

# 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.



### 9:00 am service - 25 July 2021

<b>Preacher:</b>	Peter Ireland	1st Reading	2 Sm 11:1-15
<b>Reader:</b>	Sheila V-P	Psalm	Ps 14
<b>Gospel</b>	Jn 6:1-21	2nd Reading	Eph 3:14-21

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

David's Message - 25 July 2021

### On a Mission

As our child care centres move from being managed by us to management by the Synod we are being told that this is a great missional opportunity. We no longer have to worry about their finances and staffing but can now devote ourselves to this missional opportunity, only we are not quite sure what it means. It looks like we are going from a hands on approach to something more evangelical.

The word seems to mean much the same as missionary, but I imagine it's a politically correct word, as missionary work has been sidelined as too colonial. That's a shame – I always wanted to be a missionary – from the moment I could read I was into stories of missionaries and explorers and by the age of eight I had decided I would be a missionary teacher.

So in my twenties I found myself teaching in a Methodist High School in West Africa and subsequently was accepted by the Methodist Missionary Society and would probably have been sent to a teachers college in PNG. But at that time I had collected a ready-made family and felt that a better paid job at the University of PNG would be easier on them. In PNG expatriates were classified into missionaries, mercenaries and misfits (though misfits seemed to apply to many missionaries as well).

So when I turned down the job with the missionary society had I gone over to being a mercenary? In fact I would have been teaching many of the same things in either college, and my work as a teacher has always been deeply guided by the teaching and example of Jesus; about bringing a fairer and a better world, especially for those who are less fortunate. I was lucky and had many adventures, but we all have a mission closer to home to live as Jesus taught us, to spread God's kingdom through our actions and words.

The great missionary Paul explained how we can serve Jesus in many ways according to the gifts and skills we have. He wrote in *1 Corinthians chapter 12: 4 & 5* – "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served". As Jesus calls on us in *Mark 16:15* "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people". And again in *Acts 1: 7 and 8*; Jesus said to them, "But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

So here on the other side of the earth we continue his mission close to home and within our own community.

## Roster for 01 August 2021

Preacher:	David Kelly
Reader:	Wayne Paul
Greeter / Door Steward:	Anne B-T
Offering:	Robin Warren Wayne Paul
Announcements:	Sheila v. P.
Morning Tea:	David Beck Helen Beck
Flowers:	Merril Green

**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**

### 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

### 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

## EPHEMERA - last 2 days left!!!

Staged over nine fabulous days and nights from Saturday 17 July - Sunday 25 July 2021, Ephemera transforms The Strand into a 2 km outdoor seaside sculptural exhibition for all to enjoy.

Showcasing 28 artworks by local and nationally-renowned artists, including 19 competitive sculptures, four sculptures by invited artists, two school projects, two projection artists and a chalk artist.

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