



# New Horizons

Newsletter of the Warwick/Killarney Parish  
October 2023



**MARKET DAY is nearly here. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**



## **CAN WE DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING?**

- Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, not sure what to expect.
- Church is hard for the minister's family, under the microscope all the time.
- Church is hard for the prodigal returning home, broken and battered by the world.
- Church is hard for the young woman looking as if she has it all together but doesn't.
- Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.
- Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.
- Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.
- Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the lyrics.
- Church is hard for the person in secure in a leadership role.
- Church is hard for the day care volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.
- Church is hard for those who live alone in need of companionship.
- Church is hard for the sinners.
- Church is hard for me.
- It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behaviour and dress.

However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But here is the beauty of church—

- Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.
- Church is a body.
- Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.
- Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.
- Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.
- Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.
- Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted, and hearts are invited to seek restoration.
- Church is a lesson in faith and trust.
- Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.
- Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.
- Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.



So even on the hard days at church—The days when I am at odds with a friend,

When I've fought with my spouse because we're late once again.

When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've longed for a baby to hold or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

Jacob Waldron

## ***INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP***

This will be held weekly from this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October until the end of the year.  
It will take place in the Williams Hall at 5.30pm except on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday when worship will take place in the Church.

This is commitment by Rev Ansie to progress the decision made at the Annual Parish.  
The ethos of Intergenerational worship is outlined.

The vision is for an Intergenerational Church where every generation is engaged together in active discipleship, growing and sharing faith in Jesus. To nurture, equip, and encourage faith and discipleship intergenerationally as communities where...

- All ages are welcomed and valued equally. Faith and life are intentionally shared as all ages travel together, bringing healing, hope and reconciliation across all generations developing relationships between different ages.
- Safe and empowering spaces are created where the experiences, voices, and ideas of all are listened to and valued, where relationships of empathy, trust and genuine love can flourish amongst all ages.
- All people, across the ages and generations, are invited and enabled to use their gifts and leadership to shape the community and its communal life of worship, witness and service.
- Generational and cultural differences are recognised and appreciated. Respectful listening, grace-filled truth-speaking and openness to learning from one another are clearly evident.
- Opportunities for age-specific gatherings and activities are important, especially when intergenerational engagement is encouraged within and alongside them.

### ***Becoming a Community***

Loving God, you call us by name into a community  
in which your love is known and shared.  
Increase our joy in coming together  
and transform us into the community of your vision.

You made us in your image, to love and to be loved.  
You gave us eyes to see those who need to be loved.  
You gave us ears to hear those who cry for they are the voiceless  
The oppressed and the hungry, confused, unsure in need to reassurance.  
You gave us voice and speech to strengthen those who search for a purpose in life.  
You gave us touch to bring the warmth of recognition and understanding to all we meet.

In Christ you brought the weakest and smallest to your table. You showed us how to meet  
around the same table, serving one another, washing one another's feet.  
Increase our joy in coming together and transform us into the community of your vision.

In Christ you showed us that we are loved and accepted even in our brokenness.  
You taught us that community is built not only when the weak and poor,  
Receive from the strong; but when the strong learn from the weak,  
The rich from the poor, adults from the insights of children.  
Increase our joy in coming together and transform us into the community of your vision.

Teach us the skills of seeing and listening, of speaking and touching.  
For with these tools, you gave us the power to mirror your love. Amen



## ***Food for Thought....Music and Story***

This year I have been avidly watching, "The Voice" especially as we followed the journey of one of our own, Andrew Knight who excelled and made his family and us so proud of him. His voice just holds you captive as you become entranced by his tone and his presence...especially when he sang, "Send him home" and was part of the trio who sang, "You raise me up". Not only that, but he also paid a touching tribute to the friendships he had developed during those weeks. We will never forget the joy and pride flowing from the hugely excited Rachel and Phillip!

