



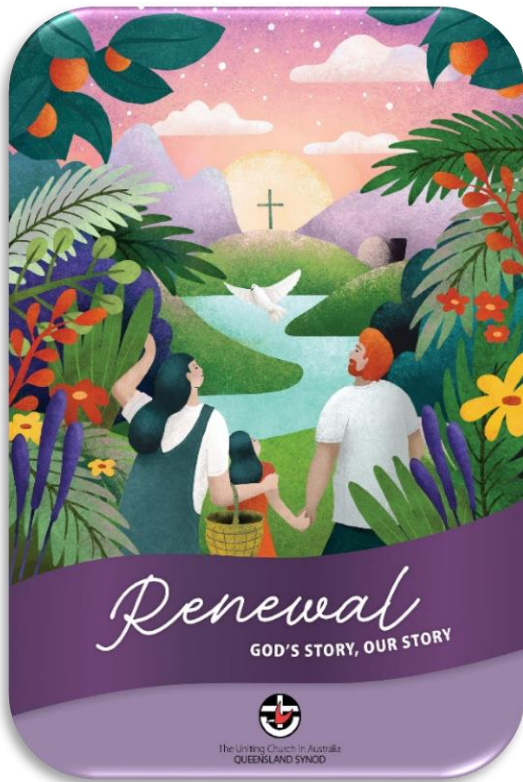
*Killarney Girls' Brigade sing during Harvest Festival Service Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March*

*Warwick Central Choir entertain at the Market Day*



Up to the roof on the Affordable Housing Units in Killarney.

## Pastoral Ponderings 27 March 2025



I greet you in the name of Christ,

As we turn the pages of the calendar and step into the season of Easter, I am reminded of the beauty of renewal. Easter embodies the ultimate story of renewal—**God's story of resurrection and redemption through Christ, which breathes new life into us as His children.** This holy season also invites us to reflect on our own story and how it weaves into God's greater plan.

### **God's Story: The Power of Resurrection**

Easter is the foundation of our faith, where we celebrate Christ's victory over death and His promise of eternal life. The resurrection is not just a historical event but a living truth that speaks to us daily. It reminds us that even in moments of despair or uncertainty, God is always at work, bringing new hope, purpose, and restoration.

### **Our Story: Renewal in Action**

This season, we are witnessing God's work in our community in remarkable ways. It is with great joy that I share the news that the **Women's Support Centre** has officially been handed over to its new committee. This centre represents a beacon of hope and healing for women in need, and its transition marks a new chapter of empowerment and compassion. Let us pray for the committee as they take up this vital mission, and may we continue to support their work with our prayers and resources.

Additionally, our **affordable housing project** is progressing beautifully. If you've passed by the sites recently, you've likely noticed the buildings beginning to take shape. What was once a vision is now becoming a reality, a tangible reflection of God's provision and our commitment to creating a more just and loving community. Let's continue to pray for the construction workers, the future residents, and the impact these homes will have on families for generations to come.

### **Looking Ahead: Mystery Meals in May**

As we look beyond Easter, I am excited to introduce a new initiative: our **Mystery Meals in May campaign!** During the month of April, we are inviting everyone to sign up to host or attend a meal with fellow members of the congregation. These meals will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, share stories, and build relationships with one another. There's something special about breaking bread together—it's often around the table that we experience some of the deepest moments of community and fellowship.

If you'd like to participate, whether as a host or a guest, please sign up using the form at the back of the church. Let's come together to share the joy of Christ's love in a simple yet profound way.

## A Time for Reflection and Renewal

As we journey through this season of renewal, may we open our hearts to how God works in and through us. Easter reminds us that we are part of a story much more significant than ourselves—a story of grace, love, and transformation.

Thank you for being part of this parish family and for the ways you live out God's story in your daily lives. I look forward to celebrating Easter with you and witnessing the continued unfolding of His plans in our community.

With Easter blessings,

Ansie Liebenberg

## Easter Services



### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday

8:30am Killarney Combined Service

Uniting Church

9:30am Warwick

2:00pm Freestone HC

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April – No Tenebrae Service in 2025

St Marks Anglican Church are holding a Maundy Thursday Service and Vigil Garden of Gethsemane at 7.00pm.

### Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

8:30am Killarney

9:30am Warwick

7:00pm Freestone

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April

#### MEMORIAL SATURDAY 9am to 12 midday

The Warwick Church is open as a quiet space, to bring flowers in memory of those we love.

A space to pray quietly,  
A space to reminisce with others.

A space to surprise everyone on Easter Sunday with beautiful flowers.



### Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April

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

## CHURCH COUNCIL CHATTER MARCH

We welcomed Jill Bockman and Alison Baistow to our open Church Council.

