



New Horizons

The newsletter of the
Warwick/Killarney Parish
and Freestone Community
Church August 2022



Jazzy Breakfast

Although a cold morning, the breakfast was delicious and the Bell'Amore entertainment very pleasant accompaniment. The soloist and guitar player added to the variety. Quite unusual to hear The Ashgrove and the Skye Boat Song played by the handbells. The Toowoombells are interested in starting a group in Warwick and would like to hear from anyone interested.

As yet a specific profit amount is not available. However, our treasurer indicated we should nett about \$1200 to assist our local mission projects. Thank you to all who contributed in any way.

The Many Guises of God



You know the story about the man stranded on his roof during a flood, praying to God to be rescued and he turns away the people who come in life rafts etc – and God says – That was me. Well, this is a true story of how and when I've seen God very much at work to help us during our recent 'holiday.'

We were travelling north to the Cape with good friends and had left Cooktown to camp in an isolated place on the banks of the North Kennedy River when we realized we couldn't restart our Prado. People in the vicinity diagnosed that it was the alternator. We had no Telstra reception and as it turned out – no satellite coverage for 13... and 1800 numbers – like RACQ. So, it was decided that the next day our loyal travelling companions would travel the 120km to the nearest Telstra reception area and notify RACQ we needed to be retrieved.

We were taken 255km on the back of an RACQ truck back to Cooktown where the fault was diagnosed – and we were told the part had to come from Brisbane, which would take 2 days. Meanwhile – outside the workshop, our friends couldn't start their car – starter motor problems which had threatened before they left Brisbane. So, both our cars were out of action, we contacted RACQ and without having to beg or weep they offered us 4 night's accommodation in a comfortable Airbnb and 3 days car hire because we were with RACQ Ultimate. That's \$280 x 4 and \$120 x 3 and only \$500 instead of \$2500 for the retrieval of the car.

It was at this point that I really came to realise that RACQ had provided for us beyond our expectations. This was a stressful situation, but we now had a comfortable home to wait for repairs – and a small vehicle to get around the area. Our friends are not Christian but each night we held hands – at their prompting – and I said grace – such a heart-felt thank you for all we had been given. This was God in the form of a big yellow RACQ truck – and a company that knows how to relieve some of the stress that comes unbidden into our lives.

When our repairs were complete, we set out to continue our trip north – to Weipa – the plans to drive to the Tip revised. 15km north of Cooktown Peter and I heard a whine in the motor so we CBéd our companions- we're heading back to Cooktown where a turbo issue was identified. We decided to head south to Cairns for this repair – we're heading home, slowly. We were recommended to take the car to a work shop in Edmonton where a new turbo and starter motor were fitted, as that had just failed also. 3 days to stay with some generous friends in Gordonvale where we had left our vans before our trip north of Cairns.

So, we collected our repaired car and head back with our van to join our friends and head to Bramston Beach – a sleepy settlement, then Cape Hillsborough where we had stayed when the girls were 5 and 3 – 2 days in each place. Then just as we stop at the caravan park in Rockhampton Peter noticed a big pink puddle under the front of the car. Not air conditioner fluid. We refilled the radiator, and the next day took it to a referred mechanic in Rocky. There was a leak where 2 coolant hoses had snapped off near the turbo.

We were sent to a guy who reminds me a lot of Nick Kyrios – very confident and chatty and said he knew why this fault had occurred – damaged at either the installation or extraction of the turbo. The part costs \$75 and will take 2 weeks to get from Japan.



RACQ offered us flights back to Warwick – no make that Brisbane – and a transport to Warwick – although my sister will drive us back home, plus taxi fares to and from the airport. We will be flown back to Rockhampton when the repairs are completed. The flights cost \$1400 - one way. Our car is currently in Rockhampton and our van is at Yeppoon.

