

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

Journeying TOGETH

Sunday 29th June 2025

Welcome to worship as we continue to journey with the disciples after the crucifixion on this sixth Sunday after Pentecost. May God bless us today as we join online or in the pew. Please stay for a chat and a cuppa.



Unsung heroes- those words remind me of some very special people I have met in churches across the country. We have a multitude of unsung heroes in our parish. **All of them** "evergreen" members who simply get on with what needs to be done, often behind the scenes, and vital. Without boasting or complaint, they are faithful and reliable; and they care deeply for our members. At the heart of their lives is a deep love for God, marked by a quiet devotion to the Lord Jesus working in practical ways. The churches could not cope without them.

Every church needs its quiet achievers! They don't get many compliments- but they surely do store up "treasures in heaven" and will be rewarded by the Lord.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be.

"I've always liked quiet people: you never know if they're dancing in a daydream or if they're carrying the weight of the world." - John Green.22 Nov 2019

Give me a dozen unsung heroes and I will change the world!

That sounds a bit like Jesus and His band of misfits...



Reflection on Luke 9:51-62....Demands of Discipleship

What does it mean to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ?

In today's gospel reading, Jesus gives us his answer through his replies to three would-be disciples. It cuts deeply into our perceptions of discipleship and reveals how much we have willingly accepted compromise.

One comes to Jesus, enthusiastically offering himself. "I will follow you anywhere!" Jesus, who is resolutely on his way to the cross, answers, "If you follow me, there will be no home, no security, just life on the move." I guess this is where the man backed out of his commitment!

In the second encounter, the would-be disciple is not a volunteer, but a recruit. "Follow me!" calls Jesus. "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." says the man. He sees that as his sacred family duty! But Jesus replies, "Let the dead bury the dead." This man is balancing Jesus' call against the peer pressure of what community and family expect of him. When we are called to follow nothing must be allowed to come between Jesus and whom he has called.

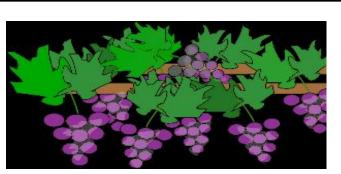
The third aspiring disciple says, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me take my leave from my family." In the culture of the time, he is really seeking permission from his family to follow Jesus. So, his discipleship is balanced against the satisfying of certain conditions. But Jesus says, *There is no higher authority than mine!*

Discipleship is a lifetime of commitment, a deep and lasting relationship which profoundly changes the disciple. It is not an offer we make to Christ... it is his call that creates our following. He calls us to make our self-surrender complete. He demands total dedication, not half-hearted commitment. We can't pick and choose the words and ideas of Jesus that suit us. We can't follow him selectively! He demands our all! That's the cost and the amazing adventure called discipleship! Shalom, Jean

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

Using the imagery of a grapevine to explore this theme – if you are making components for the display. Could you please deliver your creations to Sue Campbell by June 30 so they can 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 the ecumenical service in Killarney. For those who generously share their faith and delight in the gifts of love, joy and peace from the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones. Especially the Hancock, Sheeran and Smith families and the residents of Churches of Christ Hostel and KLife.
- For those who wait to be admitted to hospital, those preparing for surgery either major or minor and those who long to be discharged after an extended stay.
- Pray for families at the start of school holidays, may they share times of fun, relaxation and know God's presence.
- Help others and be willing to receive it, forgive and be forgiven, give respect and be respected, trust and be trusted, love and be willing to be loved.

The church office is open Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am – 12pm

What's Happening this Week? 30th June – 6th July

Hospitality: us all Flowers this week:

Sue Campbell

Monday 30th June Ansie's non-contact day Tuesday 1st July 10am - 2pm WillowTree 37

Wednesday 2nd July 1pm Wesley Bowls 6pm Intergen at Finch St

Thursday 3rd July 10am – 2pm WillowTree 37

Friday 4th July 9:00am – 11:30am - Courtyard Coffee

The following activities are on a break over the holidays:

Warwick & KIllarney mainly music Killarney Girls' Brigade Selah Bible study Beta home group Wednesday in Wesley

Flowers next week – Marg Adcock

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