

# New Horizons

Newsletter of the Warwick/Killarney Freestone Parish UCA  
November 2022



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Over the past few weeks, the gospel of Luke has provided us with 23 parables and other spiritual lessons to simplify God's purpose for us on earth.

## Be-Attitude

Blessed are you who make room at your table  
for in that way even tax-collectors shall be redeemed

Blessed are you who seek out lost sheep  
for your seeking you find more than a lamb

Blessed are you who touch the leper  
for you make a home for the excluded

Blessed are you who welcome the prodigal  
for you express the fullness of the love that is God

Blessed are the silenced  
for you hear the cry of God

Blessed are you who make friends with your enemy  
for you know the way to lasting peace

Blessed are you who turn the other cheek  
for you show more strength than the oppressor

Blessed are you who break bread with the stranger  
you will have a foretaste of the kingdom

Blessed are you who heal on the Sabbath  
you will reveal what is important to God

Blessed are you who seek company with the outcast  
and unclean for you shall be accompanying Jesus

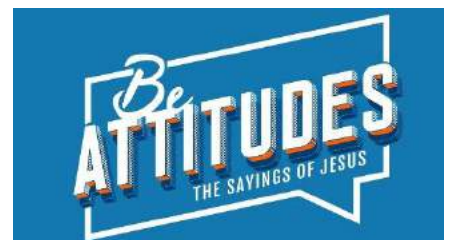
Blessed are you who overturn the tables  
you are the freedom fighters of love

Blessed are you who love your neighbour  
for you already live in the realm of God

Blessed are you who walk the way  
for you shall move within the company of heaven

Blessed are you who carry a cross  
for you shall see God's wisdom

Blessed are you who wait for the morning  
for you shall see the renewal of life



## **It's official – our former manse is set for a new purpose.**



Over the past 6 months we have prayed, planned, visited and discussed the establishment of a crisis centre for women in our community. Together with the Women's Advocacy Action Team, as a church we have brought this wonderful program one step closer to fruition.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, the launch of Protea Place Warwick was held at The Granary in the Dairy Precinct. A large group of community and local business representatives gathered to learn more of this wonderful support initiative that will be housed in our former manse.

The CEO of Protea Place Inc – Toowoomba – Amanda Dalton – addressed the gathering, setting out the vision of our Warwick branch, the need to refurbishing the building and the on-going commitment and costs of the centre when it is operational – mid 2023. In the lead up to the launch evening, it was evident from the support from our many sponsors that this project was well received by the community.

And as the need for financial assistance and volunteer labour was presented, this was reinforced by the wonderful goodwill and generosity of those gathered. Essentially, the establishment of Protea Place Warwick has three main aspects – the initial refurbishment of our former manse, the fund raising to cover the salary for two professional counsellors for two days a week and other operational costs, and the need for a team of volunteers to provide a daily meal and other support roles.

But we are one big step closer to the fulfillment of this project that will provide crisis support for women in our community, and we are buoyed by the knowledge that there are a good number of community members who will help make this work, as a response to local needs, based on this proven, successful model of care.

More news to come in the following months, as we all consider how we can be part of this wonderful project.

## ***Let's Dream a Church***

*The Old Testament lectionary reading for November 6<sup>th</sup> was based on Haggai.*

*Rev Ansie in her Task Team meeting devotion related how this was a significant passage in the challenges it presents. Daryal in his message in Warwick reminded us that all we have comes from God.*

*Here's a contemporary reflection on Haggai: a dream for the church yet to be built or hopeful being built today...*

- One day we will have a church that dreams ambitiously  
loves with purpose and dances with danger
- a church that sends up balloons as often as prayers  
and celebrates joy and much as tradition
- a church that believes mountains can be moved  
and relishes the challenge of moving them
- a church that lives the politics of the kingdom  
and the faith that brings the kingdom into politics
- church that discovers the beauty of humanity  
and celebrate their diversity and imagination
- a church that finds resurrection in *sunrises*  
and trusts the promise that colours *sunsets*
- a church that learns to live before it learns to worship  
and discovers worship is life and life is worship
- a church that loves to bless the stranger  
because she recognises God in their eyes
- a church that has the sense to leave behind  
those things that do not bring it life
- and a church with courage to step in  
faith  
towards those things held by God
- and stirred into life by the belief  
we are God's companions on this way



## **Food For Thought....Education**

What is education? And what should drive it?