- As this is being written, WillowTree 37 are preparing to host a Sponsors Morning which will be followed by an Open Day with sausage sizzle and a tour of the centre including activities through the Centre.
- Council extends warmest congratulations to Jill Bockman who will be President of the WillowTree 37 committee. We celebrate that their new signage is up and looking great, their facebook attractive, website up and running and bank details organised for direct giving.
- Facebook:



- <https://www.facebook.com/willowtree37wsc/> Follow to keep up to date.
- Web: <https://www.wt37.org/>
- Also, on Instagram
- Ways to support on their social media and website. Check it out.
- Any remaining money we have been holding while in Caretaker Mode will be used for their rent.
- Heartfelt congratulations to Freestone who have raised money for air conditioning!
- We have endorsed our Safe Church policy for working with children and vulnerable people as well as the Synod Work Place Health and Safety policy. These policies can be seen in full on the Qld Synod website or viewed in the office.
- There are no changes to the policy on the use of church property which says no consumption of alcohol and no same gender marriage on our property. Conversations need to be had , even to how we start a conversation, with love and respect for each other. With the changes of affordable housing upon us, a more settled time next year was considered a better way to go. Again, these policies are in a folder in the Church office and can be viewed by all of us. If these policies are a problem or hurtful, please see one of your Council Members or Rev Ansie, for a confidential conversation.
- This year will see reduced socialising in Williams Hall due to the lack of parking. Pastoral Care have come up with a wonderful idea: Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner. Look out for the form which will allow you to participate as either a host or guest.
- The 2025 budget was presented and endorsed. It was also moved Treasurer Jenny Lane receive thanks for the detail and effort taken in this budget, with the many needs Jenny was tasked to address.

- Akooramak news: Council has endorsed the change for this wonderful ministry to meet only on the first Monday of each month. For many years the Akooramak team have held weekly worship services. This has involved gathering the residents together, praying and listening and has resulted in continuing friendships with our church members who have become residents, as well as making new friends. This is a loving service for those facing a big change in their life – and it's ahead for all of us sooner or later! A huge thank you to the team who have been doing it for 25 years or more and will be continuing, but now once a month not weekly.
- Courthouse Cuppa is resuming with Alison Baistow as leader. This involves 2 people taking the trolleys over to the Courthouse on our rostered day and providing tea, coffee or water and some home baked goodies. You have no idea how much interest the home baking gets! The team provides a friendly presence and a listening ear, and we are told, it greatly reduces the tension of court day.



### JUMPERS AND JAZZ in July 2025

This year's theme for Jumpers and Jazz tree decorations is CASCADE – and we have signalled our intention to be part of the fun and entertainment that accompanies the 10 days of Jumpers and Jazz.

Our main offering will be **Jazz in the Courtyard** – offering coffee, teas, sweet treats, soups and light breakfast – not providing a full Jazzy Breakfast as we have in previous years.

A playlist will be broadcast throughout the morning, with no live music.

We are hoping to provide a tree display that will not only entice visitors to explore the tree – but then to linger in the courtyard for coffee. If you have any ideas, please let Sue Campbell know of your interest in this aspect of our offerings.

Pop-up stalls will again be a feature of our courtyard activities and Cathy Ryan will co-ordinate these interest points. The Courtyard Coffee will operate from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Excluding Sunday – from 9am to 12 noon.

So, keep our plans in mind – it seems like a long way off, but July will roll around in a rush after Easter. Are you able to assist?

Do you have any creative ideas for our beautiful old tree? Please let Sue Campbell, Cathy Ryan or Marg Wells know if you would like to be involved in any way.

Sue Campbell -Jumpers and Jazz Co-ordinator.

## NEWS FROM WILLOWTREE 37

Did you know we provide home-cooked food to women who visit our centre? 🍅🥬



We're always grateful for donations of ingredients we use to create these nourishing meals. If you would like to help, we're currently seeking vouchers from local businesses who supply meat, fresh fruit and vegetables. 💚

This will help us ensure the women we support have access to healthy, fresh ingredients for home-cooked meals. 💜

Every little bit helps. Vouchers can be dropped off to our centre at 37 Guy Street, Warwick on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am & 2pm. You can also get in touch with us by email at [team.leader@wt37.org](mailto:team.leader@wt37.org) or phone on 07 4574 4876.

Thank you for your kind support! 💜

[#FreshFoodForAll](#) [#CommunitySupport](#)  
[#HealthyMeals](#) [#WillowTree37](#)

A massive thank you to the wonderful team at Little Pig Consulting for creating our beautiful new website. 🍊

It's now live at [www.wt37.org](http://www.wt37.org)

You'll find information about our services, our dedicated team, how to reach us and more. We'd love for you to visit and let us know what you think. ✨

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As we begin as an independent body offering support to vulnerable women as is in place to receive donations to assist with our outreach.

**To make donations directly to our bank:**

Account Name: Willowtree 37 Women's Support Centre Inc  
BSB: 817 001 Account:100023154  
Reference: Donors Name

If receipt for tax deduction, required can they please email details to - [treasurer@wt37.org](mailto:treasurer@wt37.org) so we can action.