However, as the process developed, we became so aware that the final effect depends on three factors: the words of the lyrics, the gift of a special singing talent, and the emotion that binds it all together. It takes all three to make a performance resonate... to bring you to tears of sorrow or joy as you become so drawn into it the whole experience that the scenery fades into insignificance.

Now, you know I'm rather deaf...so I was at a disadvantage when people sang as I couldn't discern the words. Then I discovered sub titles! What a revelation that made! Of course, as much as the performance resonated, it was their life stories that made such an impact as the mentor judges then chose songs that matched what we were learning about their journey of life.

This led me to think about the hymns and songs that we sing in worship. The ones we particularly like combine these same three aspects...the words, the tune to fit the words, and the heart feelings that prompted those words that so often mirror our own. Think about one of my favourites...one which, unfortunately we can't use in worship as we don't have the copyright. TIS 658. It was written in 1981 and mirrors the words of the call of Isaiah found in Isaiah 6:8 .

*Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?..  
I have heard you calling in the night; I  
I will go Lord if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

The tune is catchy, the words have a special message and the emotion it echoes is the heartfelt desire to commit wholeheartedly to serve our God in Three Persons.

Alison Baistow called me one day to read the words of TIS 659 which she felt would be so meaningful to sing at the funeral of a fellow Christian. Again, the tune is a familiar one and the words and the emotion match the end of the journey in this life and the knowledge that a better one is beginning,

*No more we hear your voice or see your face,  
Gone from our world, our close familiar home;  
Yet one who went before prepared a place,  
His Father's house, with room for all who come'.  
Whose love can lead us through the darkest night.  
To life and joy and everlasting light.*

Michael and Honor Thwaites, from Canberra wrote some hymns together...but this one was written by Michael for the funeral of his wife in November 1993. Here his experience as a writer, his Christian faith, and the love for his wife came together to produce this little masterpiece.



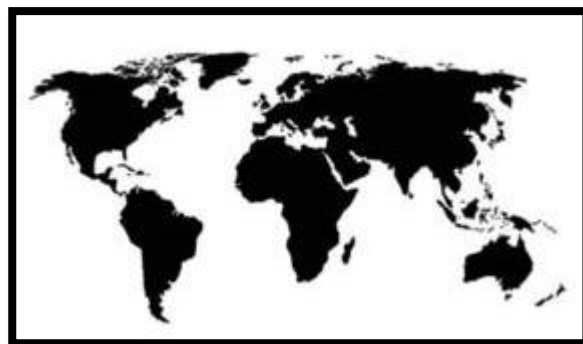
We all have our favourites, and they mirror our deepest thoughts and feelings as well as the context in which they have been song for special occasions. That is often why we yearn for the old ones that marked the high or low points of our faith and life journey. But the newer ones can also speak deeply into our hearts. Spare a thought for the preachers who choose them! They are carefully chosen, possibly to underline the message of the day, or maybe to prompt us into action, or even to allow us time for confession or commitment.

Pick up the hymn book and peruse some of the thoughts, feelings and epiphanies that have prompted the words; see where the older hymns might mirror what was happening in the world at that time and where the newer ones bring us sharply into action. It's as good as reading the dictionary! Then, if you find one that speaks volumes to you, take it to one of the musicians who would find a tune that matches it and help us to learn it!

Just remember that it is not the tune alone; nor is it the words alone; nor is it the two combined. It is what God is conveying to you through this medium...or how you are reacting to his call on your life. Happy and meaningful singing! Jean

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**CHORAL SOCIETY and the  
Melomaniacs**  
**Around the World in Song**  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm  
\$15 entry includes afternoon tea.  
*Tickets available at the door*



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**PARISH DINNER**  
**21<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

A Hawaiian Night

with prizes for the best themed outfit

Cost \$30 raising funds for a defibrillator.

