



New Horizons



Newsletter of the Warwick/Killarney/ Freestone Parish
JUNE 2022

I greet you in the Name of the Triune God!

It has been a while since I have been this cold!

We have been greeted with a winter wonderland of frost this morning! How beautiful and wonderful God's creation is. This is the week after Pentecost and as we approach the Trinity Sunday it is amazing to think we have free access to God, who created all this! Beauty, seasons, temperature, sight, the list is endless, and I trust that wherever you are, you are can marvel in the wonder of God all around.

Proverbs 8 depicts wisdom as a woman, and I wonder about the female aspect of God. How wise and wonderful some of our mothers in the faith are. We give thanks for them! Created in the image of God. God within us.

As the ordinary time in the church calendar (nothing ordinary about it) starts, the baton is handed to us to continue the work of Jesus. I pray that we will hear the words of Christ speaking to each one of us in John 14:12 "very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I go to the Father, I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." God with us!

It has been a very active time of visiting projects, people, and places and not to forget the problems with flooding!

I attended the 36th Synod with its theme 'Daring Hope' via online platforms as Warwick was cut off for a period. The following week I officiated at a Service of Thanksgiving in Cambooya and was truly blessed by the community gathering. The week after that I served with Willie at the Alpha Holy Spirit weekend for the Central Downs churches.

During the past week, a few members from the Fit for Purpose Task Team visited the Protea Place Project in Toowoomba and we have set up meetings with Uniting Church communities in Robina, Redcliffe, Synod and Wesley mission during the rest of June. We are excited and so thankful for the people of God; their generosity and encouragement help us dream and dare for the future. Please continue to pray for these initiatives, that it may take root and produce a harvest!

On a personal note, I am hoping to go on a Spiritual retreat at the end of June for some silence, renewing, and refreshing.

Our daughter has been re-admitted to a mental health facility and our concerns for her life and future are ever growing. I know that I can rely on your prayers!

Disciple of Jesus

Ansie Liebenberg

Food for Thought...Chocolate

It was always said, "Cleanliness was next to Godliness", but I think they have it all wrong! It would seem more sensible to put chocolate in front of Cleanliness, because you can't eat chocolate without it melting and making a bit of a mess to clean up...so that's where cleanliness comes to the fore afterwards! This month, I want to share some gems that will send you looking for a block of chocolate.

- A balanced diet consists of the five main food groups: dairy, meat, wheat, fruit & vegies....and chocolate (I think you can leave out the vegies!)
- In the cookies of life, friends are the chocolate chips
- Man cannot live by chocolate alone....but women can!
- I'd give up chocolate, but I'm no quitter!
- There is no love more sincere than the love of chocolate
- Chocolate is not just for breakfast!
- Chocolate is by far the most popular of all the remedies that absolutely won't cure depression.
- Among life's mysteries is how a two-pound box of chocolates can make a woman gain five pounds.
- The average person eats 10 pounds of chocolate a year. Of course, a lot of it goes to waist.
- Eat a square meal a day.... A box of chocolates.
- Some people grow up and spread cheer. Chocoholics just grow up and spread.
- When someone says that she diets regularly, she probably means she doesn't eat anything while in church.
- A little too much chocolate is just about right.
- The reason some people eat chocolate is that they don't know what else to do with it.
- When the going gets tough, the tough eat chocolate.
- Life's greatest satisfactions include eating a bar of chocolate, getting the last laugh, having the last word and paying the last instalment.
- Life is uncertain....eat dessert first!
- If you indulge, you bulge....I think I just ate my willpower.
- The three best pleasures in life are scratching, sneezing and eating chocolate

All these came from Quotations for Chocolate Lovers....Shalom, Jean

God's smile

God's smile. It is around us everywhere. He grins when we long for explanations which He is deliberately saving up for when we finally get to His place. He will have some wonderful stories for us when we check in. After all He can see the end from the beginning, so He knows when to laugh with us and when to cry. He knows how often we are preoccupied with the heavy stuff and longs for us to stand back and see the essential joy, the lighter side which is usually there somewhere.

Yep, it's tough on the road but make no mistake, this journey has a marvellous destination. And, yes, there are meant to be laughs along the way. This not so serious God wants us to enjoy His salvation, but He has great plans for us to enjoy His laughter too. It's time to relax and see the funny side a touch more frequently. If He can, so may we.

