

Kirwan Uniting Church

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We aspire to be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit, to practice and spread the love of Jesus Christ!

**Keeping in Touch
June 16**

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!



Worship Service 9 am

Preacher: Esteban L

Worship: Anne H

Reader: Helen B

Bible Readings:

- Ps 92:1-4, 12-15
- 1 Sam 15:34-16:13

Prayers: Helen B

News: Anne H

This Week:

Mon - 10:30 am House of Jonah

Mon - 12:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Tues - 9:30 am Activities Group

Tues - 1:30 pm Eng Convo Class

Wed - Social Night at the Ireland's place from 6.00pm. Group will then be in recess till early July.

ALL WELCOME!

From the Minister's Desk

On the calendar for this week is Refugee Week, each year I am reminded of the fact that refugees feature throughout our scriptures. The first refugee is Abraham, he leaves his country and kin under God's direction-but some traditional accounts of Abraham have him destroying the household idols in his father Terah's house before departing with Sarah. This action would have a penalty of violence in Abraham's time and so we can understand how this would then be one of the reasons he would never return to his country. Similarly, Jacob flees his father Isaac's home after stealing his brother's inheritance blessing - this causes Jacob to wander for many years before meeting with his brother Esau and reconciling. This story of escaping danger or violence is woven throughout scripture, with God often offering refuge in a new land or a new covenant.

This is a great way to think about refugees in our modern context also, we may not agree with all the political mechanism at play, or how people have come to be refugees in Australia-but we cannot ignore the fact that refugees have a special place in scripture, to add a few names to those above we also have Joseph and his family fleeing starvation and going to Egypt, Moses and the Exodus many generations later, David experienced political persecution and violence under Saul, the outcome of the wars Israel's wicked kings participated in was exile and persecution under tyrannical leaders in Assyria and Babylon and of course; Jesus and his parents fled while he was a baby because Herod sought to kill the newborn Messiah.

What did God offer each of these in scripture? He did not offer to solve all their problems, He did not offer them immediate solutions, God extended grace and patience over these people to see their problems resolved in His ways and in His timing. This Refugee Week, if you see banners at the local library or schools, if you hear political speeches waxing lyrical about a party's position on those seeking asylum, let us not forget that we all seek asylum at the Mercy Seat of our Lord and let us pray for them and for one another that we may all find peace and comfort in God's Grace and love.

Blessings - Esteban

PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS

- We praise God for the ongoing healing and recovery for many of our Kirwan UC family.
- Praise Him for the great turnout at the Biggest Morning Tea and the tireless efforts of all our volunteers to make this event a success.
- This Refugee Week, we remember those who have escaped injustice and violence to find peace and liberty in our communities.
- Please pray for the families in our region that we have helped with furniture donations, food hampers and vouchers - and for the volunteers who have given of their time and donated to support others in need.
- Pray for the political leaders and economists rolling out the Qld State budget, may there help for those who need it most.
- Pray for our Townsville City Council in the midst of recent turmoil, may God bring stability to the leadership of our city.
- Pray for an end to conflicts in Europe, Africa and the Middle East and for safety for those offering support for refugees and others in need.



Townsville's quarterly interdenominational worship gathering, June 20, 7-9 pm YWAM Precinct, 312 Walker St

Roster 23 - June 2024	
PREACHER:	Esteban L
READER:	Wayne P
GREETER:	Kathy R
OFFERING:	Trevor N Andrew R
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Joan W
MORNING TEA:	Joan W Dawson W
FLOWERS:	Pam K

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NOTE ON WORSHIP

It has been noted that there have been some changes to our worship with the arrival of our new Minister. It is important that we share with you that these changes are about our responsibility with respect to copyright and authors' intellectual property rights - which is becoming increasingly complicated for churches in Australia. Unfortunately, some of our beloved songs that we have sung as part of our worship services are no longer free-to-use under current copyright law. Esteban and the Worship Coordinators are working together to curate worship that is a reflection of the legacy of worship at Kirwan UC, missional and inclusive to reach new Christians and younger people and that is in accordance with our legal requirements.

For this reason, Esteban and the COM felt it important to share with you about these requirements being placed on us and all Uniting Church congregations:

- Purchase of a hymnal or song book no longer covers "free to use", some hymnals have already lost their copyright provisions such as AHB and Together in Song will expire next year.
- The vast majority of worship songs (including hymns) are under the terms of use of our Christian Copyright License Intl. (CCLI) agreement, which we purchase each year.
- Unfortunately, some authors and composers (or their estates) have not allowed for their works to be covered under the CCLI scheme, although these appeared in hymnals or songbooks with other works that are now under CCLI - current legislation means that author's copyright has superseded that of the administration that once covered it.
- If there is a song or hymn you would like us to bring in Worship, speak to Esteban or one of the Worship Coordinators and we will investigate that song and let you know if we have access to it.

Australia's Morning Tea

A huge thank you to all who helped make our Biggest Morning Tea so enjoyable. We raised \$1640 for the Cancer Council.

Thanks
Sheila



Annual Reports Needed for 2024 AGM

During the next month or so can you please write an annual report for the activity/group that you lead or work with.

Please send them as a Word attachment to our COM Chairperson, david.king@jcu.edu.au or to the church email - kirwanunitingchurch@gmail.com

David King, on behalf of CoM

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Esteban will be Working From Home During the School Holidays but is available for appointments by arrangement.

Meetings: Presb Prop Officer Thurs 2 pm

Pre-Assembly Zoom Thurs 6.30 pm

Days Off: Friday and Saturday