This is my tale of the provision of God, in the guise of RACQ and friends. All in all, it is a holiday we hope we will not repeat – it makes for a long story – and hopefully it will all be signed off in a couple of weeks. But in amongst all the drama, stress and expense of these repairs, RACQ has been the face of God for us – unexpected and undeserved grace in a time when things were not going very well. Our friends are still friends – but there are just so many cups of coffee and meals you can give people to repay their long-suffering support.

Don't wait for God to show up in a worship service – which He might – or when we are engaged with our church community. Just be aware that he might show in a meal provided by others in your time of need, a phone call when it really matters – or a big yellow truck. But if we trust in his provision, we might be more alert that the blessings we receive really do come from our God. Sue Campbell

Your generosity warms those affected by the flood waters from Coraki near Lismore.

Thanks to Carolyn and David Vardy for delivering the beanies, scarves etc at the Kyogle Sunday worship service.



Food for Thought

Thought...When do you do your most enjoyable, interesting, helpful thinking? I don't mean the thinking about what you have to do that day and how best it can all be done! No, I just mean that lazy, flitting thinking that surprises you, wondering where it comes from...a little like useful daydreams.

I seem to do most of that kind of thinking either in the shower or cosily soaking up the comfort of the warm bed after I wake and before my conscience whispers that I'd better get the day on the road. This morning was one of those times. I spent yesterday researching what this month's *Food for Thought* might contain....but this morning's thinking tossed all that out the window.

Instead, I want to consider "Relationships" Here's some reasons why!

- Barbara Cutmore and I have just concluded facilitating an 8-week Grief and Loss program. It's a privilege to witness the depth of relationships that develop as people share from their journey into the grief of losing a precious loved one. As I watched the way this helped each member to face their feelings, I once more marvelled at how it's all about relating with each other.
- Then the Selah Home Group are wrestling with the story of Job and how unhelpful his so-called friends were in his distress and his dark night of the soul. It all seemed so different from what we saw in the group above....different also from the following story.

A story from Bob Green relates about how, when his wife died, he was so devastated that he was numb. The next morning, weighed down with grief, he had a phone call from a friend who lived quite a distance away. He didn't really even want to hear his voice...just needed to cover himself in darkness. His friend said, "I have just flown in. I know you probably don't want to see anyone just now. That's fine! I've booked into a hotel, and I'll just sit here in case you need me to do anything." He meant it...he knew the best thing he could do for me was to be present in the same town. So, he just sat there and waited until I gathered the strength to say I needed him. He helped me with some of those things that had to be done...but mostly, he sat with me. He bought food for my children and, by sharing my silence, he got me through those days.

- Covid has decimated our work places...and it has had a distinct presence within our church family. Again, it has been amazing how we have cared for each other throughout the fallout. God's love and compassion have shone through our relationships...our Christian sisters and brothers seeing what needed to be done where and when. Our relationship with our God spills out into our relationships with each other. Thanks be to God!!
- How about these for strange relationships.... Warnings on consumer products.
 - On a fireplace log: Caution, risk of fire
 - On a batman costume: Warning: Cape does not enable the wearer to fly.
 - On a bottle of hair colouring: Do not use as ice cream topping
 - On a fold up sunshield for the car windscreen: Do not drive with this in place.
 - On a portable stroller: Caution: remove infant before folding to store.

Good Thinking to you all...Shalom, Jean



The Pudding Night

If you weren't able to attend the Pudding night, you missed a great time with a variety of pudding entries to taste, try to identify the main ingredients and score.

The evening began with three celebrated international chefs giving instructions to their blindfolded assistants to prepare a pudding in a mug. This caused much hilarity.

The highlight and culmination of the night was the opportunity to sample the spectacular version of the Official Platinum Jubilee dessert which is a lemon Swiss roll and amaretti trifle which had been assembled by Jenny Lane. Her daughter Jazz is pictured displaying the dessert before it was served.

