

# 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 23**

**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:** Maarten vP

**Reader:** Wayne P

**Prayers:** Sheree B

**News:** Joan W

## Bible Reading:

- 1 Sam 17: 1-9, 41-50

## This Week's Activities:

**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 Night Bible Study on Recess**

**Until July 3**

ALL WELCOME!

## From the Minister's Desk

As refugee week comes to an end, I am mindful of those in our wider community who have come to live among us in seeking safety and freedom. I had the privilege to interview a recent centenarian for the local school in Melbourne. She was the oldest resident in our neighbourhood and I was the most recent migrant at our school so the pairing made sense. Our local paper found out and came to take photos and be part of the interview, I had pre-prepared questions from the principal's office that included, "where and how did you go to school?" and "what did you and your brothers and sisters have for lunch?" Simple, easy and basic questions for a 10 year old boy to ask.

But as this lady spoke two things became obvious, the first was that she spoke with an English accent - although she had lived in Australia for over eighty years, she came from a generation that still largely regarded themselves as British citizens. Along with the photos she brought to show me, she had her British passport with a photo of a young woman and stamps of many European countries. The second thing that became obvious was that she experienced a similar level of technology as I had as a recent migrant from Latin America. Don't get me wrong, we had cars and computers and other modern conveniences in Latin America in the '90s but these were not accessible everywhere - and at times, particular in the countryside, we relied on horses and other beasts of burden. I remember relying on post for necessary goods and going by cart to the township to get our supplies - a experience that this lady shared with me also, some 90 years previously.

There was a moment of clarity and universality in that interview, we had both been migrants, we had both come to a new land and acclimatised in our own ways, we had both experienced the change of technology and development and could now share in these experiences. Similarly, in our wider connections in the community, we should find areas of common ground, ask people about their experiences and I imagine we will find that we have more in common than we first thought.

*Blessings - Esteban*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS

- We praise God for those safely returning from travels in the recent weeks and God's traveling mercies for those still on the road.
- Praise God for the recent Baptisms in the life of our congregation and the celebration of faith and new life these events bring.
- Praise for the Warehouse Worship event on Friday and YWAM's ongoing ministry and outreach in our city.
- Continue to pray for our Townsville City Council and Qld Community Alliance meeting this week with councilors and local members to address concerns with the housing crisis and early childhood development.
- Pray to the Lord of the Harvest (Lk. 10:2) for a plentiful crop for our farmers this year.

### Shirli Congoo UAICC Prayer

Invitation from West End UAICC for all to join in prayer for our city, our youth and Unity. West End Uniting Church, 5:30-6:30 pm

### Townsville Churches Combined Prayer Meeting

The next Churches Combine prayer gathering is on Tuesday, July 2, 7 am - at Northreach Baptist.

### Roster 23 - June 2024

<b>PREACHER:</b>	Esteban L
<b>READER:</b>	Robin H
<b>GREETER:</b>	Jenny W
<b>OFFERING:</b>	Andrew R & Greg F
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>	Kathy R
<b>MORNING TEA:</b>	Jenny T & Chitra M
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Amelia P

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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.

### 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](mailto:david.king@jcu.edu.au) or to the church email - [kirwanunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:kirwanunitingchurch@gmail.com)

David King, on behalf of CoM

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*Esteban will be Working From Home During the School Holidays until July 2 but is available for appointments by arrangement.*

Meetings: **Moderator's Act Social Justice - Tues 2:30 pm**

**QCA Leaders Meeting - Tues 5:30 pm**

Days Off: **Friday and Saturday**