

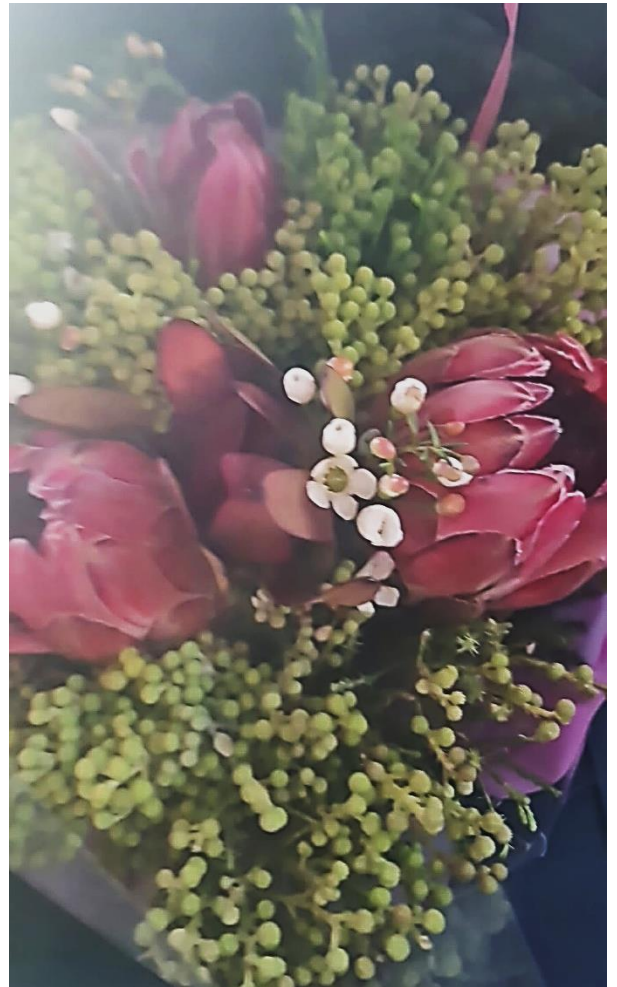


**NEW HORIZONS -August 2024**  
**Newsletter Warwick Killarney Parish UCA**





**Rev Ansie  
in South Africa**



31 July 2024

## **Pastoral Pondering from Afar**

I greet you in the name of Jesus!

I write this to you from Tzaneen in South Africa! After 36 hours in transit, we arrived in Tzaneen, Willie and my Christian Nursery! Our faith has been formed here and our call into fulltime ministry started in the local Methodist Church in 1989! We were welcomed with proteas and my first cup of coffee was from a Cup marked with Brisbane!

Reflecting on the journey we have been on during the last eight weeks; I am in wonder and awe! Our sermon series in Warwick, A Heart After God's Own has been a special time for me. I have sensed God's nearness, and I am now more convinced than ever to put God first during this season as this is likely my last placement as a ministry agent. All the training and experiences gained along the way came to this, and what a blessing this is!

Words cannot express my thankfulness for all those involved during the trial period for the worship team, the hours of rehearsals and all those in the background making sure the sound and the multi-media was of outstanding quality. Reading the comments of those who attended those services were very encouraging and we will endeavour to find ways to continue the journey. For those who this process caused pain, please accept my apologies. I have loved every moment of every part of the services, and it will be a treasured memory for me, and I am thankful that we have a record of the complete services online. If you have not attended or missed some of them, I will encourage you to have a look and listen.

The Jumpers and Jazz ten-day festival was extraordinary. If worship is putting the worthiness of God on display, the Warwick display and hospitality offered through our amazing Courtyard Coffee, certainly put the worthiness of God on display. Thank you, to have amazing coffee on tap during the week, kept me going during a lot of stressful season with Protea Place announcement of closure.