- 6pm for Hors d' Oeuvres in the Courtyard.
- 7pm Main meal in the Hall
- Entertainment by Phil Vellacott.
- Surprise entertainer



**Registration form available. Let us know you are coming.**  
**A clipboard is on the table in the foyer of the Williams Hall.**

**Contact the Church Office from 9.30 -11.30am.**

**Please remember that phone is transferred to Rev Ansie when office is unattended,  
and she doesn't need to take Parish dinner bookings.**

With an ageing congregation, a defibrillator is a piece of equipment we should have but hope we never have to use.

A great opportunity to get together in a relaxed atmosphere, with guaranteed delicious food. Why not make up a table with your friends?

## OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL CHATTER

At this time of the year, with 2024 coming ever closer, Council commenced the meeting with a review of our feelings and perceptions on how we see the Church now and going into the future.

The Uniting Church (and probably all denominations) have faced the challenges of loss with aging congregations:

- income, capacity

while compliance issues have increased, and all of this compounded by Covid. I am sharing this because the discussion was positive even at this point of a busy year with some tired leaders.

Council leaders used different expressions to describe their journey in Council:

Eye opening, personal growth, hopeful, Spirit led,

You will all know that change is needed (and unavoidable in this ever changing world) and change is happening. Ansie however, provided a warning that all the rules and regulations and words won't change anything, that effective change needs a personal encounter with Christ. Maybe we can all reflect on the year and with some of the changes happening, look forward with hope.

It was with great sadness Council acknowledge the life and witness of Nancy Hancock and we extend our love and concern to Ivan and his family at this time.

### **NEW CHANGES TO INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP**

Council endorsed Intergenerational Worship be held every week for 8 weeks and then evaluate the effectiveness of the format in the community we would like to build. The format has songs and music projected on the screen and Ansie and the Young Women's Group will be doing the planning of the Service. It will be held in the Hall apart from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday when it will be held in the Church and then involve a person to help with the EasyWorship software. Fellowship over a light meal follows the Service.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR FAR TASK TEAM**

Council has received the resignation of Peter Campbell as leader of the FAR Task Team. We give Peter sincere thanks for his leadership on the Finance, Audit and Risk components covered by this group for the duration of the Task Team. Peter has taken us through some significant challenges and achievements. But Task Teams change according to needs and Council has created a new Task Team to carry on a more pressing and urgent role. Finance, Audit and Risk matters will come direct to Council, allowing space for the new Task Team. Jenny Lane remains as our wonderful Treasurer; Jonna Cowan continues as our incredible Safe Church leader and the steady hands of Sue Campbell and Property will be co-ordinating Ministry components of Audit and Risk.

- Council has expressed thanks to Jenny Lane for her management of our finances, preparing the spreadsheets showing income and expenditure, providing a commentary on our we are going and soon, preparing a budget for 2024. Thank you, Jenny, we note the midnight hours!

### **FIP (Finance Investment and Property) TASK TEAM**

- A new Task Team looking mainly at how we develop our properties to address our dream of social housing.

## HALL HIRE

- we need to be flexible in this area in working with our community. While we have set rates there are times, we need to change the charges to support different community groups. Council has given our Minister the flexibility to do this. Note: East St Singers donated \$400 (Hire fee \$150) when not being charged Hall Hire for practice sessions.

## BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

1. Congratulations to Ian Darnell and Betty Spalding on their marriage Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October.
2. Congratulations to Jnr Charles Lala and Joyce Rage on their Australian marriage on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October which will include the Baptism of their daughter Eleanor.  
Joyce would also like to be baptised with full immersion and that is being organised.
3. Congratulations to Lyndall Bryant & Warren Hoffman on their marriage on 11 November.

## FREESTONE

- The fence is finished, and the new sign erected and looking good. Come and see for yourself any 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2pm!!

## KILLARNEY

- to present suggested building alterations to Church Council after congregational meeting Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

## COMING EVENTS:

8<sup>th</sup> October Blue Care Service and Scots PGC

11<sup>th</sup> October Wesley Bowls celebrates 70 years of indoor bowls.

14<sup>th</sup> October Market Day – we are all in this together! Please help where you can.

