



# NEW HORIZONS

Warwick/Freestone/ Killarney Newsletter September 2020

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## mainly music.

In the movie Field of Dreams Iowa farmer Ray hears a mysterious voice one night in his cornfield saying, "If you build it, he will come," he feels the need to act.



The mainly music team knew it was time to prepare once more. Our diligent elves set everything in place for Thursday morning AND



They came! They sang and danced, wriggled across the floor, hopped like a kangaroo and put right hands, left hands and all the other actions needed to do the Hokey Pokey. What a wonderful morning, catching up after five months away. How some of the children have grown and what fun to meet new arrivals.

Booking in is required but we can accommodate 50 with helpers, so room for many more.

## Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee Beans



Our granddaughter Grace, who lives in Dalton NSW, a very small town (pop 104), is going to attend an agricultural high school called Yanco near Wagga next year. Being a curious Mama, I googled Yanco and while reading various information came upon an edition of a newsletter which contained the following article. I thought it was worth copying and sharing. I hope you agree. Angela

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter.

The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her, he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft.

He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity— the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently.

- The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.
- The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.
- However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean? "

Moral of the Story: In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us.

## Food for Thought... September 2020

Do you ever think how useful it would be to be aware of what lies in the days ahead?

- This year, in particular, we would have known not to make travel plans.
- We would certainly never have believed we needed to stockpile toilet paper.
- We might not have been able to change what was to happen...but we may have been more prepared to cope with the needs that developed!

I have often wondered when Jesus became aware of what his future held.

- Was it at his Baptism?
- Or when he was tempted in the wilderness?
- Or in his childhood when he became aware he was a little different?



I have just read a novel, "Christ the Lord...Out of Egypt", written by Anne Rice. Anne grew up in an old-fashioned, strict Roman Catholic Irish American Parish in the 1940s and 50s, strayed away from her faith at age 18, and married an atheist two years later. An extensive Author's Note at the end of the book chronicles her search back into faith as she read copiously the writings of both believers and sceptics, as well as the histories of Josephus and Philo and as she widely researched the life and culture of the Jewish world that Christ was born into.

Anne was particularly drawn to the Gospel of John as she contemplated what Jesus may have felt and wondered about as a young boy growing up in the world of the Middle East. So, this became a novel about the childhood of Jesus from Alexandria to Galilee in the turbulent first century. The story opens in cosmopolitan Alexandria to which the family had fled to escape Herod's purge of the baby boys. From all her research, she believed that this was no nuclear family, but an extended one, almost a tribe, who were also witnesses of the strange birth of Jesus.

When Herod dies, they board a ship to Israel which was under Roman occupation and, at that time, was a country full of unrest and rebellion after the death of the tyrant king as the people awaited the news of who would take his place. It is told from the viewpoint of Jesus as a 7 and 8 year old who watches the events unfolding, who sees the grandeur of the Temple when the family go from Galilee to Jerusalem for Passover. We watch him grow, steeped in the laws, rituals and traditions of his people, and how he gradually becomes aware of the mystery of his birth and the reason the family left for Egypt.

It is a fascinating story that attempts to give a little idea of how he comes face to face with the truth of his past and how he glimpses the challenge of the future that awaits him. For here is Christ, fully human and fully divine! Her descriptions are so well researched that we are truly transported into Jerusalem and Galilee and the life of the Jews of that time.

I will put the book into the church library.... it's well worth a read!

And, no, I don't really want to know what lies ahead for me.... just one step enough for me!.....Shalom, Jean

## CHURCH COUNCIL CHATTER AUGUST 2020

Our Treasurer, Jenny Lane, has expressed thanks for the lift in our finances this month. We have had some very generous gifts, not only in donations but in time and talent.



As Ansie expressed it, this generosity carries us forward as a vibrant and caring, faith filled community. A big thank you to all who give in so many ways, whether coming to worship in person or joining in with on-line worship, being on a roster, seeing what we need and giving it.... It is noticed and appreciated!

In turn Ansie has expressed thanks to her worship team, streaming worship now for 7 months and continuing. You are legends (and I include Ansie and Willie).

### Resuming Activities – we are so glad to see

- Warwick and Killarney mainly music resuming (Warwick 27 August)
- Home Groups have resumed
- Killarney Sunday School resuming
- **Worship Services:**
  - Freestone congregation continues to worship in person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month
  - Capacity: 26 and bookings essential (see Alan Payne)
  - Killarney will be gathering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month
  - Capacity: 26 and bookings essential (phone the office 4661 1080 weekday mornings or use the facebook link)
  - Warwick meet at 9am each Sunday
  - Capacity: 50 and bookings essential (phone the office 4661 1080 weekday mornings or use the facebook link)

### Hospitality Groups:

Opening after such a long shut down is bringing some urgent requests

- **Hospitality: Providing safe, clean and attractive venues is an essential part of being present in our Community.**
- **Now includes Covid-19 teams: In person Worship can only continue with the support of team members taking on the job of recording attendees, cleaning and forwarding all the necessary checks to FAR.**
  - **We are calling on all who feel they are able to still contribute by belonging to either a Hospitality Group or the Covid-19 team on Sunday greeting people and ensuring safe worship compliance.**
  - Your health and safety are still paramount. All those wishing to help MUST fill out a vulnerable workers risk assessment – whether you are under 70 and without any health consideration, or over 70 or with health considerations. Ansie may wish to discuss your volunteering with you to ensure a plan is set out to ensure optimum choices for what you would like to do. This will be between yourself and Ansie.

