



## A Note of Gratitude and Hope – The Week After Easter

As we step gently into the week after Easter, my heart is full of gratitude. Over these past weeks, so many of you have offered your time, creativity, prayer, and presence to shape a deeply meaningful Easter season across our congregations. From worship leaders and musicians to those who prepared spaces, offered hospitality, read Scripture, baked, cleaned, prayed, and quietly supported behind the scenes — thank you. Your faithfulness helped us proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection with joy and integrity.

Easter reminds us that new life is always breaking through, and I sense that same spirit of renewal in our parish life.

We are currently interviewing for our new **part-time Administration Assistant**, a role that will strengthen our capacity and support the growing demands of ministry.

At the same time, we continue to explore **funding models for an additional part-time Deacon or Chaplain**, recognising the increasing pastoral and missional opportunities emerging within our congregations and wider community. These are hopeful signs of a church preparing for the future with courage and imagination.

As we look ahead, I want to encourage you to consider where your gifts might find a home.

Our various **Task Teams** — Finance, Property, Risk, Hospitality, Mission & Ministry, Jumpers & Jazz, and Pastoral Care — play an essential role in supporting Church Council and enabling our ministry to flourish. Each team benefits from the skills, wisdom, and passion of everyday disciples who want to contribute in practical and life-giving ways. If you feel a nudge to be involved, please reach out. Your participation truly makes a difference.

We continue to grow as a community shaped by Christ's love, guided by the Spirit, and committed to serving our neighbours with compassion. Thank you for walking this journey together. May the peace of the risen Christ continue to renew and inspire us in the weeks ahead.

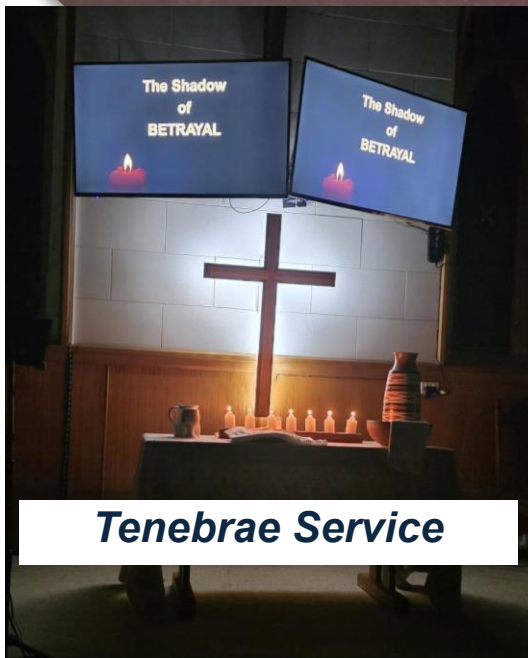
**Grace and peace,  
Ansie**



**Shrove Tuesday**



**Ash Wednesday**



**Tenebrae Service**



**Good Friday Killarney**



**Freestone Good Friday Night**

### **An Easter Prayer when you miss someone at your table.**

Lord, your resurrection means I grieve with real hope. Your resurrection means my beloved one is alive with you and I can look forward to eternity with you and them. Your resurrection means I have life here, and while my heart hurts, I cling to the promise that your good and life and joy are for me. Your resurrection means you have the final word and that my story will not end in ashes.

Lord, I stand in awe that you chose to suffer in my place and went to the cross to pay for my sin. Good Friday for me meant you endured brutal pain and betrayal and death. Thank you for loving me so much that you stretched your hands on a cross and died in my place.



"This Easter, you see my ache and understand my pain. Thank you for being with me and giving me your sustaining grace through each hard moment. I know your resurrection power is alive in me. Because you live, I can face tomorrow. Draw me close to you, continue to heal every sorrow, and redeem every piece of brokenness for my good and your glory. I love you with my whole heart. Help me love you more. In Jesus' name, Amen.




## Church Council News – April 2026

Our new look Church Council for 2026 met on Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> and were straight down to the business of starting the year with a review of our council structure and its responsibilities.

Rev Ansie led the meeting – reviewing the decision-making process of consensus, welcoming new members, setting up task teams and the election of the executive.

### Executive

The executive of the 2026 Warwick-Killarney Uniting Church Council is comprised of:

		
Chairperson Daryal Simpson	Treasurer Jen Lane	Secretary Sue Campbell

We welcomed two new members:

	
John Payne - Freestone	Genny Laing – Killarney

They bring a variety of interests, experience and skills to our council – ready to serve as needed.

The membership of our Task Teams is as below – with others adding to these teams -building our capacity to fulfil the responsibilities of the council.

<b>Task Team</b>	<b>Members</b>
Finance	Jenny Lane, Rev Ansie, Dianne Cahill, Ian Darnell, Sue Campbell, David Fox, Angela Lester
Property	David Cahill, John Payne, Alan Walton, Ian Darnell, Dianne Cahill, Ray Browne
Pastoral Care	Dianne Cahill, Angela Lester, Alison Payne, Carolyn Vardy
IT & Systems	Lawrie Clayton, Daryal Simpson
Hospitality	Terry Smart, Genny Laing
Risk Management	Graham Reid, Tracey MacKay (RHL), David Angell, Admin, Jenny Lane, Ian Darnell,
Communications	Sue Campbell, Angela Lester
Jumpers & Jazz	To be confirmed
Mission & Ministry	Ansie Liebenberg, David Cahill, Cathi Browne, Daryal Simpson

If you have an interest in contributing to any of these task teams please see Rev Ansie. There will always be a role for willing workers.