I am thankful for the leadership team of the Parish. I believe that it is for a time such as this that they are all in leadership. Every one of the team has stepped up and has taken on some extraordinary responsibilities and tasks. It is because of their high standards and amazing abilities that we can embark on these wide range of activities and projects. Please join me as I pray for them and their families.

We are still working without cease to find ways to caretake the Protea Place Project. The new caretaking name for the project is now The Southern Downs Women's Support Centre. Please pray for favourable outcomes for all involved and that those for which this service was established.

From a cold and wintery  
Tzaneen, I wish you Christ!  
Ansie



## Our Jumpers and Jazz events for 2024

We're a busy, creative group of people in our church – always dreaming dreams that show a willingness to have a go – and be part of such significant community events that show our inclusion in our community.

And what fun it was. Starting with the setup of the target and our beautiful Cape Chestnut tree, the efforts of Jan and Graham and Jenny were on display for visitors to come and sit and be surprised by the movement sensitive device that Lawrie set up in the tree – such a reassuring reminder of God's amazing grace – and also the idea that to get along and SCORE in life you have to have a go. Did you have a look at the musical scores that were suspended under the tree?

And by Friday, the setup of the Church Art Display was completed – what a mammoth task -depicting last seven days of Jesus' life. So much to explore. Our church will nearly look empty since all the pews are back where we're used to seeing them. Maybe some of us have been challenged to find a new spot to sit on Sunday! Thank you, Jan Reid.

From Friday to the last Saturday morning, the tireless workers in the Courtyard Coffee have not only greeted visitors with a smile and a warming cup of coffee – but have hosted many around the pop-up stalls that I'm sure enticed people to come and stay a little longer – and for many – to support local artists in the purchase of a craft or plant.

Such a big group to thank – led by Cathy and Paul Ryan. Thank you all.

And then – Saturday morning at Jazzy Breakfast – with the well-oiled machine of Terry's crew in charge of the wonderful offering of good, tasty food. The Stingrayz Quartet -along with the beautiful Ruby – topped off the morning with a swing and fine music. Very easy listening.

And – our two worship services with Hayden Wiseman and Cathi Brown and the Toowoomba Male Voice Choir leading us through music and commentary.

I hope you have been able to experience our presentation of Jumpers and Jazz this year. It can be tiring just being in such a busy city during this 10 day period, but it livens up our calm existence and probably makes us appreciate the talents of our community – and the peace we enjoy throughout most of the year.

Sue Campbell

### Comments from the visitor book:

**Thoughtful, amazing, awesome, very moving, thought provoking, beautiful, fabulous, inspiring, wonderful message, encouraging reflection, curious about different scenarios, really good simple but very creative**



**Courtyard Coffee.** Commencing on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we opened each weekday and each Saturday morning (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> after Jazzy Breakfast. A long morning for Paul, Cathy, Terry, Jonna) from 9:30am to 12 middays. The arcade themed courtyard and popup stalls added to our usual warm hospitality making for a wonderful 8 days of welcoming people into our Church property. What can I say? From my vantage point of greeting and taking orders, I could see and hear the following:

- Visitors to Warwick saying, “We have heard how good it is here, so have come to try!”
- The buzz in Williams Hall, warm from the heaters and chat from all the different tables
- The joy of children (and adults!) winning a lollipop on our ‘SCORE’ board
- Warwick people finding us and saying they will come again, they enjoyed it so much
- Comments of ‘Great coffee,’ ‘Delicious Food,’ ‘It is always good here.’
- Beautiful craft and plants being purchased for grandchildren (Liddy your fairy and bat wings, Cinna your hair ties, Mary your rope craft table wear, Cathy your sculptures, some now at the Gold Coast, Cathy and Glenda your plants going to homes, Sandra your vibrant scribble art, Graham your marble and wood boards – and this is far from the complete list.
- Books being picked up for \$2 and swapped the next day
- People sitting under the tree and wondering where the music came from
- The tree and the knitted Gifts of the Spirit out the front attracting people, cameras clicking away
- Visitors for the week returning each day
- Pandan Cake, Caramel Mac, Ginger Cake, Almond Cake, Pistachio Cake.....