- Contact the Office if you would like to help with either Hospitality or helping the Covid Warden on Sunday.
- Group Leaders:
  - First weekend of the month: Dianne Cahill/Lawrie Clayton
  - Second weekend of the month: Janet Reid
  - Third weekend of the month: Gordon Reid
  - Fourth weekend of the month: Terry Smart
- **The Covid-19 team on Sunday, formed from the above groups, will:**
  - Remind people to hand sanitise
  - Help people navigate the check in system
  - Be aware of Covid restrictions
  - Guide members to a seat
  - Direct people towards the exit after the service
  - Sanitise after the Service (in Warwick the Hospitality team is cleaning the church ready for worship)

#### **Changes to Meetings:**

- Council Meetings: to meet via zoom for 2 months and by face to face the 3<sup>rd</sup> month when ministry reports will be dealt with
- Task Teams meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday night of the month via Zoom using rooms where appropriate.
- Task Teams need to have safe plan in and approval if meeting at church.

My prayer for my church: Lord, we are out of our comfort zones and 'normal' is now unknown. Give us the strength and confidence to change, the strength and faith to trust and the strength and love to bring others to your throne of grace. Above all, we thank Ansie and Willie for their leadership, teaching and witness.

#### **Our COVID-19 year.**

We would be naïve to think that anything in 2020 would be like it was last year. So too with our Spring Fair plans. As usual we held our first planning meeting in April, well aware that COVID-19 restrictions might mean we had to abandon our plans for stalls and entertainment. But as the year progressed, we have been hopeful that we might still be able to present not one Spring Fair – but three Spring Market days.

With the need to keep attendance records, maintain entry and exit and clear traffic flow through the site, and limit our number on site, the plan was hatched to hold three days, with all produce and stalls in the hall and courtyard. You never know – this too may not come to pass – but this is the plan as of August 19.

In many ways this may prove to be a plan for the future. With the spread of stalls and work over three weekends rather than one big Fair, this will hopefully enable a more relaxed time for those of us who usually work on stalls to be able to enjoy wandering when we are not needed for that weekend.

So – that's the plan. But we are still mindful that we are fortunate to be able to anticipate crowds in our hall and courtyard when so many other communities must stay very close to home. The fair has always been seen as not only a strong fundraising event, but also an opportunity for the community to visit, and now they can visit on three occasions.

Sue Campbell



**Warwick  
Killarney  
Freestone  
Uniting Church  
*Changes to our  
Annual Spring  
Fair***

**What happens when you can't hold the usual multi-stall Spring Fair?  
You hold it over 3 weekends!!**

**We now have an awesome October of Spring Markets**

**October 10<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12md**

- Trash 'n Treasure in Williams Hall
  - Bric a brac
  - Household goods
- Trash 'n Treasure will hold some bargains from a household downsizing, and all items priced to clear.
- *Please note, we cannot sell clothing or accessories (shoes or handbags) due to Covid restrictions.*

**October 17<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12 md**

- Plant sale in the Courtyard
- Craft in Williams Hall

**October 24<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12md**

- Pre-loved books in Williams Hall
- Produce in the Courtyard

**Please note: To work with Covid requirements, we will have to stop accepting donations of items 4 days before the sale.**

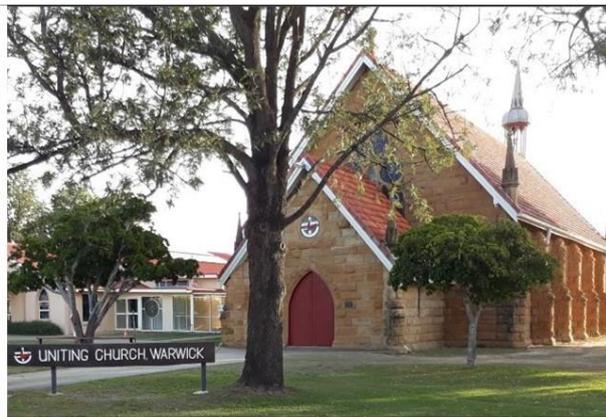
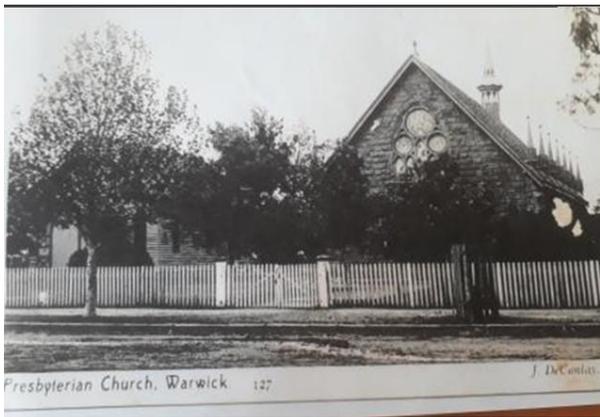
**Can you help?**

Have you items to donate to any of these stalls?

