

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



Sunday 22nd June 2025

Welcome to worship on this the 48th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia. May God bless us today as we join online or in the pew. Please stay for a chat and a cuppa after the service.



Message for the 48th Uniting Church Anniversary – 22 June 2025 from President Rev Charissa Suli

Today, we give thanks for the grace that has carried us and the love of God that continues to weave us together. Many bodies, one body united in the Spirit of Christ. I've personally seen the Spirit at work in quiet faithfulness, bold leadership, deep compassion and the perseverance of the faith

Just as our Basis of Union calls us to be a church always reformed and renewing so that we continue to follow Jesus Christ, who is the perfecter of our faith. Now is the time to renew our commitments, to live out the gospel, just not in words, but also in deeds. To nurture and raise up disciples and strengthen our congregations, support our leaders so that all feel welcome and the belonging in Jesus Christ. Happy 48th Anniversary Church!

Let's continue as a church following Jesus Christ, investing in justice and reconciliation, celebrating our diversity and living the gospel for generations to come. May God weave us together in love. Christ renew and reconcile us, and the Spirit breathe courage onto us. Ofa lahi atu in Christ's name.

Worship Services

Sunday 22nd June

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

Sunday 29th June

- 10:00 am Killarney Ecumenical Service Killarney Uniting Church is the host.
- 9:30am Warwick Congregation Meeting

Happy birthday to you this week:

Marg Kelly – 22 June Tris Cutmore - 23 June Graham Gillam -25 June Rachel Knight - 25 June



Readings

Sunday 22nd June

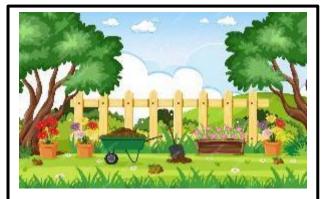
1 Kings 19: 1 – 4, 8 – 15a Psalm 42, 43 Isaiah 65: 1 – 9 Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25

Luke 8: 26 – 39

Sunday 29th June

2 Kings 2: 1 – 2, 6 – 14
Psalm 77: 1 – 2, 11 – 20
1 Kings 19: 15, 16, 19 – 21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25

Luke 9: 51 - 62



Could you spend some time tending God's Garden while John is away?



Triple cute -under the glow of the heaters



Such a blessing for the vulnerable women of Warwick and district....

WillowTree37 has been awarded a State Government grant of \$1.04 million over 4 years to enable them to continue the support they are able to provide for women in need.

This is wonderful validation of the work of the support workers, the local management group – and Rev Ansie who has steered this group from its transition from Protea Place to WillowTree37 today.

Reflection Luke 8: 26 -39...Galatians 3: 23 -29

The passage from Luke's Gospel is a well-known story about a very tortured man who was beset by demons making his life a living hell! No chains could hold him, and the demons would drive him into the wild places where his life is constantly in danger. Jesus comes to that district, and is confronted by this poor and suffering man, and the many demons beg Jesus not to send them to the abyss.

He agrees they can enter the swine herd, and the pigs rush to the high banks and jump into the lake and drown. Now, as a former pig farmer, I am quite confronted by this destruction of a fine herd of pigs, but putting my objections to one side, we see the poor man is healed. The pig farmers tell everyone what has happened, and people become rather hostile, and ask Jesus to leave. Perhaps some of them owned pigs as well??

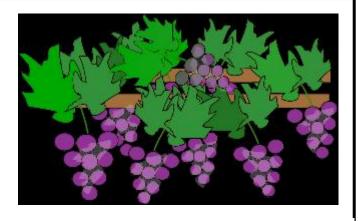
The healed man longs to follow Jesus, but Jesus gently encourages him to go back to his family and community and share what God has done. And so, he does. He shares the account of his life, and the miraculous healing he has had. I guess the question arises for us, "Do we share with everyone all that God has done for us?" It may be easy to tell people we just meet that we believe in God and tell of his blessings.

The hardest place to share is in our own families, to those who know us best. That, my friends calls for the greatest courage of all. What a mighty God we serve. Rev May

Along with our Jazz in the Courtyard event from Friday 17 to Friday 25 July– we are decorating our Cape Chestnut tree-inspired by the theme of Cascade.

We are using the imagery of a grapevine to explore this theme – with a few people contributing towards the components of the display. Could you please deliver all parts you've created to Sue Campbell by the end of June for them to be assembled.





Our faith often has cascaded down the generations into our lives from our grandparents and parents etc.

Following this theme – if you'd like to honour past generations of your family that have been part of your faith story, write their first names on a piece of paper and deliver to Sue C and they will bear witness on our tree to your journey.

Care Corner

- In need of prayer, contact our Prayer Net Co-Ordinator Dianne Cahill. All requests are confidential. 0427 000 887
- Pray for Rev Ansie and the many demands on her time and ministry.
- Let us remember with thanks the many people in the community and church who do God's work quietly, without recognition. Praise God for opportunities which open as we talk and work together.
- Give thanks for those who built a church family in this community, through ministry, witness and hands held together in prayer.
- Pray that the power of love and the message of Jesus Christ extends beyond borders and fills lives with forgiveness, hope and love. We see the challenges before us and pray for strength as we, the Warwick, Killarney and Freestone Church family face them together.
- Our love and prayers are with those of our congregation who are unwell, receiving treatment, have experienced trauma or loneliness. Grant them peace and strength to continue and let there be someone who can comfort them during their time of need.

What's Happening this Week?

23rd June - 29th June

Hospitality: Group 4
Flowers this week:

Alison Baistow

Monday 23rd June

Ansie's non-contact day

Tuesday 24th June

10am - 2pm WillowTree 37

Wednesday 25th June

9:30am Killarney mainly music 10:00am Wednesday in Wesley 1pm Wesley Bowls 3pm Selah Bible study 6:00pm 3 Finch St Intergenerational Home Group 7pm Beta Home Group

Thursday 26th June

9:30am Warwick mainly music 10am – 2pm WillowTree 37 5.00 pm Killarney Girls' Brigade

Friday 27th June

9:00am – 11:30am - Courtyard Coffee

Flowers next week – Marg Adcock

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