

# ***New Horizons***

**Monthly Newsletter of Warwick/Killarney**  
**Uniting Church July 2020**



## **No Pastoral Pondering this month.**

Thanks to Ansie, Willie and Berenice for sharing their holiday photo from Agnes Water.

After such a hectic few months, it is so good to see our ministry family able to have some time to refresh. Since the Covid 19 shutdown, Willie and Ansie have prepared a morning devotion each weekday morning. While they are travelling these are still happening, but an extra bonus is, we can share in the places they stay.



## Matthew 11: 25-30 and Covid 19

Sometimes life's burdens can overwhelm us, and we live with uncertainty and the fear that we will be swallowed up in despair and lack of hope. Here in this passage of Scripture, Jesus offers us a lifeline, 'Come to me ...' He says. Sounds simple, doesn't it? And yet we find it difficult to believe that reaching out to Him can make a difference.

- Lord, you invite us to take your hand and walk with you through this 'valley of tears' how stubborn we can be sometimes. Help us to be open to your whispered invitation and respond with faith and generosity.

## PATTY CAKES AND LEMONADE

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long way to where God lived, so he packed his backpack with patty cakes, several cans of lemonade and started on his journey.



When he had gone about three blocks, he saw an elderly lady. She was sitting on a park bench watching the birds. The boy sat down next to her and opened his backpack. He was about to take a drink from his lemonade when he noticed the lady looked hungry, so he offered her a patty cake. She gratefully accepted and smiled at him.

Her smile was so wonderful that he wanted to see it again, so he offered some lemonade as well. Once again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling without saying a word. As it began to get dark, the boy realized how tired he was and wanted to go home. He got up to leave but before he had gone no more than a few steps, he turned around and ran back to the old woman, giving her a big hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy arrived home his Mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked, "What has made you so happy today?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." Before his mother could respond he, added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile in the whole world!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face. He asked, "Mother, what has made you so happy today?" She replied, "I ate patty cakes in the park with God." And before her son could reply, she added, "You know, he is much younger than I expected."

Often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring; all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Take no one for granted and embrace all equally with joy!

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Michelle asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by William's picture which showed four people on an aeroplane. So, she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt" he replied.

"I see... and that must be Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus," Michelle said "but who is the fourth person?"

"Oh, that is Pontius - the Pilot"



## *Food for Thought*

I've had enough of thinking about Covid19 and its tragic consequences. So, this month, I decided we needed some levity. Here goes!

### *Know your Bible Trivia*

- Q What kind of man was Boaz before he married?.....Ruthless  
Q Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? .....Noah  
He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.  
Q Who was the greatest comedian.... Samson. He brought the house down.  
Q What excuse did Adam give his children as to why they were no longer in Eden? Your mother ate us out of house and home!  
Q Who was the greatest lawbreaker? Moses. He broke all Ten Commandments at once.  
Q Which one had no parents? .... Joshua, son of Nun. (Anonymous)

### *Lessons learnt from Noah*

- Don't miss the boat!
  - We're all in the same boat.
  - Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark
  - Stay fit! When you're 600 years old, you may be asked to do something big.
  - Don't listen to critics...just get on with the job.
  - Build your future on high ground.
  - For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
  - When stressed, just float awhile.
  - Just remember the ark was built by amateurs.... the Titanic by professionals.
  - No matter the storm, when you're with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.
- (Anonymous)

### *Imponderables*

- Why is it called a hamburger when it's made of beef?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
- Why are there five syllables in the word monosyllabic?
- When two planes almost collide why is it called a near miss instead of a near hit?
- Why are they called apartments when they're stuck together?
- Why call them buildings when they're finished. Shouldn't they be built?

And to sum it all up, isn't it logically impossible for us finite creatures to ever really understand the infinite and to get a grip on 'The Trinity...the three but one?

(Shalom, Jean)



There are only three things in life that matter – good friends, good chocolates and, oh dear what was the other one?

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world.  
There are those who wake up and say, "Good morning Lord."  
And there are those who wake up and say: Good Lord, it's morning."

### **An Enormous Thank You**

What an unbelievable 'new normal' we have been experiencing. How many new ways of connecting we have learnt! Without those weekday devotions and our Sunday service on YouTube, we would have become quite despondent as the weeks stretched out into months and our normal face to face encounters dried up. Instead, we have been kept in touch through these, the weekly notices, phone calls and even a visit here and there. It has been proof of so many 'going the second mile.'

Many people have worked hard on our behalf to keep us still feeling part of the Body of Christ....still connecting ...still worshipping.... still knowing God and his servants love and care for us. It is another example of how we are all called to fulfil the tasks crafted for us by God and, together, we can make a difference. So, thanks to so many of you who have made such a difference through this period of isolation.