Can you offer time to help set up or clean up after each of any of the markets?

This our main fundraiser, runs on generosity of time, talent and treasure.

Watch this space for more announcements as we continue planning Covid safe Markets for our community. We will have to record attendance and mark way in and way out and we will have hand sanitiser freely available for use.



150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Worship in the Warwick sandstone church  
 Celebrating November 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Weekend celebrations to celebrate this milestone is being celebrated on the above dates – the closest to the opening on November 20<sup>th</sup> 1870.

Invitations have gone out to past ministers, our Mayor, our Presbytery Minister and our current and new Moderators! We are receiving replies and look forward to introducing Rev Andrew Gunton as our new moderator.

**Program:**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>:**

6pm drinks and nibbles in the Courtyard

Dinner in the Hall

Entertainment

Anniversary Book for sale

Display of past and current events

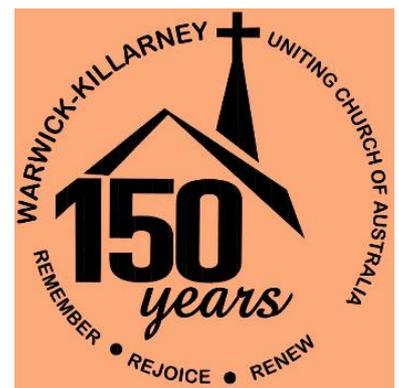
Tickets for the night (not available yet) \$30 per person

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9am combined Worship

Morning Tea

Fellowship Lunch



*Note: please be aware that we are still travelling with Covid restrictions which could change our current plans.*

# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choir

Warwick Choral Society is looking for additional singers, especially tenors and basses, to join us for the opening songs of the celebrations on 21 November.

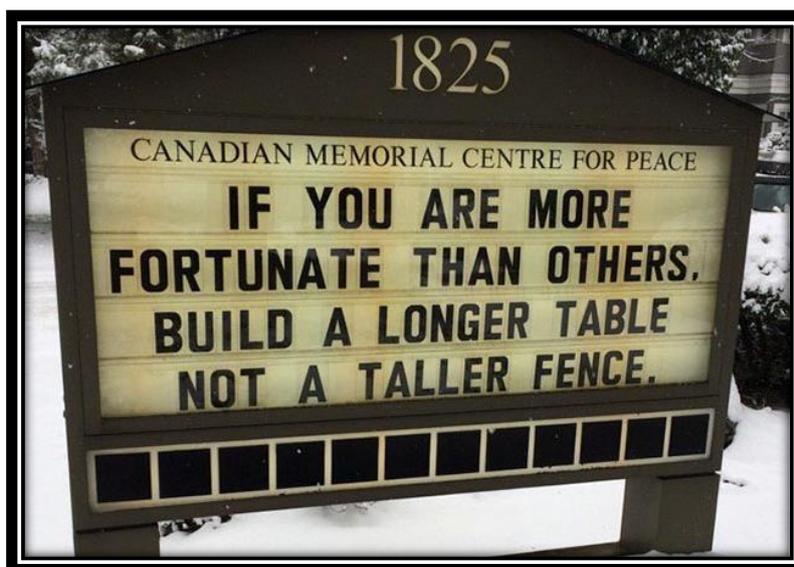
Practices will be in Williams Hall each Monday from 4-6pm, starting Monday 31 August. Music will be supplied, for return after the event. Covid 19 safe arrangements will apply. To indicate your interest, please contact Alison Baistow on 4661 5173, Mobile 0427 534 159, or email [a.baistow@bigpond.com](mailto:a.baistow@bigpond.com).

## PREACHING PLAN

	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27
Killarney 8.30 am		Rev Ansie		David Cahill
Warwick 9.00	David Cahill	Rev Willie	Rev Ansie	Jean Reid
Freestone 2.00pm		Rev Willie HC		

## LECTIONARY READINGS

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Sept 6	Exodus 12:1-14	Psalm 149	Rom 13: 8-14	Matthew 18: 15-20
Sept 13	Exodus 14:19-31	Psalm 114	Rom 14: 1-12	Matthew 18 :21-35
Sept 20	Exodus 16:2-15	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Phil:21-30	Matt 20: 1-16
Sept 27	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 78:1-4,12-16	Phil 2:1-13	Matthew 21: 23-32
Oct 4	Exodus 20: 12-20	Ps 19	Phil 3:4b-14	Mat.21:33-46



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