21<sup>st</sup> October Parish Dinner Hawaiian Night Registration form out now for a fun night with funds going to a defibrillator. Cost \$30pp, 6pm for Hors d'Oeuvres in the Courtyard 7pm main meal

5<sup>th</sup> November: Choral Society with Melomaniacs will take you around the world and give you afternoon tea for \$15, commencing 2pm

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## TWEATT

This is the group that was begun for all those who have to eat alone and soon get to the point of talking to themselves. It is an open group, open to any who fit this criteria and we have around a dozen each time we meet. We meet on the first Sunday of each month, talking together after morning tea until it morphs into dinner at noon. We sit around a squarish table so we can talk together on all sorts of topics and thoroughly get to know more and more about each other.

We are thoroughly spoilt by our amazing catering group where our menu is a choice between two each time. Whatever is cooked is so delicious (as long as there is no cauliflower) and for some of us, we get a generous serving of vegetables often missing from our usual diet. What's for dessert is always a surprise! Thanks team...you are really precious!

Last Sunday, we had to farewell two of our regular members as they will no longer be alone to eat! We are thrilled for them and wish Betty and Ian a wonderful wedding and a special life ahead. We might even allow you to join us sometimes....for old times' sake! Please people who live alone, come and join us! Shalom, Jean



## **Celebrating the life of Nancy Hancock OAM**

Nancy grew up at home with her parents, Ila and Villiers Mutch and two younger sisters in the small farming community of Spring Creek near Killarney. As a child Nancy attended Mountain View State School and later Warwick State High School. The teacher at Mountain View, Mr EL Schoch was a Christian man.

Nancy's Christian journey probably began while attending Sunday school in the small church further along Spring Creek Road. Mr & Mrs WB Backhouse would drive out from Killarney each Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm, picking up children as they drove along. A car with a 'dicky seat', it was often fairly crowded. Mrs Backhouse played the organ for hymns and Mr Backhouse led the robust singing – "Jesus Loves Me", "When he cometh", "Jesus bids us shine", etc. Nancy has fond memories of Sunday school – small books in which to paste cards with Bible texts – a full book was an accomplishment! The reward was a large card which could be hung at home. Mrs Backhouse taught the younger children and Nancy remembers her reading from "Pilgrims Progress". Mr Backhouse always concluded lessons with the Blessing from Jude V24 *'Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever, Amen'*. Before the children returned to their homes again by car.

From time to time a church service was held at night in the small church, lit by kerosene lamps. After leaving school Nancy joined the PFA where she met her future husband, Ivan and from then attended church in Killarney.

Ivan and Nancy were married in 1957 have three children David, Lyndall and Jocelyn, very proudly often boasting of the exploits of their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Both Ivan and Nancy attended the Billy Graham crusade at the Brisbane Exhibition grounds in 1959 and were greatly moved by the experience.

Nancy has been a Sunday School teacher, community volunteer, long-time supporter of the Rural Women's' Network and Frontier Services and regular member of the Red Cross Society and the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship in Killarney. Nancy has supported Ivan through the ups and downs over the past 65 years and counts herself blessed to have



been influenced at a young age by many Christian people. As well as home, school and Sunday school, other mentors have been significant in encouraging her faith, which has been confirmed many times over in her life's experience.

Nancy & Ivan have presented a bible plus monetary donation to all our young church people who graduate from Year 12.

Nancy was renowned for her cooking and one of her special commitments was making birthday cakes for Scots PGC boarders each term - the last early this year.

The past few years have presented challenges in both health and aging for both Ivan and Nancy. However, there was never a time when her faith was not of great support. She continued to be part of worship and the activities of the Parish whenever she was able. Attending on her own when Ivan was unable to accompany her. In recent months Nancy and Ivan moved into the KMAC residential home and she looked forward to the visits from her family and friends.

Ivan and Nancy have been a wonderful Christian example and remain dedicated to our Lord, our community and our church. God bless you, Nancy.