It will be a true celebration when we can meet face to face .... even if we can't sing! I now know I could never have been part of a contemplative order! Our Bible Study Group has continued to meet through teleconferencing and now social distancing.

This coupled with all the above has been a tremendous help in bridging the gap. So, all I can say is an enormous thank you....and see you all soon! Jean

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Yesterday, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, a memorial service was held for Doug Coy with 46 family members in the Church and 30 in the Hall.

Social distancing was followed, with ribbons tied onto the pews and chairs to show the mourners where to sit. The service was live streamed into the hall thanks to Laurie's capabilities and to the wider community through Burstow's live streaming.

What a difference three months makes, from the time when attendance was limited to ten, and no streaming, to the present when we were able to share our special buildings with the Coy family.

Doug and Beryl had been married for 73 years and their immediate family consists of 4 children and spouses, 16 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

“And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.” –  
Abraham Lincoln.

**Hopefully, we will all be able to share in worship in the near future as the following article outlines.**

### **Opening up our church – post Covid 19**

Since mid-March we've all followed directives from health advisers and politicians to stay safe, and stay at home and Queensland numbers have remained well contained – but now we can see the time ahead when we hope, and pray, that we will be able to come back to church.

By mid-July we are sincerely hoping that we will be able to resume worship at church – but it will be quite a while before our life and worship will resemble what we have been used to. We are following Queensland synod directives and guidelines – and they are generally more cautious than Industry Covid-19 safe plans.

The following will hopefully set out some of the main restrictions that we will be following – as we know of at this stage -16 June.

- We will be allowed up to 50+ worshippers in the Warwick church – smaller numbers in Killarney and Freestone – as per guidelines of 1 person per 4 m<sup>2</sup> if there is no singing. 1 person per 7 m<sup>2</sup> with singing.
- **Although – at present** - groups of a maximum 20 only are allowed.
- Vulnerable people are encouraged to stay at home.
- No gathering is permitted before or after services on church premises.
- No tea, coffee or food is to be provided on church premises
- Cashless financial transactions are encouraged – and we thank the many members who have commenced direct debiting their tithes and offerings.
- Strict hygiene and cleaning practices need to be adhered to.
- Attendance sheets must be signed and kept for 56 days.
- All groups who use the hall - church and outside hall users - must appoint a 'responsible person' to oversee the attendance records and thorough cleaning is carried out.
- All groups – church and outside hall users - must complete checklists documenting their attendance and cleaning records. These checklists are to be forwarded to the Finance, Audit and Risk Task Team and then their compliance is reported to Church Council – via the warden – Sue Campbell.
- It is hoped that some on-line presence will remain when we can worship face-to-face at church.
- These checklists and the total synod communique have been sent to all groups – church and outside – who use our buildings.

These points are a summary of the main items that concern all of us. Procedures have been devised that are designed to ensure that our buildings are regularly cleaned, our attendance quotas and records are maintained, our members are safe and aware of our endeavors to prepare for a safe return to worship in our church buildings.

As mentioned earlier – we hope to be able to recommence worship in church by mid-July and the government and synod directives change weekly and our response needs to display those changes. Your prayer leaders will continue to keep in touch with you, and all notices and future New Horizons will keep you up to date with any changes that will herald our opening.

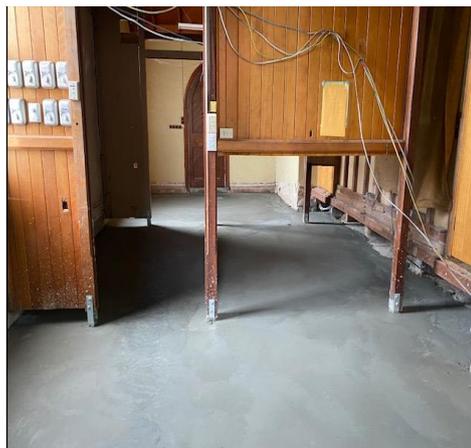
We are trying to stay connect to you while we are apart – and we'd encourage everyone to ring a friend, or visit. Try to be hopeful, patient, and buoyant as we ride out the last of this pandemic till the end.

See you soon.....Sue Campbell

## CHURCH COUNCIL CHATTER JUNE

It was good to get Task Team reports in. There is a lot going on renovating, tidying and maintaining for when we resume using our properties.

