

# The Uniting Church in Australia

# Warwick, Killarney & Freestone Uniting Parish

# Sunday 7th July



Welcome to worship as we continue to journey with the disciples after the crucifixion on this seventh Sunday after Pentecost. 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.



Hope In The Wilderness

Living God, You call us to prayer, because You set us in community, surrounded by people in need. We carry their needs in our hearts, and we cannot leave them at the door of our church when we come to worship. They are part of us.

David lamented – and yet called people to worship in an ancient ritual, 'The Song of the Bow'.

The Psalmist lamented – and yet said: "I wait for the Lord In His word I hope ..." The writer of the Lamentations lamented – and yet said:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases ..."

Paul lamented – and yet said: "I am testing the genuineness of your love ..." Jesus, in the fullness of His humanity, lamented – and yet said:

"Your faith has made you well ..." You have made us one with them. And so it is our responsibility, and our privilege, to bring them to You in our prayers.

# **Worship Services**

## Sunday 7th July

- 8:30am Killarney HC
- 9:30am Warwick
- TWEATTT

# Sunday 14th July

- 8:30am Killarney Combined Service
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2pm Freestone





# Readings:

# Sunday 7th July

2 Samuel 5: 1- 5, 9 – 10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12: 2 – 10 Mark 6: 1 – 13

## Sunday 14th July

2 Samuel 6: 1 – 5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14 - 29



# News from the Warwick Congregation meeting:

- Protea Place will no longer operate as from 1<sup>st</sup> August. Discussions are ongoing with the SDRC.
- Our Affordable Housing grant is in the contract signing stage with the State Govt. Many thanks to lan and Jenny for their tireless work so far.
- Our Jumpers and Jazz planning is well in hand. If you can assist as a church sitter in the mornings, please see Dianne C.
- Can you deliver some JJJ posters see Sue C.
- Please report all property damage & needs to either lan or David C.
- The organ restoration is ongoing and very time consuming.
- A fire evacuation was conducted.

#### Reflection...Mark 6: 1 – 13 .... Pentecost 7

This passage today is in two discrete sections - Mark 6: 1-6a, and Mark 6: 6b-13 is quite a different topic. In the first section, we see the conclusion of the ministry of Jesus as he is finally rejected by the people of Nazareth. On the Sabbath, as he teaches in the synagogue, and the people question his message on the strength that they know him, and some of the disciples.

He declares, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown..." He could do no deeds of power there (v5a). Jesus and the disciples set off among the villages in that area. He calls the disciples together and he sends them out two by two. He gave them authority over unclean spirits but has a very definite set of instructions for them. They are to take no money, no food and no bag, so they are to rely on the hospitality of strangers.

Their mission is a mission of healing and peace. He said to them "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place..." Where they are not welcome, they are to leave and shake the dust off their feet. They are to leave behind those who are inhospitable or judgmental, and don't even take away their dust. They are to forgive and move on, and continue to act with equity, humility, kindness and peace. They are to show unconditional love.

What a call this is for us today as disciples in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are called to turn away from those who begrudge us a place, and 'shake off their dust'. As we meet people, we are to be people who respect, treat others kindly and show God's unconditional and amazing grace and love to all who accept us! That's an amazing call! What a mighty God we serve. Blessings, May.

We are currently one volunteer down on our Flower Arranging roster. Would someone like to gift us with their talents in this ministry. See Sue C



FOLLOW THE SERMONS SERIES FOR THE NEXT 4 WEEKS:

A HEART AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART!

Week 1 - 23 June: Chosen and Anointed

Week 2 - 30 June: Facing Giants

Week 3 - 7 July: Hope in the

Wilderness.

Week 4 - 14 July: A Heart of Worship

## **Working Bee**



Can you help with a working bee to clean up for Jumpers and Jazz – Sat 13th 8am?



#### Care Corner

- Give thanks for the special worship services in Warwick, outreach through streaming and worship in Killarney.
- Pray for the safe return of Scots PGC boarders as they leave their families and staff and all day students as they commence Term 3.
- Pray for the continuing meetings about the future of the Protea Place Project so that vulnerable women do not feel that they will not receive the support they need and value.
- Give thanks for the joy of young families in our worship services.

## Happy Birthday to our July babies:

Amy Beck
Anna Cliff Bruce Lewis
Glenice Cockburn
Joyce Forbes Edith Matthews
Emily Pitstock Graeme Parkinson
Jean Reid Sherryl Shelley
Berenice Liebenberg Michelle Wixted
Graham Sumner Jenny Topp

# What's happening this week?

8th July - 13th July

Hospitality: Group 1 Flowers: Marg Wells

### Monday 8th July

Ansie's non-contact day

8.30 am Courthouse Cuppa 10:45 am Akooramak

# Wednesday 10th July

9:30 am Killarney mainly music

1:00 pm Wesley Bowls

3:00 pm Selah Home Group

6:30 pm 3 Finch St

7:00 pm Beta Home Group

# Thursday 11th July

9:15am Warwick mainly music

5:30pm Girls' Brigade – K'llney

7.00pm Church Council

# Friday 12th July

9:30 - 11:30am Courtyard Coffee

# Saturday 13th July

8am Working Bee

## Flowers:

Sunday 14th July

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