The Dictionary definition states, **“Systematic Instruction; Training in preparation for life or a particular task.”**

I rather like the idea that it is preparation for life, rather than preparation for a career. I guess I fit into the category of the older generation, those who look back on a less hurried and structured life where education taught us so much about life, morals and what pleasure can be caught from a more rounded curriculum. And, Yes, I know that it can all be found on Google!!

But bear with me as I take a wander back to my schooldays.

A while back, I was presented with a carton of old books that belonged to Col Dodd which were all part of his religious library from way back. They sat there for quite a while until I finally perused what was there. Hidden amongst a lot of heavy reading I came upon one of the Queensland School Readers that were a part of my education...and I am sure a many of you would remember them also. It was the reader for Grade 6 Primary School.

As I started to read it, I discovered so much that really became part of who I am and what gems had become part of my psyche.

Things like :

*I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and sky  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by...  
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying  
And the flung spray, and the blown spume, and the seagulls crying.*

I didn't remember where it came from, but I so often quoted it every holiday at the coast!!

What about this one?

*I wander lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills  
When all at once I saw a crowd, a host of golden daffodils  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

Then another that remains in the mists of memory and is often quoted

*Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said  
“This is my own, my native land!”*

*Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned as home his footsteps he hath turned  
From wandering in a foreign strand?*

And it wasn't only poems...Stories abound...William Tell, The Relief of Lucknow, That Dog of Mine, Hiawatha's Hunting... and so many more that told of history, morals and heroic deeds. A love of reading was fostered, and our vocabularies widened as we drank it all in. The written word held us spellbound and we were being properly educated!

I took this little pearl to my Book Club, and everything stopped as they leafed through their memories...., “Oh, remember this one, “Lord Ullin's Daughter” and so on. The fact that this little book could dredge up so many memories was testament to education for fun as well as lessons.

What marvellous memories to carry with us through our lives So, what is education? It's equipping children and all of us to enjoy all life can offer in so many various ways that might have absolutely nothing to do with our workaday jobs! Do you agree?.....Shalom, Jean

### **Killarney Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022**






From September, on the second Sunday of the month, it was agreed that the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting congregations would alternately hold their usual worship service and invite the other denominations to attend. Thus, easing the work load of their respective ministry agents.

In October, the Uniting Church was the rostered worship venue. Rev Ansie led the worship service and as the photo depicts there was a pleasing attendance.

The Killarney Uniting Church will be the host worship centre on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.



### **Ecumenical Christmas Down Under:**

-  We are again seeking support from our Parish community to help spread the Christmas message from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.
-  CDU will run from 9.30-12.30 daily at the bottom of the Coles travelator.
-  This year we are hoping to have two activities set up as well as our free nativity photos and a sample bag to take home.
-  If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact Dianne Cahill (0427 000 887) to indicate which day would suit.
-  You only need a current Blue Card and a passion to share the gospel message.  
Please see Dianne Cahill for more information.

## OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL CHATTER

We have a new email for our Risk Manager, currently Peter Campbell standing in for Vanessa Richards. Peter Campbell [risk@wkuc.org.au](mailto:risk@wkuc.org.au)

### PROJECT PLENTY

Communications Task Team has been having fun trying out different logos centred around our priorities of Discipleship, Transforming Communities and Fit for Purpose. While we have been in your face with logos each week on the Notices and our surveys, other leaders have been working hard behind the scenes forwarding priorities with the following projects are underway:

- **Transforming Communities:**
    - we now have a Family Drug Support group meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 4pm in the Wesley room. The first meeting happened October and 7 people attended.
    - Grief and Loss continues with our trained leaders Barbara Cutmore and Jean Reid. The current course finishes on 5<sup>th</sup> December but plans are underway for the next course to commence early 2023.
    - Protea Place Warwick will be housed in the former manse and aims to support vulnerable women by offering professional services and support.
      - It has been endorsed by Protea Place Toowoomba and Kathy Payne is one of the leaders.
      - While we as a church, support this with Warwick Women's Advocacy Group, the aim is to make it a community owned mission.
      - The launch event on November 11<sup>th</sup> at The Granary is ticketed and registration is now full.
      - Council has decided to allocate proceeds from Jumpers and Jazz to help cover the cost of nibbles which we have undertaken to provide.
      - at the concept launch
  - **Fit for Purpose**
    - The former Manse will need significant renovating: carpets, painting and a new kitchen. Please let Ian Darnell know if you have any contacts that could help in these areas.
  - **Discipleship**
    - **Baptisms – we welcome the following families:**
      - Baptism on 13 Nov for Alfie and Gracie (Alison Payne's grandchildren) in Freestone
      - Ethan (Adcock) Nov/Dec Warwick
      - Jack Drysdale 11 Dec Killarney
    - **Christmas Services:**
      - **Carols in Chapel** (the Scots PGC Chapel Oxenham Street, in conjunction with the Scots PGC College) Thursday 15 December 7pm
      - **Christmas Carols in our church** –Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December fellowship tea 5.30-6 and carols 7pm.
- Christmas Eve Freestone 7pm**  
**Christmas Day :**  
Warwick 7am  
Killarney 8:30