Competition Puddings were entered by intrepid cooks:- Gary Adcock, Ian Darnell, Gordon Bratby, Alison Payne, Marg Wells, Noela Dillon and Margaret Kelly.

The winner was Alison Payne who has shared her recipe for **Lemon Delicious Pudding**

This recipe can be converted to gluten free or dairy free pudding by substituting gluten free flour and dairy free milk.

Ingredients

4 tablespoons butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
 grated zest and juice of 1 large lemon
 ½ cup granulated sugar
 2 large eggs, separated
 ¼ cup all-purpose flour
 ¾ cup milk
 lemon or lime slices to decorate

Method

Special equipment: 2-cup baking dish. Cook's know-how: This "magic" pudding separates during cooking to form a cake topping with a tangy lemon sauce beneath.

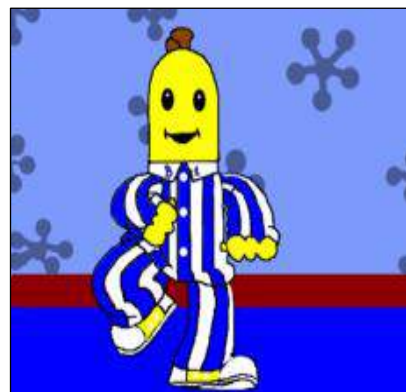
1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. Put the butter, lemon zest, and sugar into a bowl and beat together until pale and fluffy.
2. Add the egg yolks, flour, and lemon juice, and stir to combine. Gradually stir in the milk until evenly mixed/
3. Whisk the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gradually fold into the lemon mixture.
4. Lightly butter the baking dish. Pour the lemon mixture into the dish and put the dish into a roasting pan. Add enough hot water to the roasting pan to come almost to the rim of the dish. Bake for 40 minutes or until the cake feels springy. Serve hot, decorated with lemon or lime slices. Leftovers are good cold.



Are you thinking what we are thinking??

It must be our age but lately we have been reflecting on the fact that change, which we have always had, is now happening in all areas of life much more quickly. Much more quickly at times than we are comfortable with.

Now we live with passwords – we would all say too many! Online shopping and banking and over the last 3 years now, COVID. Covid has brought a lot of changes at once: online worship, more focus on social media to communicate our Church news and events, masks and we have all learnt how to wash our hands as well as a surgeon.



This is such a rich area for us to share and we would like to interview people to share via New Horizons, how church life has changed in their lifetime and how it has both challenged and enriched their faith. We would like to include what people can see or hope for in the future, particularly with our priorities of Discipleship, Fit for Purpose and Transforming Communities. Our Warwick Killarney and Freestone is a pretty amazing parish. We have a reputation for being involved and being active and we have solid systems supporting us through change. It would be interesting to see how many other church websites we look at, and how we are connecting with the offerings of our own Uniting Church through UCAQ Discipleship.



We would love people to volunteer to be interviewed but will also be approaching people to ask if they will be involved. We have so much to learn from each other!

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COVID – 19 – still.

It might be just a matter of time – but I'm hoping to avoid contracting COVID-19 for as long as I can. And I know the best way I can manage that is to maintain social distancing and to wear a mask when I'm indoors.

So please – wear a mask to church and no hugging until this surge in Omicron has passed us by. In Warwick we have mostly dodged widespread infection, but we know it's caught up with quite a few of us. I wouldn't presume it's not lurking with someone who feels no symptoms. That's why and how it spreads – we can be infectious and shed the virus without any noticeable symptoms.

So please – wear a mask when you're indoors and can't socially distance.

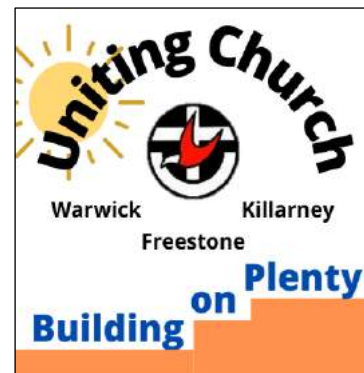
Sue Campbell COVID Adviser.