*new vestry floor*



### Finance and Audit Risk:

- Preparing a Synod offer of a Line of Credit in case our fixed expenditure items outstrip our income.
- We have a Covid Task Team with responsibility to organise reopening. Safety Plans for
- resuming activities have been sent to all Hall Hirers and Ministry Groups as we will need their safe plan to be approved by FAR and then approved by Presbytery and Synod before people get the clearance. Sue Campbell has taken on the role of Covid Warden (to champion safe practices)
- Look out for Children's Ministries such as mainly music resuming in both Warwick and Killarney after the holidays.
- Vanessa Solomon has taken on a role of administering the SMWC training site moodle and will present at the July Council meeting

### Property:

- Another busy month for this term with re-building now in action for the broken foundations at the rear of the Warwick UCA
- Repairs to Killarney proceeding

### Communications:

- Spring Fair (Sat 17th October being advertised and planning steaming ahead (see report)

### Information Technology:

- Lawrie has been working hard supporting the streaming part of online worship and weekday devotionals
- The Worship Team forming our services: Ansie, Willie, Barry, Ian and Lawrie.

### Minister:

- Ansie on holidays 23 June – 4th July
- Ansie and Willie invited to continue study with Masters in Mission through Trinity College
- Ansie asked to be in Plentiful Leadership – 12month course of mentoring and menteeing
- Grief and Loss Course with Blue Care starting 22nd July (in Notices)

### Pastoral Care:

- Contact between leaders and members strongly encouraged to continue
- Letters have gone out to members
- We meet weekly to consider how we can strengthen this caring side of our church membership and give thanks to God for that privilege

## 150th Anniversary Task Team: Program now approved

- Saturday 21st November
- Informal plans could involve some old fashioned games in the afternoon
- Dinner: 6pm cost \$30 per person,
- Drinks and nibbles in the courtyard
- Dinner and Dessert in the Hall with evening program of entertainment
- Sunday 22nd November
- Combined worship Warwick 9am followed by Fellowship Lunch

## New Initiatives:

- Synod has developed a Business Development Unit to promote income generating ideas for churches
- UCARE: we have given Presbytery our interest in this record keeping system to improve our Pastoral Care to the next level.
- Project Plenty – now with their draft result of plans called ‘Shared Life, Flourishing Communities’. We are all invited to watch the videos, answer the questions and join the forums. Please let Marg Wells know if you would like the links (0427144812).
- Rev May has donated generously sized middle school biblical dressups (now in our costume cupboard

✦ Let God be your vision  
✦ Let God be your peace  
✦ Let God be your inspiration

In this will you find complete content and harmony  
In the world in which you live.

## SPRING FAIR 2020

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
9am-12pm

Yes! We are going ahead planning the Fair, despite the uncertain times we are currently in. How wonderful it will be if we can welcome our community into our grounds! Our old team is back in harness with the help of Rev May to co-ordinate stalls and Vanessa Solomon has taken on coordinating entertainment.

With all the changes we have gone through, you will feel completely at home with our traditional and familiar fun family friendly morning.



There will be plenty of local entertainment, stalls full of bargains including plants, baking, books, trash n treasure, craft and a variety of food stalls including morning tea, lunch and our famous BBQ stall with tables set up in the courtyard. Entertainment will mostly be in our sandstone church which celebrates 150 years of worship on November 22<sup>nd</sup> this year.

While entertainment will take a while to wrap up, we are hoping to have some of the popular entertainment and visitors back from previous years understanding all these groups are coping with shut down restrictions so things could change.

- Scots Pipers
- Thistle Pipe Band
- Inverness Highland Dancers.
- Warwick City Band.
- ARK – animal rescue

#### **Our planned Stalls consist of:**

- **BBQ...** Lester family and friends
- **Home Baking...** No co-ordinator at present.
- **Treat Yourself...** Mary Young, who will contact sweet and treat makers.
- **Made With Love...** Ann-maree Clark, and many crafters
- **Plants...** Darell and Pam Fletcher and John Morris
- **Produce...** Killarney congregation led by Brad Beck
- **Books...** Gordon Bratby and Jenny Lane
- **Collectibles and Jewellery...** Marg Wilkie and Janet Reid
- **Pavlovas...** Alisi Malolo
- **Ice creams and Drinks...** This is really two stalls. Anne Coy is selling ice creams and is making frozen cups this year. She has offered to take the cartons of drinks home to the cold room, so they will be chilled, ready for sale.
- **Nachos...** Sue Campbell
- **Morning Tea...** Elizabeth Hawthorne and friends are pleased to serve everyone again this year.
- **Health Desk...** Daryal Simpson and Genevieve Laing are again ready to test everyone.
- **Trash and Treasure ...** Still to connect with the suggested co-ordinator.
- **Kids' Activities ...** Alison Payne would like to do gardening activities with children, in a gazebo in the area near God's garden.
- **Computer Games...** Lawrie Clayton.