## Intergenerational Service October, November and January Warwick Uniting Church



- Young people helping to lead this worship
- To use one of the formats from President Elect (Charissa Suli) who uses Intergenerational material weekly so good resource.
- Asking people to come and share their dinner.
- Thank you, Pittsworth, for freeing Willie to run with Ansie.
- Our first Service (30<sup>th</sup> October) was attended by thirty-five of all ages who are looking forward to the next one on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 5:30pm



### PIPE ORGAN UPDATE:

David Cahill thanked for his faithful work on restoring our beautiful organ. David says it will be playing again in 2023 and there will be a celebration of 100 years of the Pipe Organ in 2024. David is preparing a booklet on the history and is interested in hearing from any of our historians who can add to the history of the organ.

### Finance Summary – OCTOBER 2022

	OCTOBER	Year to OCTOBER	Budget to OCTOBER
Income	\$ 22 795.97	\$153 762.97	\$143 980
Expenditure	\$ 12 966.43	\$ 138 750.83	\$137 138

Yet again God has provided a strong financial return to enable us to continue our mission here. The excellent return from the October market, combined with generous tithing, has really boosted our income.

The church has maintained considerable restraint in spending and despite meteoric rises in interest payments on our Synod manse loan in the second half of this year, budget expectations have been exceeded.

From this month, interest rate increases will be mitigated by the transfer of \$20,000 Cash Investments to reduce the loan principle. Lease income into the future will continue to be affected until the old manse refurbishment is complete and fully operational as Protea Place, which is expected to be in July 2023.

What a great blessing that we are well on track to meeting our budget figures for this year.

## **Presbytery of the Downs at Pittsworth over the weekend 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

The theme was Working Together – so essential to the work of spreading the gospel.

Prior to the start of Presbytery were two workshops open to all: Engaging Worship and Voluntary Assisted Dying (information on the latter available on the web.)

Points from the weekend as follows:

- Any Parish events please let Presbytery office know for sharing with the Presbytery
- An administration officer is need with the resignation of Susan Popple – information on the Presbytery website
- Annie Baker continues with her formation and discernment and has been working with the Saltbush community (check out their website)
- Naomi Bell has been accepted to training for Minister of the Word
- Rev Dona Spencer has accepted a call as Bush Chaplain for Bottle Tree Remote area ministry. She will be supported by husband Les and Presbytery is investigating a caravan to enable independence in their travelling ministry.
- Cunnamulla church / manse and Wandoan manse are to be sold to help finance a house in Charleville for the Cunnamulla/Bourke & Wills Patrol.
- Chinchilla congregation are looking at the future of the church in that area and will report to the February Pres meeting.
- Blue Care Grief & Loss programs are very well received everywhere. Care Essentials training is available if there is a need in the district Blue Care Chaplain & Care and Wellbeing consultant is needed
- Concerns were raised regarding the lack of a link between Blue Care Centers and the local Uniting Church
- edUCate is Synods education training platform replacing Moodle
- Presbytery Pastoral Relations committee has created a platform of Pastoral links within the Presbytery to form greater bonds with congregations and be aware of joys and concerns everywhere
- Goondiwindi – thanks to those who assisted with services
- Pittsworth – hoping to start mainly music in Millmerran in 2023 – Pittsworth group going well.  
Also, investigations into the best use of the church land behind the church buildings.
- Stanthorpe hosting a Retreat Walk 29<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023, brochure in hall foyer.
- Lifeworks – ‘Christmas around the world’ on 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- Crows Nest after a new administrator, also offering to share in services about transition process.
- Warwick – excited re Protea Place project with launch event on 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Reps from Synod shared much information on a year of transition in the leadership team.
- Roma – service to mark the conclusion of placement for Pastor Jenny Noble – 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- St Stephens Toowoomba: 20<sup>th</sup> November presentation of Moderators medal to Mrs Margaret Green, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 the Induction of Rev Dylan Miegel as minister.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Synod meets 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- Next Presbytery meeting Highfields Uniting Church 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February.



