



The Uniting Church in Australia
Warwick, Killarney & Freestone
Uniting Parish
Sunday 5th May



Welcome to worship as we continue to journey with the disciples after the crucifixion on this sixth 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.

Love one another
as I have loved you.

John the Apostle

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

As I have loved you. Not as duty dictates or as you can figure out for yourself. But as Christ has loved you. Christ’s love is deep, abiding love for the Father and shared with us. Birthed by the Spirit, we are mothered into being. Father, Son and Mothering Spirit – the image of God in the knowledge of family love.

Christ’s love is for the stranger, too. The people in the streets. The woman at the well, the tax collector in the tree. The thief on the cross. The beloved disciple in every age. Each are *seen* by Christ and met and loved. Christ’s love is also the love of friends. Christ’s love is intimate. And inclusive. It welcomes us in and tells us everything. It calls us to the table and offers us comfort. For, we are commissioned to welcome others.

Keep my commandments. Share my thinking. See the world through my eyes. Jesus sees the world with passionate, loving eyes, loving in so many ways. Maybe in each of these ways, Love is glimpsed, just as God is glimpsed in each of us.

Take the hand of our friend the loving Jesus and walk with confidence into these next days. Be true to your calling as the chosen ones of God.

Worship Services

Sunday 5th May

- 8:30am Killarney HC
In Killarney, we welcome the families of Kristal Cook with Cheyenne and Hanna Meak with Dallas as they come for Baptism.
- 9:30am Warwick
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Service

Sunday 12th May – Mothers’ Day

- 8:30am Combined at Killarney Anglican Church
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2:00pm Freestone
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Service

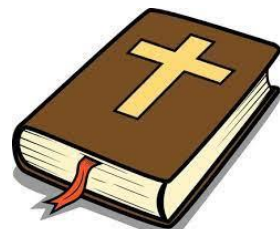
Readings:

Sunday 5th May

Acts 10:44 – 48
Psalm 98
1 John 5: 1 – 6
John 15:9 – 17

Sunday 12th May

Acts 1: 15 – 15, 21 – 26.
Psalm 1
1 John 5: 9 – 13
John 17:6 - 19



Save the date -
Saturday 25 May - 2pm
\$15pp
Entertainment
By The Warwick Choral
Society Inc.
**All funds to
Cancer Council Qld**



Thank you to those who helped with the Candle Lighting ceremony. Your hospitality demonstrates the love of God for his people.

Can you help at a working bee?

Saturday 11th May - 7:30am

Bring hammers, wrecking bar, drills etc.
– dismantling the tennis court shelter.



Church Council – this Thursday – 7pm

Happy Birthday to all our May babies



Marg Adcock	Beryl Boal	Dianne Cahill
Karen & Matthew Christensen		Michelle Hoffman
Sue Johnson	Annabelle Mauch	
Lyn Parkinson	Jackson Pitstock	Graham Reid x 2
Chloe Smith	Margaret Wells	Coral Wilkie

Surprised by Joy....John 15:9-17 - Easter 6

Last week, Jesus used the word picture of the vine, the branches and the resultant fruit. This week Jesus continues to give his farewell advice and commands. These instructions and his encouraging words of wisdom culminate in their being told they are not his workmen, but his friends. He tells them that they are loved and that they will be filled with joy, joy that will overflow.

Almost hidden, is the suggestion that being a disciple will fill us with overwhelming joy. It's not just the joy of realising what Jesus has done for us...I think it's the joy of being surprised by the unexpected...a joy that comes from giving...a joy that comes from believing that amazing story how God in Christ saved us from our sin and so gave us the promise of eternity.

Tragically Jesus dies...but then the resurrection turned everything upside down and we can share in the joy those disciples felt. But that joy is also ours when we realise those events were achieved for us all. Though facing persecution, those earliest Christians were people with love in their hearts and songs on their lips.

When hearts are changed by Christ, the world's standards of happiness and joy are re-ordered. So, when Jesus adds that we will have abundant joy amongst his commandments about loving, we can grasp and hold the promise that joy is a part of our faith. Joy surrounds us whether it be exuberant or a contented peace.

Love one another as I have loved you, says Jesus. Discipleship is not a solitary life. It's a community; so, it's not enough to just quietly go about our own commitment. If we all connected to each other using our own God-given gifts, then that's what enables the Spirit of God to speak to the world. How we act together is the greatest witness that we can show the world and the joy we exhibit speaks volumes

Shalom Jean



Presbytery of The Downs
invites you to join Granite Belt Uniting Church as we
Mark the Conclusion of Placement of
Rev Kaye Ronalds
9:30am Sunday 26th May 2024
at
Stanthorpe Uniting Church
111 High St, Stanthorpe



If you are unable to attend
and would like to send a greeting please
email: admin@downspresbytery.org.au

Some new workers from overseas are
in need of blankets and donnas.
Donations can be left at the church
office or contact Dianne on
0427000887 to arrange collection.



CARE CORNER.

- Give thanks for Protea Place, Safe Haven and Family Drug Support and the assistance they provide to victims and families.
- Pray that we may be seen as a background support network in practical and prayerful ways so their outreach will continue.
- Thank you to those who donate food items to Protea Place.
- Pray for the families bringing their children for baptism in Killarney this Sunday - as they and the congregation make commitments to provide a Christian home of love and trust and ensure the life of worship and service that all may grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus and the knowledge and love of God.
- Give thanks for TWEATTT bringing those who live alone together to share a meal.

Don't forget - TWEATTT lunch **TODAY**.
Invite someone who doesn't usually come.



THIS WEEK:

29th April – 5th May

Hospitality: Group 1

Flowers: Rev May & Daphne

Monday 6th May

Ansie's non-contact day RDO

Labour Day holiday

Wednesday 8th 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 9th May

9:15am Warwick mainly music

5:00pm Killarney Girls' Brigade

7.00pm Church Council

Friday 10th May

9:30 – 11am Courtyard Coffee

Flowers: Sunday

12th May

Mother's Day

Sue Campbell



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