OUR FUTURE LOGO

The Communications Task Team is looking for a logo to replace the excellent logo we had to help us celebrate turning 150 years in 2020. We are hoping we can have a few 'pearlers' to present at the 2023 Annual General Meeting which will reflect our ongoing priorities under Project Plenty of Discipleship, Fit for Purpose and Transforming Communities.

So, you are invited to join this creative journey. Put pen to paper and give any of the Communications Team your idea, and we will put it on the front sheet of the Notices. So far, the logos we have are all pictured below, and I have to thank Terry Smart and Barry Kelly for most of them (they were also creators of our 150 logo)!



Communications Task Team:

Marg Wells, Angela Lester, Alison Baistow, Gordon Bratby (and we definitely have room for you if you would like to join us!)

Old time Dance – 17 Sept - Freestone Hall – 7 – 10:30pm

I don't know about you – but it's a while since I've been to an old-time dance – live music, great supper, friends to laugh and twirl with. But the last time I went I giggled more than I had in quite a while – wrong feet – turning the incorrect way – apologizing for being in the way. If you are out of practice Anne and Ian Coy can help. Dance time every Tuesday night at the Swan Creek Hall.

So, here's our chance to relive those days – you're never too old to feel the rhythm and enjoy an evening with friends. Ladies with ladies – invite your grandchildren, they will enjoy this once-familiar past-time too.

The entrance charge is \$15 (adults)– with a bar operating throughout the night. Any members attending are asked to bring a plate of supper – slices, sandwiches or food to be heated. If you would like to help in the set up and service throughout the evening, please see Sue Campbell – or ring on 0407 622 877.



God's Garden

Points to note:

The ailing Lillipilly tree has been removed and replanted, leaving one of the smaller beds vacant. The other small beds will be fertilized and pruned in the near future.

Cauliflowers and broccoli are doing much better since removal to a sunnier position. Edible violas are planted in the same bed.

One bed has been sown with barley to be a green manure crop.

Surprisingly, some tomatoes have wintered well and are still producing as is a small supply of silver beet. Borage and Coriander have established themselves out of the garden beds.

Lettuce and radishes have been picked but a few still remain. Please enjoy.

A small crop of snow peas has begun to produce. The nasturtiums flourish and the flowers and leaves are edible.

A couple of fallow beds await spring plantings, beans, tomatoes and lettuce suggested.

Reminder: There is a notice board at the back of the library. Please check for any notices. Also, there is a nice selection of books for a variety of ages to borrow in the library.

Weeding is very demanding and any help to dig out weeds from the grounds and to rake up leaves would be appreciated. Alison Payne

Containers for Change – 451 – and a dead mouse

Never underestimate the opportunity to make a bit of money out of nothing. The last trip to the Containers for Change depot in Warwick this week earned \$45.10 – nothing extra for the dead mouse. Though last time I was out I helped a girl with two little kids put her containers through and she had a live mouse – just to brighten our day.

So, if you drink anything that comes in a recyclable container, please don't throw it away - bring it to the wheelie bin in the courtyard and see how it mounts up. Also -we have friends who kindly bring us all their containers, they go to another church - but they're very thirsty.

Stubbies, drink cans, juice boxes, water bottles (lids off please) – no wine bottles.



Starting with mocktails and nibbles 6 to 6:15pm in our Courtyard before enjoying a 3-course meal in the Hall at 7.00pm

Entertainment by Phil Vellacott.

All this for only \$30, RSVP for catering Monday 22nd August.

RSVP by phone 4661 1080,
Email communications@wkuc.org.au,
or in person office hours each weekday morning.

A very Proud Grandmother.

All grandparents are proud of their grandchildren in many and varied ways.