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**Tell your neighbours!**  
**MARKET DAY OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> 9-12**  
**Plenty of well stocked stalls.**

**Collectables, Craft, Home-baked Goods, Treat Yourself, Plants**  
**Food stalls: Sausage Sizzle and Courtyard Coffee**  
**Free Kids Craft Activities**  
**ARK**

<b>Entertainment: 9.00am</b>	<b>Warwick Thistle Pipe Band</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Warwick City Band</b>
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>East Street Singers</b>
<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Filipino Dancers</b>

Market day doesn't just happen.

A great deal of forward planning is needed to make sure everything runs smoothly.

*Items for Collectable and Craft Stalls can come in now but must be placed on the Stage.*

- \* Setting up from 7am Saturday
- \* Setting up in Hall on Friday
- \* Dismantling from 12.30 Saturday **(more helpers needed Contact David Angell if you can help 0400433910)**
- \* Healthy Treats (sweets) packing on Thursday 12th @ 11am
- \* Scales are useful.
- \* Pricing Craft 7pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>
  - o Please bring sweets & crafts before these times.

## Spring in God's Garden: September/October 2023

Well, where do we start! Cold, hot, windy, dry, beautiful! It's *SPRING*. The weather is unpredictable, and the gardens, flowers and trees are a delight to see. We've been planning a garden meeting, but life has been busy with holidays in Canada for the Paynes, plants to be groomed and readied for Market Day, so we made some quick decisions just to get underway.

The strawberry bed is still productive, with just a general tidy up needed. The herbs have continued through winter and are growing well. The last of the rainbow silver beets, cauliflowers and cabbage have been harvested, and John has replanted five new beds. The peas were amazing.

We now have tomatoes, (cherry), lettuce, beans, cucumbers and silver beet. The beds were refreshed, and a thick cover of sugarcane mulch has been applied. All are doing well, apart from the cucumbers, which suddenly turned up their toes.

This should result in a good selection of produce during late spring and early summer. Thank you to Claire from Enchanted Gardens for all her help and assistance. A further comment to make is how her gift of the Cedar from Lebanon has responded in leaps and bounds with the advent of God's Garden.



When Alison Payne writes her reports, she sometimes includes recipes using some of the harvest, but I have been asked to give the recipe attached. When I provided it for morning tea at mainly music, many favourable comments as it is quite delicious, and easy to make. I received this recipe from Alison Baistow, and have no other knowledge about its origins, so please enjoy as we have.

Blessings, May

### Apricot Coconut Slice

Ingredients: 250 gm. Packet of plain biscuits – crumbed  
1 cup of chopped dried apricots.  
Cup and a half of desiccated coconut  
1 tin condensed milk  
125 gm butter  
1 packet of choc melts.

Method:

1. Line tray with baking paper
2. Combine biscuit crumbs, coconut and apricots in a large bowl.
3. Place condensed milk and butter in a saucepan, melt and combine over low heat.
4. Stir into dry ingredients, mix well and press into tray.
5. Melt choc in microwave and spread over slice. Set in fridge. Then cut into squares.

This is printed by popular request from all at mainly music.

## *Congratulations Wesley Indoor Bowls.*

Congratulations to the Wesley Indoor Bowls Club on achieving 70 years continuous activity.

It was in October 1953, that the Methodist Ladies formed an Indoor Bowls Club which played on Wednesday afternoon. I have very fond memories of those early days of the Indoor bowls Club as my mum was a founding member and Wednesday afternoon bowls was a part of the rest her life. In her latter years she was given the honour of being made the Patron of the Club.

Many firm and long lasting friendship were made during these afternoons. It was an opportunity for married women who in most cases were at home all day, as it was not customary for them to work once married, to be able to spend a few hours away from the house. However, it was not all just playing bowls as the funds to provide the mats and bowls etc needed to be raised.



A source of pocket money for the younger generation was putting out the mats and then rolling them back up again at the end of the day.