Ideas still welcome! *Please note Home Baking needs helpers – please contact Rev May 46615251 if you would like to be part of the team.*

Next meeting **Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 1.30pm**

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## God's Garden Update

A working bee on the 13<sup>th</sup> June saw a lot of progress made in God's Garden. The Strawberry bed was rejuvenated with several strawberry runners removed and donated to new homes. A wayward nasturtium was binned. Natural fertilizers and compost from the resident compost bin were added to the soil and then strawberry plants replanted with plastic laid down to prevent the fruit from sitting in the dirt. It looks very professional, thanks to John.

Basil was removed from one of the beds leaving it fallow for the time being. Some silky oak seedlings were discovered in the beds and a new home was found for them too.

The Zucchini bed was also renovated being given the treatment of cow and chook manure and blood and bone as well as compost. Several home-grown lettuce seedlings were planted in this bed. Later, on Tuesday, the seeds of baby carrots and radish were planted at the opposite end of this bed.

The Old Man Saltbush plants were given a pruning to encourage new growth. Herbs were tidied up and some beetroot harvested along with spring onions. May swept up the debris and the garden was left tidy and looking refreshed.

The Curry Herb – growing in God's Garden

Following extensive research on Google about the curry herb, I have reached the conclusion that it is a herb to grow more for its aromatic properties and visual appeal than for generous use in recipes although it can be added **sparingly** to a variety of savoury dishes. This is because it has a strong, slightly bitter taste. It can be used in chicken dishes, in the mayonnaise in egg salads, and in cream cheese spreads. A sprig of the curry plant is inserted under the skin of the chicken before roasting. For the latter two dishes, it should be finely chopped before adding.

If used in a curry dish **it does not replace the normal curry** combination of herbs, but a few chopped leaves can be added for a taste and aromatic effect just before completion of cooking.



The curry herb has a long history of medicinal use for a variety of conditions ranging from mild depression to wound cleansing to relief of colds and flu symptoms to skin complaints.

Its yellow flowers are used to make teas and very expensive therapeutic oils especially for the skin.

In the garden its flowers attract beneficial insects.  
If you like the smell of curry, then this herb is for you!

## Looking for something different this school holidays? We're excited to announce Easter Madness online!

It was with heavy hearts that the Qld Synod was not able to hold the Easter Madness 2020 Camp this year. Usually held at Alexandra Park Conference Centre on the Sunshine Coast just before Easter, hence the title. Rev Willie had been invited to be the guest speaker and Rev Ansie to also be involved in the leadership. However, Covid 19 put an end to that! Now Easter Madness online will be a virtual event held on 5 and 6 July 2020.

Who: High school students, this event is for you! Youth group leaders and other leaders come along too.

Join us for the worship rally during the evening on Sunday 5 July, when our speaker Rev Willie Liebenberg will be joined by our Easter Madness worship band.

On Monday 6 July 2020, we will have morning and afternoon electives!

This is a free event for you to experience our unique Easter Madness worship from the comfort of your home.

Any question, please do not hesitate to contact the team via Facebook messages or [eastermadness@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:eastermadness@ucaqld.com.au) We can't wait to "see" you all soon!



### *TRIVIA NIGHT IS ON AGAIN.*

If you didn't participate last time and are fond of trivia, why not register and join in. This time you can have a Trivia party of your own if you wish, no visit restrictions. Much more fun that way and so many more brains to contribute the answers. Not necessarily the most qualified who knows the trivia.

It's coming folks – time to start buying tickets!

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 6:45pm**

\$10 per team - no limit to numbers

Follow the link to purchase tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-prequel-to-the-one-almighty-online-trivia-night-tickets-108956897012?fbclid=IwAR3K7fsr3Wvxf0C2rVXEmvS7c3bLiyC2dXXx8YhxAfY2vhh70FArU7eyBk8>

## LECTIONARY

Date	First Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Gen 24:34-38,42-49,58-67	Ps 45:10-17	Rom 7:15-25a	Matt 11:16-19,25-30
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Gen 25:19-34	Ps 119:105-112	Rom 8:1-11	Matt 13:1-9,18-23
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Gen 28:10-19a	Ps 139:1-12,23-24	Rom 8:12-25	Matt 13: 24-30,36-43
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Gen 29:15-28	Ps 105: 1-11,45b	Rom 8: 26-39	Matt 13:31-33, 44-52
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Gen 32:22-31	Ps 17:1-7,15	Rom 9:1-5	Matt14:13-21