## FRONTIER SERVICES NEWS

### More than 2,000 volunteer hours and counting

Colin and Susan had just retired and finished their new home when they came across a leaflet about



volunteering with Frontier Services' Outback Links program. They knew straight away it was their calling. Since that moment, they've travelled across inland Australia bringing support, practical help, and friendship to Aussies in need, giving more than 2,000 hours of their time.

Colin says they feel blessed to have experienced so many different environments, different placements, and different people. *"It's a great experience and a great opportunity to travel and help people. And I think the good thing about Outback Links is that there are just so many placements on the Frontier Services website."*

One of their most memorable trips was to Quilpie, right in the heart of Queensland. Read more in the February edition of [Frontier Services' Newsletter](#).

### Join us for a Mystery Meal Adventure in May!

Are you ready for an exciting experience this May?

Have you ever hosted a meal with surprise guests?

Or perhaps you've attended a meal where you didn't know who you'd meet?

#### THEN:

Join our '**Mystery Meals in May**' Parish event!! Here's how to get involved:

**Host a meal:** Whether it's a small gathering or larger event, open your home to surprise guests!

**Join as a guest:** Enjoy the thrill of mingling with new faces.

**Participate in Both Roles:** Enjoy the best of both worlds!

How to?

Simply fill out the forms available in our churches and drop them in the colourful boxes.

Get ready for a wonderful time of fun and connection!

Forms will be collected on Easter Sunday (April 20<sup>th</sup>)  
after which all will be revealed in May!!

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FOR 2025

The services for Killarney and Warwick planned for March 7<sup>th</sup> were both a casualty of Cyclone Alfred.

The Killarney service was prepared by St Marks Anglican congregation, and a combined service has been rescheduled for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at St Marks Church in Warwick at 10:00am. Guest speaker Rev Richard Butler.



### Affordable Housing updates.

The whiteboard in the Williams Hall foyer has the diagrams and outlines of the plans for the Units in Warwick and Killarney.

As the construction continues the photos are changed to show recent development on each site.

Information is also available at Killarney to enable worshippers and visitors to be up to date with the progress.

Ian Darnell gives a progress report each Sunday during morning worship in Warwick.

Watch on the YouTube broadcast of Sunday morning worship.





## WEATHER JUST RIGHT FOR RESCHEDULED MARKET DAY



Courtyard Café Morning Tea a great place to sit and relax for a while during our Market Day on 15<sup>th</sup> March. The delay of a week because of Cyclone Alfred did not deter those seeking a Trash and Treasure bargain or checking out the books and puzzles. Still plenty to choose from on the stage of the Williams Hall each Friday morning. The plants were walking out by the trolley load and this rainy weather should be just right for the keen gardeners.

Both the Home Baked and Treat Yourself stalls offered a wide variety of tempting goodies to take home. If they lasted that long.

As always, the entertainment was first class, even though some of the advertised artists could not come due to other commitments.

The Scots PGC students who volunteered their time were very much appreciated.

The details below show the financial result of the day.

| MARKET DAY         | Market Day March 15, 2025 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Plants             | \$1,987.00                |
| Trash and treasure | \$2,831.00                |
| Books              | \$623.00                  |
| Café               | \$717.00                  |
| Home baked         | \$1,120.25                |
| Treat yourself     | \$1,004.00                |
| BBQ                | \$412.00                  |
| Donation           | \$100.00                  |
| Total              | \$8,794.25                |



**WE ARE INVITED**

Pastor Jenny Noble, the Downs Presbytery's hardworking Treasurer is being commissioned as the Pastor of Granite Belt Uniting Church on Saturday 5th April in Stanthorpe, and we would all love to see you there if at all possible.

This has deliberately been scheduled for a Saturday rather than a Sunday with Ministry Agents and church leaders in mind.

As Granite Belt Uniting Church is our neighbour it would be special if members of our Parish could attend.

If you would like to attend please contact Angela Lester or the office to organise a carpool. If possible.

**Pilgrims On The Way.**

The feet of the pilgrims were ready to begin their Lenten walk,  
Friends and companions together lots of laughter and talk.

The feet of the Pilgrims were skipping when they held their  
branches high, They would follow him wherever, not knowing how  
or why.

The feet of the Pilgrims were anxious when the tables were overturned,  
The priests and leaders were angry, strong fear and hatred burned.

The feet of the Pilgrims were peaceful when bread was broken and blessed,  
When wine was passed, words spoken, "Remember and be at rest."

The feet of the Pilgrims were anguished when soldiers took him away,  
They knew that they had failed him, not able to wait and pray.

The feet of the Pilgrims were running when he was dragged into court,  
They claimed they didn't know him, what anguish those hasty words brought.

The feet of the Pilgrims were weeping when they followed him up to the hill,  
He died with pain and forgiveness "Forgive, go in peace, be still."

The feet of the Pilgrims were dancing when the stone was rolled away,  
They knew that his life and spirit were with them forever and a day.

Eva Donaldson 2012.