In the coming week, the great celebration will take place. The special committee, under the leadership of Ken Mogridge, have some great plans in place for it.

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on the members of the Wesley Indoor Bowls Club over 70 years. You have provided each one with more than could ever have been imagined. You have surrounded them with members who always look out for one another. With those willing to take on leadership roles and responsibility which has ensured the continuation on the club. The memories made each Wednesday while playing bowls and sharing a refreshing cuppa have provided each one with guidance, encouragement and friendship.

We ask for your continued blessing on this club and its outreach into the community. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

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### ***Grief and Loss Program***

Barbara and I ran three programs this year over the first three terms, while we are having a rest for this last term. We already have the leaflets out about when we are starting early in 2024. We both feel it's a privilege to watch the change in people over the 8 week program as, together, they support and rally around each other.

A viable group is one that contains at least 3 members, but no more than 6, because each person needs to be given their space to share their feelings. It is a program that has been fine-tuned by Blue Care and our Presbytery felt it was so important that money has been set aside for these groups to meet without any outlay from the participants.

We have already been approached by some wanting to be a part of this in 2024...so, please let us know so we can prepare ahead. If you know of someone who is not coping with their loss, let us know and we'll follow it up. The program is designed for those mourning the loss in death of a loved one whenever it may have occurred. We both feel honoured to be a part of their journey and to see the friendships that develop as they share the road ahead. Thank you, God! Shalom, Jean

## **News from the Killarney Congregational Meeting held on Sunday 1 October 2023**

**Present:** 10 with Brad Beck in the chair.

Meeting opened in prayer.

### ***Business from Minutes of previous meeting 1 July***

The Historical Society has accepted the old pedal organ – we need to deliver it. Stringers for back steps of hall have been received and waiting on Dave to build. The concrete path which has moved has been ground down to make it safer.

### **Chairman's and minister's report from Church Council**

Brad advised a very busy year for Church Council and work involved by the Warwick volunteers in getting Protea Place up and running.

- Note that the only connection the church has now with Protea Place is that the church is renting the property to the organisation.
- Rev Ansie advised that we are supporting PP for the remainder of this year with little or no rent required and thanked us all for supporting the mission.
- She also advised that the affordable housing proposals for development are progressing with workshops with Government – submissions need to be in by 31 October and asked us to pray for Jenny and Ian who are taking time off paid work to submit these applications and are doing such a great job.
- Rev Ansie also advised that cash flow in the church is the lowest it has ever been at this time of the year, and we have no back up to draw on to cover costs. Please consider how you can help.
- Intergenerational worship every Sunday evening 5.30 for remainder of year – please support – this is a huge cost for a few people.

### ***General Business***

1. Music Ministry – Julia outlined her music ministry – teaching piano and violin with possibility of worship band – remaining documentation to be completed and risk assessment with parent signatures, etc. The meeting agreed to endorse the ministry and present to church council once the documentation is complete.
2. Thank you to those involved for their work at Nancy's funeral on 21<sup>st</sup> September.
3. Peter and Dave have revamped both Church signs.
4. Discussion on revamping the front of the church ensued. Agreed that:
  - Remove the pulpit and repurpose the timber into a cross for the wall.
  - Enlarge the lectern to accommodate laptops, etc.
  - Remove the plaques from the wooden chairs and offer the chairs for sale.
  - Place all plaques removed onto a display board or similar or online register?
  - Build a platform to cover lower step of choir seats to make a bigger base for musical instruments – piano and organ, remove all pews except those on top step, leave a step at back wall for access.
  - Remove current piano and pedal organ and return digital keyboard to Warwick. This leaves the whole side of the front of church open.
  - Repaint walls where current television is situated.
  - Revamp the audio-visual system in the church, including new television/s.

Rev Ansie will speak with Property Task Team and ask Ray to be our project manager.

The meeting agreed to have all unnecessary items removed from the church by December, with a plan in place by February to present to Church Council.

Thanks, Carolyn Vardy for the report.