



**The Uniting Church in Australia  
Warwick, Killarney & Freestone  
Uniting Parish**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**



*Welcome to worship as we continue to journey with the disciples on this fourteenth 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.*



Gracious and Merciful Lord, you have offered to us food for the journey. You remind us that your very life will sustain us as we witness to your love. But sometimes we let those reminders slip from our consciousness. We wallow in our difficulty; make excuses for not living the kind of life that you would have us live; treat others in ways which are not healthy or loving.

Please forgive us, Lord. Stop us in our tracks and help us to examine the many ways in which we have not served you well and the callous things we have done to others. Cleanse our spirits and our souls from these unrighteous acts and cause us to follow you more closely. Remind us again that you are the Bread of Life, having given yourself for us. Sustain us and encourage us in our service.

Your gifts, O God, are plenteous - your love abundant - your grace - all sufficient. You give life to us and through us you seek to give life to the world around us. We pray you, use these gifts we offer you now for your life-giving work - the monetary gifts that we give - and the gifts of the Spirit that arise out of our hearts and minds - your care, your love, your truth and your mercy. We ask it in Jesus's name. Amen

## Worship Services

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

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



### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept

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

Western Night - 28<sup>th</sup> Sept - \$35/head

To raise funds for new outdoor tables. More info later

**New** – Duncan’s Wednesday morning bible study group  
Mb# 0400 529 105  
Contact him if you are interested.

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Next week  
Invite a friend.

Sonnets of Love – in the church  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 10:30 am

A poster for 'Sonnets of Love' featuring musical notes, a harp, and a woman playing a harp. The text includes: 'CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF CLASSICAL MUSIC IN OUR COMMUNITY', 'Vibrant Arts presents', 'SONNETS OF LOVE', 'Romancing the Stones', 'CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL 6 - 8 September, 2024', 'Experience the beauty of the ethereal harp and the pure tones of the soprano voice, intermingled with Sonnets of Love read by members of our community.', 'NEIL RASMUSSEN', 'CELIA DE WINTER ACTORS', 'LISSA-KÄTHE HARPIST', 'ESTHER HOHENHEIM SOPRANO', 'SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 10:30AM - 11:30AM WARWICK UNITING CHURCH GUY ST \$15 ADULT \$10 CONCESSION / U18', and 'TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR FROM 9:45AM'.



Meets in Williams Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly.  
Call Anne 0490 536 931

CONVOCATION AND  
PRESBYTERY of THE DOWNS  
IN OUR WARWICK UNITING CHURCH  
8-10 NOVEMBER 2024

Marg Wells is currently compiling a list of accommodation for this event and would like to hear from anyone who would be able to host visitors during with this time. Contact Marg 0427 144 812

## Readings:

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41- 43  
Psalm 94  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45 1-2,6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

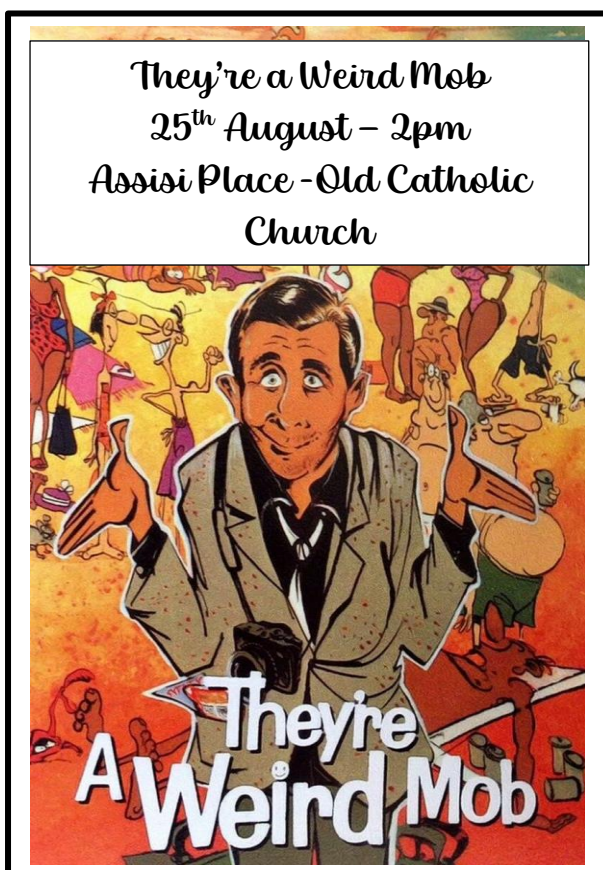
**Reflection on John 6:56-69...Hard Teaching. Pentecost 14.**

Here was Jesus, the hero of Galilee, the miracle worker, the wise one who could look into your heart and bring new hope...the one who is so close to God that he could feed the multitude on five loaves and two fish. But now he has gone beyond the limits of the understanding of those following him. He tells them that the loaves and the fish only satisfy them for a day, but that eating his flesh and drinking his blood would satisfy them forever for he is the bread of heaven which God has prepared for them. Well, that's when they leave him!

Are Christ's teachings so difficult that we also give up, ignore them and so reject him? Or do we have the courage to stand and act on God's truth? God has given us the gift of choice and so, whether we follow or turn away, it's up to us. We come to that turning point and make the decision: Commit our lives to God ....or go our own way.

God made us in his image and gave us the freedom to love and to live as we will. What does he expect in return? All he hopes is that we come to love him with all our heart, soul, and mind. God in Jesus is asking us to accept him as we accept a meal, trusting in its value and its wholesomeness. He is the heavenly food that nourishes forever!

This is the teaching Jesus was revealing. It marked a turning point in the responses of those following enthusiastically up till then. Many now abandon him! Jesus turns to the twelve and asks if they also would leave, but Peter replies, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life...We believe and know you are the Holy One of God." Do we echo those words of Peter?.....Shalom, Jean



Movie presented to support SOUTHERN DOWNS  
REGUGEE & MIGRANT NETWORK

We acknowledge the wonderful work of  
Protea Place in Warwick since August 2023  
and are delighted to announce that the  
Southern Downs Women's Support Centre –  
under the caretaker role of the Uniting Church  
- will continue that support service for  
vulnerable women in our community.

**Southern Downs  
Women's  
Support Centre**

## Care Corner

- ✦ Give thanks for the many hours which have been dedicated to enabling the Southern Downs Women's Support Centre to open and provide welcome and continuation of the vital services for women in need.
- ✦ We think of the family and friends of Shirley Ballard. Give thanks for those who cared for Shirley in the past months.
- ✦ Help us be mindful, O God, of the shortness of the time we have upon this earth and to so live in your presence. We bring before you those we are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- ✦ We give thanks for the joy of mainly music. The opportunity to share singing and dancing with babies, toddlers and preschoolers along with grandparents, parents and carers.
- ✦ Dear Lord God - while we are not the richest people nor are we the smartest people or even the strongest people - - we thank you because we are loved by you - and by others - and because that love -- makes life feel so good.

## What's happening this week?

**26<sup>th</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> August**

*Hospitality: Group 4*

*Flowers this week:*

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug**

10:45 am Akooramak

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug**

9:30 am Killarney mainly music

1:00 pm Wesley Bowls

3.00 pm Selah Home Group

7:00 pm Beta Home Group

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug**

9:15 am Warwick mainly music

5:30pm – Girls' Brigade –K'llney

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug**

9:30 – 11:30am - Courtyard

Coffee

### **Flowers next week**

*Sue Campbell*

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