TWEATTT....Together Again

This group of singles met again on Sunday, June 5....and can they all talk! It's so good to talk to others instead of to yourself, because when you talk to yourself, you know the reply!

Seriously, it is a very special time to enjoy the company of others before and while we are eating. The discussion ranges over many topics from current affairs to church affairs to the worship we have just enjoyed and even into the future. This month, 11 of us sat around our square table and got to know each other just that little bit more....it's all about relationships and sharing, opening ourselves up to others!

We are not a closed group. We are calling together all those who mostly eat alone which takes away so much of the enjoyment of eating a meal over the sharing of the news of the day. We meet straight after morning tea on the first Sunday each month, talking together until midday when our amazing catering group serve us with a lovely hot two course meal costing us a mere \$15. Thanks Terry and your team...it is a real ministry you provide for us.

So, come and join us on Sunday, July 3....and be amazed! Shalom, Jean

Who is my Neighbour?

Last Edition of New Horizons, I began a series of discovering and introducing some relative newcomers into our congregation. Some know them already....but, a lot of us know their faces without knowing much of their history. It can be so daunting to come into a rather settled group who have been a part of all that goes on in the Parish.

So, by allowing me to share a little of their history, it gives us all a chance to enter into a closer friendship with them making them feel an important part of our combined pilgrimages. So, this month, allow me to introduce Sue Yearby who has become a part of TWEATTT.

Sue was born in Sydney, but, then she grew up in Bundaberg where she attended the Catholic Church as a young girl. Along the way, she was married twice. Her first husband and Sue had four children, three girls and one boy. Her son is a horticulturist and lives in Warwick while the girls are scattered from Tassie to Sydney to Bundaberg. That led to eight grandchildren with, again, seven being girls and one boy. She has one great-granddaughter, again a girl! Four cats have kept her from being just too lonely!

She came to Warwick in 2019 for a change of pace from the hectic cities in which she had been living, but also because she had a brother and girlfriend living in Warwick. She wandered into the Warwick UCA by herself out of loneliness, her first adventure into church as an adult. She found it a bit scary, but felt a sense of warmth and welcome, enough to bring her back again and again. She now sees the church as a friendship pool.

In 2022, Sue joined in the group doing Alpha which she found eye-opening as she learnt about the Gospel and felt the love and friendship around her, especially enjoying the sense of togetherness during the Holy Spirit weekend. She likes cooking and became a part of the Cake Stall on Market days. Sue expressed an interest in becoming a part of Courthouse Cuppa and a part of God's Garden, particularly in extending the lending library there.

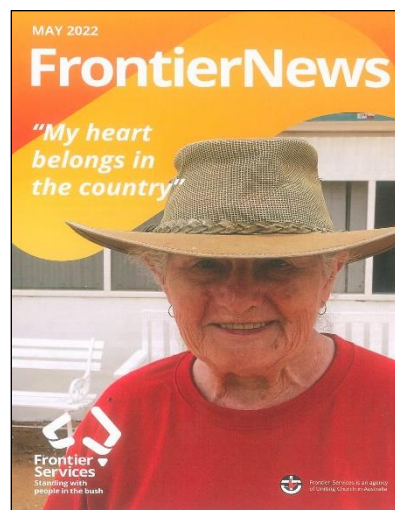
She now feels that the shift she made was well worth the hassle and looks forward to getting to know a lot more of us all. Thanks, Sue, for helping us know you more intimately!.....Shalom, Jean

Frontier News: Standing with people in the bush.

This agency of the Uniting Church in Australia supports Bush Chaplains, ministering to rural and isolated areas and providing a caring ear while people deal with the shock and losses of disaster.

Did you know?

- It was built from Bush Nurses, travelling far and wide
- To keep just one Bush Chaplain on the road for 12 months we need to raise an average of \$130,000 per year.
- Frontier Services have sent us a thank you card to give to a Bush Chaplain with their latest appeal for funds: *Help keep our Bush Chaplains at the frontline of mental health in the bush.*
- Access to mental health in the bush is minimal
- Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Pick up the Frontier News Magazine today and read some of the stories. The May edition is still current and available in our magazine rack.