Presbytery meetings are not only about business, there is much sharing, great worship, thoughtful bible study and quite a bit of fun!

Many thanks to Central Downs Parish for hosting.  
I would encourage anyone to come along as a guest to experience the fellowship.

Rev Ansie Liebenberg, Dianne & David Cahill attended and would be willing to chat regarding any aspect of the weekend.

*Dianne Cahill*

## **Intergenerational Worship happening again on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.**



Come with open hearts as we explore Advent in ways that encourage us, whatever our age, to marvel at the mystery and to praise God.

Enjoy the sound of keyboard, drum and guitar as we sing.

After our worship we will gather in Williams Hall to share light finger food. We invite those coming to bring a plate of good to share, but if this is not possible, come anyway. We had so much food last month!

### **Carols in the Chapel**

is a community event as a prelude to Christmas hosted jointly by Warwick Uniting Church and Scots-PGC College at Oxenham Street, Warwick.

The program on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm consists of meditative readings and Christmas carols designed to foster a deeper appreciation of the meaning of Christmas.

Guest musicians share their talents on the organ and with voice. Bookings are not required and there is no admission fee although donations towards expenses are appreciated.

Following the program supper will be provided in the hall at the rear of the chapel. Enquiries to David on 0417 720 152.

# MARKET NEWS

## Update and Plans for 2023

### 2022 Update

Our 3 markets provided just over \$19000 towards the operation of our church community.

Thank you to everyone involved, in particular our stall operators, the entertainers, ARK and of course our 'set up/ and 'pack up' crew.



### 2023 Plans

Our committee met recently to organize our 3 events for next year.

**2023 Markets Dates are:-**

- ◆ **March 11 with Trash n Treasure, all plants and some books**
- ◆ **August 12 featuring books and native plants**
- ◆ **October 14 with produce, craft, collectibles and all plants**

Each market will also feature food stalls, a café area and entertainment items. Our furry friends from ARK will also be there.



**TRASH**   
*to Treasure*

**Cafe**



Please contact Scott Young (0429 969 432) for further information about our 2023 markets.

**Thank you to everyone from your Market Day team.**  
*See you there, Scott, for the Market Day Team.*

## What a Market Day!

A beautiful spring day.



### Stall Proceeds for Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

Plants	\$4966.50
Produce	694.80
Craft	479.00
Collectable	780.35
Home Baked	695.00
Treat Yourself	759.00
Sausage Sizzle	532.00
Café	342.20



Market Days Total for year \$18639.35 as presented to Market Day review meeting held on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sometimes extra monies are received later.

Did you find a bargain at the Collectables Stall?

I am very pleased with the poster I bought. It cleaned up well and when I reset it in the frame am very happy with the result. Not easy to take a good photo as the reflection kept showing me even without the flash. Thank you to the donor.



## **FRONTIER SERVICES CHRISTMAS CARDS**



The beautiful cards depict imagery of the Australian Outback. Images kindly donated by Photographer, **Paul Morrall**

Each pack features 10 cards, two of each design, revealing the rugged beauty and serenity of our vast Outback. Inside and on the back are uplifting messages to celebrate the festive season.

Cost per pack \$12.00.  
See Church office if interested.  
Also Available to order online

This is just one way to support Frontier services.

### **Markets For Mission**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 5-8pm and  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7am -12  
Middle Ridge Uniting Church,  
264 Stenner Street Middle Ridge  
Crafts, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Plants,  
Cakes, Christmas Gifts  
Including Great Outback BBQ on  
Saturday with coffee van  
Proceeds to Frontier Services and  
the mission of Middle Ridge  
Uniting Church

Great Outback BBQ

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Middle Ridge Uniting Church  
264 Stenner Street  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
7am – 12noon

- Craft Markets
- Book Sale
- Plants
- Cakes
- Bric-a-Brac
- Coffee Van



## **CALEDONIAN CHURCH SERVICE**

**Warwick - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Celebrating Scottish traditions and timed to be as close as possible to St Andrew's Day (30<sup>th</sup> November).



Members of the Caledonian Society will be present and taking part in the Service.

A day to wear your tartan as our Minister is piped into Worship!

The Hospitality Team would welcome donations of a Scottish morning tea!

An opportunity to recognise the Scottish heritage of our district and our Warwick church building.

Warwick, Killarney Freestone Communications Team  
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