Big thank you's to our Barista helpers: Sarah Beck, Cinna and Marg Kelly and of course our wonderful Paul and Cathy.

Big thank you's to those who brought us treats to sell – melting moments, scones and more.

Big thank yous to Sandra and Cathy for their cute and quirky animals.

If you haven't tried us, come and see (and taste!)

Marg Wells



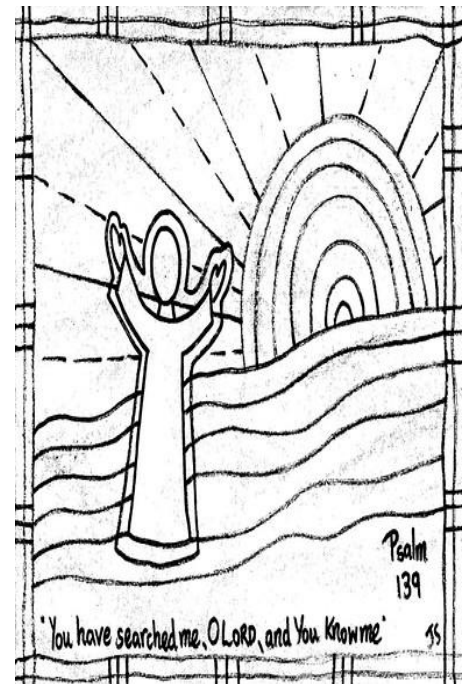
### **Food for Thought....Speak to me of God**

I've been reading a book written by Bill Hybels of Willow Creek Community Church in Illinois titled "Just Walk across the Room" where he explains how to connect with people by eliciting their story. In the final stages, the common comment seems to be 'How can I Know God?' Then when I was researching books in readiness for Sunday's Sermon, I came upon this adapted poem written by Maria Luisa Brey intitled *Speak to me of God* and I thought it would be good to share

I begged the almond tree: "Speak to me of God!"  
And the almond tree showed itself to me in full bloom.  
I asked a poor man: "Please speak to me of God!"  
And the poor man gave me his cloak.  
I besought my dreams: : "Speak to me of God!"  
And my dreams came true.  
I entreated the house : "Speak to me of God!"  
And the door opened welcoming me.  
I asked a child : "Speak to me of God!"  
And the child smiled at me.

I told a farmer : "Speak to me of God!"  
And the farmer showed me his standing crops.  
I begged nature : "Speak to me of God!"  
And nature decked herself in luscious beauty.  
I asked my friend : "Speak to me of God!"  
And my friend caressed me warmly.  
I asked a nightingale : "Speak to me of God!"  
And she filled the air with silvery tunes.  
I asked a soldier : "Speak to me of God!"  
And, in shame, he threw away his weaponry.

I besought a suffering man : "Speak to me of God!"  
And I saw in his eyes a quivering tear of accepting joy.  
I asked a fountain : "Speak to me of God!"  
And the fountain merrily spilt out its crystal water.  
I begged my mother : "Speak to me of God!"  
And she stamped a soothing kiss on my forehead.  
I entreated my enemy : "Speak to me of God!"  
And he, in forgiveness, stretched his hand out to me.



I asked the voice : "Speak to me of God!"  
But the voice could not find the words. It remained silent!  
At last, I asked the setting sun : "Speak to me of God!"  
And the sun, mysteriously, set and left me in darkness all around.  
But, next day, at dawn, when I opened the window of my room,  
mysteriously with its warmth, God kissed me on both my cheeks.

#### *Some thoughts to ponder*

- ....who speaks to us of God? Where can we find God?
- ....How can we speak convincingly of God to others?
- ....Where do we experience God most?
- .... How do we come to know his love, forgiveness and care?

