

# The Uniting Church in Australia Warwick, Killarney & Freestone Uniting Parish Sunday 28th April



Welcome to worship as we continue to journey with the disciples after the crucifixion on this fifth Sunday of Easter. May God bless you today as you join in either online or in the pew. Please stay for a chat and a cuppa after the Service.



Creator of all that lives, maker of all that breathes, source of all that grows, nothing can long exist apart from you. Lord Jesus, you are the vine, and we are branches, created to be joined to you. Help us to live in you.

Lord hear our prayer for the world you have made and for those who dwell upon it. We ask your blessing upon the land and those work it this day.

We ask your blessing upon those who labour to nourish your people and those who work to feed the nations. Make them fruitful.

Bless, O Lord, those who care for the air, the land, and the sea, and for all that is in them or upon them. Bless too those who bring your love to their neighbours, your compassion to the strangers in among us.

We give thanks for those who seek to heal the wounds of the spirit and the afflictions of the body. Bless them and those to whom they minister.

We pray for all those whom we hold before you at this time. Fill them and us with your life giving love in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Worship Services**

### Sunday 28th April

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick HC
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Service

### Sunday 5th May

- 8:30am Killarney HC and baptisms
- 9:30am Warwick
- 5:30pm Intergenerational service



Save the date Sunday 25 May - 2pm
\$15pp entertainment
By The Warwick Choral
Society Inc.

All funds to Cancer Council Qld







Double the fun – double the trouble - Warwick mainly

# Readings:

Sunday 28th April

Acts 8: 26 – 40 Psalm 22: 25 – 31 1 John 4: 7 – 21 John 15: 1 – 8

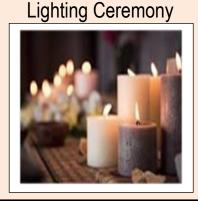
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5: 1– 6 John 15:9 - 17



Can you help? Wednesday 1st May

- Set up chairs (5pm)
- Provide a slice.
- Pack away chairs
   (after 7pm)
   See Sue Campbell

   Peace Walk and Candle



### April 28th John 15: 1-8 Easter 5

'Jesus, the true Vine.' What a wonderful title John gives this chapter of his Gospel. While this passage in John comes before Easter, it is very fitting, as we experience this Easter season, to hear again the prayer that Jesus offers to His Father for all his disciples, from his earthly time to the present day.

One of the great challenges we hear in this prayer is "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (v5) First, we long to believe that we abide in Christ, but what fruit do we bear? When we fall out of fellowship with one another over foolish practices, what fruit do we produce? For those of us who have a poor self-esteem, how do we see that we bear fruit? For those of us who fill our lives with busyness, how do we find time to recognize our fruit?

A very real part of our spiritual discipline is that we need to examine our lives and actions to realize where we serve God, and how amazing is the fruit we bear to feed and encourage others. That image of 'fruit' brings with it dimensions of growth, change and nourishment.

We must never 'rest on our laurels.' A life with Jesus is never static. That mutual relationship of 'Abiding' is both a gift and a task, a constantly renewed commitment. As we give our hearts and lives to our Lord, we do abide in Him. Prayer: Lord, take my life, and make it yours alone, today and forever. Amen.

Blessings, May



A retreat walk in the Granite Belt

– a time to slow down and ponder.

Camino de St Anthorpe – 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May

See brochures in the hall entrance.

Peace Walk and Candle Lighting Ceremony
Wed 1st May – 5:30pm
Town Hall to Williams Hall
Come to the hall and support this gathering.



#### CARE CORNER.

- Pray for those in our community suffering from domestic violence - Give thanks for Protea Place and Safe Haven and the reassurance they provide so they may regain a sense of peace and safety in their homes.
- Pray for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East and that this war doesn't spread to other countries.
- Continue to pray for Ukraine, that the military aid necessary for them to continue to hold off this invasion will be received.
- Reach out to someone you have not had contact with lately. So often we think and pray; but do not actually phone, visit or write.
- Remember Communion with God and His church is the connection to the vine which feeds us to do his work.

Don't forget - TWEATTT lunch next Sunday. Invite someone who doesn't usually come.



# THIS WEEK: 29th April – 5th May

Hospitality: Group 4
Flowers: Marg Adcock

### Monday 29th April

Ansie's non-contact day RDO 10:45am Akooramak Service

### Wednesday 1st May

9.30am Killarney mainly music

1:00pm Wesley Bowls

3:00pm Selah Home Group

3:00pm Killarney Music Ministry

7:00pm Beta Home Group

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

9:15am Warwick mainly music

## Friday 3rd May

9:30 - 11am Courtyard Coffee

Flowers: Sunday 5th May

Rev May & Daphne



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