However, Jean Reid can be especially proud of her grandson Justin Betts. Not only has Justin continued the teaching tradition of the Stewart /Reid family now in the fourth generation. This year the awards focused on those who excelled in transition back to the classroom after the Covid remote learning period. And Just who teaches at Sunnybank High was a recipient for professional development and mentoring as an early career teacher.

I was one of Jean's first students when she began her teaching career at Warwick High School after graduating from University. Since then, many have been privileged to benefit from her teaching skills, which even now she uses in her R I classes and in the worship services she leads. We have been particularly blessed to hear Jean challenge us over the past few weeks while some of our preachers have been unavailable.

The Toowoomba Male Voice Choir led the worship service in Warwick on Sunday June 26th
 What an uplifting time of lift heart and voice in praise to our almighty God.



Lectionary Readings

7 th Aug	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23	Heb.11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
14 th Aug	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19	Heb.11:29 - 12:2	Luke 12:49-56
21 st Aug	Jer.1:4-10	Psalms 71:1-6	Heb.12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
28 th Aug	Jer.2:4-13	Psalms 81:1, 10-16	Heb.13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
4 th Sept	Jer.18:1-11	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33

Changes to Killarney Worship services

Weekly services will resume at the Killarney church from the beginning of September.

A combined service will take place on the second Sunday on a rotational basis with the service on 11th September in the Anglican Church. The following months are still to be decided between the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting Church ministers.

August is the month we recognise our Community Groups.

- August 7th : Our special guests today include representatives from some of the vital services in our community: Rural and Warwick Fire Brigades, Ambulance, Police and Warwick Hospital and our Aged Care Homes. This is our chance to welcome and thank them as a church.
- August 14th : we recognize and thank our Veterans and those in the Defence Forces.
- August 21st: Social service Advocacy Groups assisting those in need.
- August 28th: Alpha, mainly music, Grief and Loss.
- August 28th Killarney: mainly music, Girl's Brigade, Adult Fellowship.

WE appreciate the opportunity to stream our services when unable to attend worship

BUT what if ?

Coming to your church sooner rather than later.

Pastor: "The Lord be with you!"
Congregation: And with your spirit"



Pastor: "Everyone please turn on their tablet, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles, to 1 Corinthians, 13:13.

Please switch on your Bluetooth to download the homily [sermon]."
P-a-u-s-e...while electronics flicker to life!

"Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands.
Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook and have a chat with God"
S-i-l-e-n-c-e. fingers tap away!

Pastor: "Time to receive our Sunday tithes and offerings. You have 3 options:
1. Via credit or debit card. The ushers will circulate card swipe machines along the pews.
2. Electronic fund transfers are asked to do so now, via their phone or iPad.
3. Telephone banking. You can do so now via your phones. Please keep voices down.
Details of Church Account are up on the big screen now.
Log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password 'Lord909887.

The holy atmosphere of St. Matthews becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones and iPads, beep and flicker!

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements.
This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages, where the usual group chatting takes place.

Thursday's Catechism Study will be held live on Skype, at 7.00 pm.
You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend, for counselling and prayers.

God bless and have a nice day.

And Jesus wept.

Thank you to all who returned our survey forms on the previous New Horizons. We appreciate your comments and feedback.

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MARKET DAY – 13th AUGUST

Saturday 9 – 12 noon

What will be there?

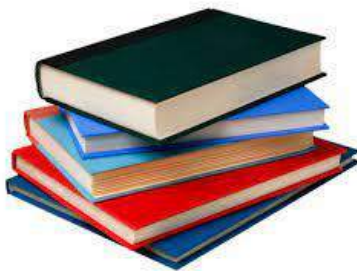
 Giant **TRASH & TREASURE**








 Special **NATIVE PLANTS & MORE**








 **BOOKS**



STALLS:-

-  Homemade Cakes & Biscuits
-  Sweets and Healthy Treats
-  Sausage Sizzle
-  Courtyard 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) for help or further information.
See you there, Scott, for the Market Day Team.