Happy pondering...I do most of mine in the shower!.....Shalom, Jean

## **Pumpkin Scone Recipe.** From Alison Payne

This summer, after a frustrating start with no female flowers appearing for several weeks, the Kent pumpkins were late forming. Following rain, the vines did, as all good pumpkin vines do, take over the garden running rampant with plenty of female flowers.

Consequently, the pumpkins formed late in the season being threatened with frost. Some were picked not quite ripe. As Kent pumpkins are not usually good "keepers", I was faced with the prospect of rotting pumpkins on my verandah. Giving away pumpkins was difficult, as friends were overloaded with pumpkins too, so I have been saturating our diet with various pumpkin based meals. I have overdone the pumpkin soup. (Hubby has protested!) So pumpkin scones became the latest cooking project. Numerous recipes were trialed, with the local craft group as testers, and finally one settled upon as being the most reliable and palatable.

This recipe has been adapted from ones supplied in the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Cookbook 2005. And yes, I did try Flo's famous recipe.



### **Ingredients:**

*90 grams butter or margarine , ½ cup brown sugar, not packed , 1 egg  
1 cup cold mashed pumpkin, ½ cup milk, 2½ cups self-raising flour (another ¼ cup if pumpkin is particularly moist) ; plain flour to sprinkle on the board.*

### **Method:**

*Beat shortening with sugar until soft.*

*Beat in egg, then pumpkin and milk until creamy.*

*Add sifted self-raising flour and combine with a knife.*

*Turn onto board floured with plain flour. Pat into a shape about 3cms high, sprinkle with plain flour, and cut using scone cutter.*

*Place individual scones on a tray lined with baking paper. (I use a shallow cake tin).*

*Cook at 220 degrees C for 10 minutes, then I place foil over the top of the scones and cook a further 5 minutes. (This last bit is necessary in my oven as it overbrowns).*

*Otherwise, 15 minutes.*

Serve as desired with butter, cream and jam. Can be buttered and spread with vegemite and topped with a slice of tomato. sprinkle of pepper. Enjoy.

Usually makes 13 good sized scones. Can be frozen and then zapped in the microwave oven for 30 seconds before serving.

I often cut up a pumpkin into pieces, then freeze some uncooked, on trays. This can go straight into the oven for baking when needed. I also steam some and freeze the mashed pumpkin. This does need to be beaten together after thawing and before using in recipes.

# MARKET DAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024

**BOOKS:** Please make sure your books are in good condition. Donations of novel appreciated. Children's books welcome. Preferably not self-help books. Contact Gordon Bratby 0437 551 842

**BRIC A BRAC:** If you are downsizing or just looking to declutter then this is an opportunity to make space. All household goods, storage, tools etc are welcome except clothing. Goods can be brought to the Williams Hall each morning during office hours. Please do not leave in the foyer. If you need help to transport your donations, please contact the office or Scott Young 04290969432 for assistance.

**HOME BAKED:** Baked goods – sweet and savoury; jams, pickles etc. Also, will be the place for produce if you have excess in your garden veges or flowers. Alison will welcome your contributions. Goods need to be labelled with ingredients. For assistance contact office 46611080.

**TREAT YOURSELF :** Fudge is always popular so contributions will be welcome. Mary will be contacting her regular sweet makers, but other donations will be welcome. Mary will need help on the stall as her regular offsider will be away. Packing on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August after 11.00am.

**PLANTS:** Pam and Darrell do not have as many native plants this year. If you can assist with plants all varieties, please make sure they are well potted.

## ENTERTAINMENT

9am – Warwick City Band - in the church

10am - Thistle Pipe Band – on the grass

10:30am – Inverness Dancers – on the grass

11am – Melomaniacs – on the grass

## ARK

## CAFÉ – Morning tea

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS.

## HELP

A number of regular helpers are unavailable this time. Scott would appreciate helpers at 7.00am to erect gazebos and set up stall and after 12 noon to dismantle and put away.

CONTACT Office 46611080 or Scott Young 04290969432