



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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024**



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



Loving God,  
In our busy lives, we often rush past Your glory. Help us to slow our pace and open our eyes. Teach us to pause and notice Your presence, in the beauty of creation and faces of strangers. Renew our spirits as we take time to be still,  
To listen for Your whisper in moments of quiet.  
Refresh Your church, Lord, with unhurried grace,  
That we may see You at work in our world. Guide us to recognize Your hand in unexpected places, And Your love in the ordinary moments of each day.  
As we slow down, fill us with Your peace,  
So we may be beacons of Your calm presence.  
Renew our vision, individually and as Your people, to perceive the ways  
You're already moving among us.  
May this intentional slowing transform us,  
To better reflect Your patient, ever-present love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## Worship Services

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

- 8:30am Killarney hosting the Combined Churches Together Service
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2pm Freestone

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

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



## Readings:

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

## Welcome home Rev Ansie

Much has happened, while you've been away –  
August Markets  
Opened WillowTree 37

New families at Warwick mainly music and much more.  
We're really pleased to see have you home again.

Presbytery Minister's Retreat 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Bunya Mountains. Our prayers go with Ansie attending this time of connection and renewal with Ministry Agents. Ansie, we know you were still working while away through August. May you be richly blessed in this quiet space and feel God's arms lifting you and also feel our arms about you with love and care.



Meets in Williams Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly.

Call Anne 0490 536

## Journeying Through Grief

We have a new 7 week program designed for those dealing with loss, commencing October 14<sup>th</sup> until 28<sup>th</sup> November each Monday, 2pm till 4 pm. If you are struggling with grief, or know someone who is, please pick up a flyer, which is available in the porch.

## Third Market Day 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024

A review of August Market Day and planning for next Market Day will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 11.00am in the Wesley Room. It is hoped that by meeting during the day those who find it difficult to take part at night will be able to attend should they wish. Contact Scott Young for more info.

## **Reflection on Mark7:31-37...."Be Opened!"**

*Jesus does everything well. He even makes the dumb to hear and the deaf to speak.*

Jesus heals another outsider, a man on the margins, a man who is deaf. He is separated from the rest of the world by his inability to hear and to speak. Jesus takes him away from the prying eyes of the crowd. Fingers pry into his ears, The rabbi spits and touches the man's tongue.... speaks words the man can't yet hear.

But he also makes signs the man can see and gives a touch that he can feel. Jesus places his hands directly on the boundaries that have separated this man from his friends. A word, "Be opened!" and it ends this alienation from sound....from community....from communication with others. Ears, mouth and life are opened!

Then Jesus strongly warns the people not to report what they have witnessed. But they disobey and proclaim the message boldly and widely. Maybe, today, God's people are much better at obeying that command of Jesus...this warning to keep it all a secret! Maybe this is why the church, which once grew like wildfire, seems here in Australia, to be dying down to a few embers. Maybe God's word is not being urgently spoken....and selflessly lived.

Before we judge the church collectively, let's begin with, "What about us?" What is it that Christ says to each one of us that we need to pass on to others with sensitivity and with love? Are *our* ears and mouths open? The Spirit of Christ prompts, urges and guides the words and deeds that are needed for us to spread the message of Salvation and the Kingdom of God.

God will always find a way for us to get the word out; to right the wrongs and help the vulnerable! *Jesus does everything well. He even makes the dumb to hear and the deaf to speak.* Even us!

Shalom, Jean

### **WESTERN NIGHT**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**Meet and Greet in Courtyard**

**6.00pm-6.30pm**

**HOT SMORGASBORD to follow.**

**\$35.00 each in Williams Hall.**

**Come dressed in your finest  
Cowboy attire.**

**Entertainment by Ms Fiona Gray.**

**Proceeds to buy more user  
friendly tables for the courtyard.**

Contact Terry Smart 0488 654 357  
For Booking and payment information.

Are you able to support WillowTree 37 by donating non-perishable items to help those in need? Ideal items are cup of soup, noodles, pasta, rice, nut/protein bars, vegemite, jams, tin spaghetti-baked beans, fruits, tea, coffee, cereals, UHT milk. Please leave them in the bucket in the hall foyer. Thank you.



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## Care Corner

- ❖ Give thanks for our preachers, musicians, singers, technical support and all who ensure that we can worship in person or online each Sunday.
- ❖ Pray for our home and study groups who enable the sharing and development of faith through discussion, prayer and fellowship. A special thanks to those who make these groups possible.
- ❖ Pray for the students who are coming to the crucial time in their studies. Some whose next few weeks will be an important part of 'where to next!'
- ❖ Let us be aware of those who just feel stressed by the pressure of the everyday and the challenges which arise in their own and others' lives.
- ❖ Give special thanks for many who have taken the responsibility of helping the more vulnerable around them.
- ❖ Pray for Willow Tree 37 as they begin again to offer help and support to those in need.
- ❖ Let us pray to the God of salvation, let us always praise our maker and saviour.

## What's happening this week?

**9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September**

*Hospitality: Group 2*

*Flowers this week: Alison Baistow*

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

8.30 am Courthouse Cuppa

10:45 am Akooramak.

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Rev Ansie attending Ministers' Retreat at Bunya Mountains.

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

9:30 am Killarney mainly music

10.00 am Study Group

Wesley Room

1:00 pm Wesley Bowls

3.00 pm Selah Home Group

7:00 pm Beta Home Group

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

9:15 am Warwick mainly music

5:30pm – Girls' Brigade –K'llney

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

9:30 – 11:30am – Courtyard Coffee.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

9.00am Coffee, Craft and Chat

*Flowers next week:*

*May Morris & Daphne Porter*

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