David, but I'm writing about the Old Testament shepherd, king and psalmist) was a very naughty man. Serial adultery and conspiracy to murder were among the entries on his rap sheet in the books of Samuel. I can't remember if I've related the ditty:

*King David and King Solomon led very merry lives,
With very many concubines and very many wives.
But when old age came over them, with all its many qualms,
King Solomon wrote the Proverbs and King David wrote the Psalms.*

Those psalms show us time and again how remorseful David was about his earlier (and even perhaps contemporaneous) behaviour. Remorse and guilt follow us throughout our lives for youthful or not so youthful indiscretion, and can be crippling. But when remorse turns to repentance, the psalms carry a promise which is just as liberating from crippling guilt as was Jesus' healing of physical disability when He was on earth. Not only liberating **from**, but liberating **for**, for service to God and our neighbor. Here's Psalm 130:

*Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.*

Roster for 22 August 2021

Preacher:	Richard Lance
Reader:	Leisa Lance
Greeter / Door Steward:	Jenny Titmarsh
Offering:	Trevor Nuss Chris Reid
Announcements:	Sheila v.P.
Morning Tea:	Chitra Madhavan Susan Burton
Flowers:	Narelle Harrison

Week's Activities:

Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House of Jonah @ 10:30 am Pastoral Care
Tuesdays	Kirwan Fellowship Olympic brain games @ 9.30 a.m.
Wednesdays	Bible Study @ 7:30 pm * there will be a break on Wednesday the 18th
Thursday	Regis Service (When applicable)

Bible Study

Note that there will be no Bible Study next Wednesday the 18th. The group will take a break.

Sunday School

After studying the story of Dorcas in Acts who helped people by sewing clothes for them, the Sunday School young people will be collecting 50 cent coins over the next few weeks to donate to the Orange Sky Nursery van which operates in Townsville and washes clothes for the homeless as well as offering showers and conversations. There will be a bottle near the door for any donations of these coins.

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

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.

YOUTH GROUP

FRIDAY NIGHT 20TH 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 week-end. 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