CHURCH MOWING Are you able to help.....

Lately the rain keeps raining, and the grass keeps growing – and the leaves keep falling – and all these jobs need an elf to keep them under control. Peter Campbell has taken on the mowing – which he usually does Friday morning – but any assistance in mowing, edging, sweeping and bagging leaves etc would be gratefully accepted.

Please contact Peter on 0419 668 102. Thank you



Killarney Soup and Movie Night

Killarney was blessed with pleasant weather for a Soup and Movie Night held by the Adult Fellowship and mainly music in our hall on Saturday 28 May. The evening commenced at 5.30pm with a great variety of delicious, hot soups cooked by our Fellowship members and some sausages for the children.

Julia supplied some popcorn to set the mood and we had a lot of laughs (and a few tears) watching 'Herbie Fully Loaded'.

We had hoped for a few more participants but even so it was a warm, friendly evening of friendship and enjoyment with the movie concluding at 8.00pm – a good time to finish in the cooler weather.

Killarney Congregation News

Killarney congregation met after church on Sunday 22 May and discussed a variety of subjects. Members were encouraged to become involved in the new task teams formed to address the initiatives of Project Plenty and the direction of our parish for the next 5 years. It was noted that quarterly reports and risk audits are due now.

Report presented on World Day of Prayer in our church in March, highlighting the inspirational guest speaker, Carina who spoke on the plans God has for her life and that of her daughter, Trinity.

Discussion around returning to weekly worship services was held. Members indicated that they would be happy to do so, if possible.

Quotes to be obtained to paint external eastern wall of hall and western wall of church building. Some paint has been supplied from Warwick to internally paint toilets, committee room, foyer etc. Painting team planning to commence in July.

Soup and Movie Night to be held on Saturday 28th May and Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday 29th May. Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer also to be part of our activities during June.

The meeting closed with a successful emergency evacuation drill.



Killarney Churches Together Ecumenical Worship Service

Our church hosted an awesome worship service on Sunday 29th May, with our friends from the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Restoration and Revival congregations. Rev May presented a very topical message about unity and cooperation amongst Christians of all denominations as together we can accomplish great things for God and Meredith very ably played the organ for some rousing hymns. Overall, an inspirational worship service. As we had lots of soup left from the previous evening, members and guests enjoyed hot soup and warm fellowship over a cuppa after the service – no one seemed to want to go home!

On the 5th Sunday of the month....

If you think of it – when it’s the 5th Sunday of the month- - especially if you haven’t been available for your usual hospitality weekend - could you offer to help – Ring Sue Campbell – 0407 622 877 – to help with general cleaning on Saturday morning – 8 – 10ish –and/or Sunday morning – to welcome and provide some morning tea.

Thank you

Covid-19 is still with us

I’ve never been much of a ‘hugger’, but I become quite anxious when I see people hugging in this time of a highly transmissible virus. I know it is a wonderful greeting, but we only have to take note of the data on the news to know that people are being re-infected, people who are fully vaccinated are becoming infected, and sadly more people are dying now than when we were under much firmer restrictions.

So please – be mindful of the continuing threat to ourselves and our loved ones – and please don’t hug. It’s not a law – but it makes sense when the risk of infection is still so strong.

If you would like to order **a name badge**, please clearly print your name - on the sheet in the porch/office.

And for those of us who have a name badge - **please wear it**. We all like to know peoples' names and wearing our name badges makes it so much easier to remember for next time.

Thank you
Sue

Finance Summary – MAY 2022

	May	Year to May	Budget
Income	\$10 241	\$74 732	\$71 267
Expenditure	\$14 802	\$68 606	\$69 356

We see God’s blessings in our lives in many ways and respond with thankfulness as we are able.

This report shows our offerings and donations are 7% above our budgeted figure and 11% up on 2021 and we thank God for his continued provision in this aspect of His church in Warwick.

BEANIES FOR LISMORE

A request from Presbytery Treasurer and Maranoa Uniting Church Minister Pastor Jenny Noble

CAN YOU KNIT A BEANIE ???? David and I recently visited friends in Kyogle and Lismore where we saw first hand the absolute devastation the flooding has created.

At a Church Dinner in Kyogle on the Saturday night, I asked, "What can my folk do to help/aid you in recovery?"



Today I received a call from the Uniting Church Supply Agent - Sue Duncan - asking me **CAN YOU LAY YOUR HANDS ON ANY BEANIES?** Apparently with this cold weather, with people sleeping in tents or Pods etc - a donation of 150 beanies was gone in a flash.....So - if anyone can knit a beanie of ANY size - I would love to co-ordinate a collection to be sent down that way. Or raid the op shop. Michelle from Killarney has knitted a bagful which were being posted.

However, Carolyn and David Vardy have offered to take a drive and deliver those donated from our Parish and beyond. Donations of scarves or warm socks also appreciated. Nothing big as the Lismore people have nowhere to store anything, so while blankets etc would be useful not at the moment.

Seeing the need is NOW, **CLOSING DATE OF DONATIONS WILL BE 30th June** so those collected can be used quickly.

Please phone 0417023112 for more information or contact Carolyn Vardy or Dianne Cahill.

KILLARNEY UCA BIGGEST MORNING TEA. – OOPS WE FORGOT TO ORGANISE.

The biggest morning tea for Cancer planned for Killarney didn't happen.

Instead, we are asking for donations to be given during morning tea time following our worship service this Sunday the 12th of June and on Sunday the 24th of June.



Always a delicious morning tea after worship.

Please support if you are able.

Bible Trivia

1. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married? *1. ruthless*
2. What do they call pastors in Germany? *2. German shepherds*
3. What was William Shakespeare's favourite book of the bible? *3. Book of Acts*
4. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden? *4. 'your mother ate us out of house and home.'*
5. What is one of the first thing that Adam and Eve did after they were kicked out of the Garden? *5. they raised Cain*

MARKET DAY – 13th AUGUST

Saturday 9 – 12 noon

What will be there?

- Giant **TRASH & TREASURE**



- Special **NATIVE PLANTS**



- **PRODUCE**



- **BOOKS**



- **STALLS:-**

- Home-made Cakes & Biscuits
- Sweets and Healthy Treats
- Sausage Sizzle
- Coffee & Café
- Drinks

How can you help?

- **Setting up from 7am on the day**
- **Provide** exciting Trash & Treasure and books – help set and sort the goods received on either Friday 12th or Saturday morning
- **Cook** sweets, healthy treats, cakes, biscuits, slices etc – Contact Alison Baistow (4661 5173 for cakes etc) or Mary Young (0429 969 433 for sweets) if you can help. All items need to show listed ingredients.
- **Contribute** to ingredients used in cooking – butter, condensed milk, sugar, eggs, chocolate melts etc. Leave in the church office.
- **Offer** to help on a stall
- **Invite** some friends and family to come and enjoy the music and grab a bargain

Entertainment:

- * Central School Choir 9am
- * Warwick City Band 10am
- * East Street Singers 11am
- * Southern Downs ARK pet display all day and more ...

Please contact Scott Young (0429 969 432) if you need help or further information.

See you there, Scott, for the Market Day Team.

HOW DO YOU KEEP UP TO DATE ON CHURCH NEWS?

Don't say we never ask!

The Communications Task Team is reviewing the many ways we distribute information. We would like to know how you keep up-to-date and what items interest you. Not only that but if there are items you see elsewhere that we could include, we want to know.



Marg Wells will be walking around with a clipboard and asking your opinion. We won't be recording names; we just want to know.

So, we invite you to grab a coffee as you read New Horizons and fill in the attached Word survey which can be returned to Angela or communications@wkuc.org.au

The Communications Task Team

How often do you read the Notices?

Never Every week Now and then

What items engage you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly diary |
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Are there other things you would like included?

Do you prefer a paper or digital copy? Yes/No



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- Church News
- Reports on what is happening with our groups
- Contributions for others
- Profiles or articles on people
- Other.....
- Do you prefer a paper or digital copy?

What do you enjoy on facebook?

- Are the devotions helpful
- Links to our online Services
- Would you be interested in being part of an online meeting room
- How often do you check our church group?
Daily Sometimes Never

Do you ever look at our website?

Yes No

Do you checkout other Church websites?

What would make you checkout a website?

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