**Finance and Property.** Prior to having a finalised budget for 2026, decisions were formalised regarding the priority of certain major expenses - items 1 and 2 funded by MDF funding – (Mission Development Funds)

1. **Warwick – Air Conditioning Installation (Critical)**
  - MDF: \$50 000.00 available
2. **Freestone – Toilet Block Construction (High Priority)**
  - Approved up to **\$30,000**; any additional costs require Council approval.
  - MDF: \$50 000.00 available
3. **Killarney Church – Porch Repairs (Critical)**
  - Quote: **\$6,676** (Rose City Construction)
  - **Decision:** Hold and reassess in July.
4. **WT37 – Roof Leak Repairs (Critical)**
  - Quote: **\$2,172.50** (Ryan McIvor)
5. **Killarney – 65” TV for Church**
  - Previously approved but not yet purchased.
  - Existing TV to be relocated to the Community Centre (Uniting Place).
6. **Mainly Music – Annual Contribution**
  - \$300 Head Office operational cost.
  - **Decision:** Mainly Music group will cover the cost.
7. **Community Centre – Outside AP Wi Fi Access & Solar Integration**

#### Financial summary

	Year to Date 2026	Year to Date 2025
Income	\$51 354	\$48 678
expenditure	\$46 723	\$48 777

We are ever-mindful that we are stewards of the assets of the parish and endeavour to always make prudent and timely decisions regarding these assets.

## **Safe Church**

Until the new administrative assistant is appointed this task team will be managed by Sue Campbell. At the Church Council meeting Rev Ansie reviewed the responsibilities all active members need to be aware of. We all need to commit to these by signing our Statement of Personal Commitment. Rev Ansie will speak with the various ministry groups of the parish in the coming weeks to remind members of the duty of care that accompanies our roles as volunteers, and you will be asked to sign this form.

There is also compulsory annual training for all volunteers and many have completed the one or two modules that are required. Thank you to those who have sent their emails of acknowledgement to me.

Just a reminder: If you hold a BlueCard, or volunteer within the life of our parish, you need to undergo annual training.

This can be found at: [Safe Church Training on Vimeo](#) –

And most volunteers only need to watch **Safe Church training video 1**.

Click

**Start watching.**

And don't forget to submit that you've watched it. You will receive a reply email so please bring it to the office during office hours – Monday – Friday – 9am – 12pm.

As the year progresses Rev Ansie will meet with the varying ministry groups to highlight the aspects of Safe Church that are vital to the care of all of us – young and old.

Our April church council meeting was held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April so look out for notes on the major discussion points from this meeting in the next New Horizons.

For those of us lucky enough to have attended our Holy Week services – in Warwick, Killarney and Freestone – you would have to agree that our minister is not only an extremely hard working lady, but also creative and inspiring in the messages that we were fortunate to be part of. Thank you Rev Ansie. Your words of wisdom will roll around in our minds over the next few weeks to reinforce the tenets of our faith.

On the 13 March we said goodbye to our Administrative Assistant – Callum Espie – and are in the process of interviewing applicants to fill this vital role for our parish – with an emphasis on financial management.

On **3<sup>rd</sup> May** we join the boarding students at Scots PGC in worship at the Chapel on Oxenham St. The service will commence at 10am with the College bus transporting church members from Guy St at 9:30am. Stay and enjoy morning tea provided by the college after which the bus will return you back to church.



Later in May, we will welcome Presbytery Minister Russell Reynoldson and his team as they lead a consultation within our parish. This process will involve interviews, discussions, get-togethers and surveys to enable the team to better understand what makes us tick. So, take the opportunity to participate if you're invited as it will provide a more comprehensive view of our strengths, challenges, opportunities and needs.

Shalom to all Sue Campbell



## Warwick mainly music Term 1

From the first week of mainly music in 2026, we have experienced a delightful term. Attendance has included 23 returning families many who have been part of our mainly music family for a long time. At least two families bringing their third child.

We have also welcome 25 new families, of which 13 have returned throughout the term. Our average attendance has been 19 families. Many families find it awkward to attend each week due to other commitments. One very special part of mainly music is the number of grandparents who also come along. This term we have welcome the grandparents of at least 8 families and on the last day of the term one of our families had her parents visiting from Germany. Often the grandmas take it in turns to bring the children if the parents are working.

We welcome new helpers to our team. If you have a BlueCard and would like to join us, please contact Scott Young. Unfortunately, some of our regular team are unable to assist anymore and like everyone else we cannot always attend. Therefore, some emergency help is very valuable.

## Good-Bye and Thank you – Douglas Charles Cutmore.



One last time in his precious Brumby! Doug's coffin was placed in the back of the Brumby and driven to the gateposts of the Warwick Uniting Church by two of his granddaughters after the church and hall were filled to capacity with mourners and the Warwick Thistle Pipeband standing outside during his funeral service.

Mr David Webster , Supervisor of the Parks and Gardens division of the Southern Downs Regional Council aranged for the staff to supply rose petals from the gardens in Warwick to enable Mourners,as an act of respect and closure to place rose petals upon Doug`s Coffin. Among his many civic duties, Doug had served as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Warwick City and the Warwick Shire Councils.

It is a custom among Freemasons to place a sprig of acacia to mark the resting place of the departed. On this occasion the Worthy Master of the Lodge Cunningham Wor. Bro Dr Harry Butler invited all who wished to join in the file past and place a sprig of acacia or a rose petal ,if they so desired.

The result- Doug's Coffin and Doug's Brumby were covered with the green of the acacia and the pink of the Rose Petals from the Municipal Gardens of Warwick!

A fitting tribute to a man whose stature resounded in so many organisation.

Iris and her family extend their grateful thanks to Rev Ansie and Rev Duncan and all who assisted in any way in the organisation beforehand and during Doug's funeral service. It provided many special memories which they will cherish into the future.

There have been so many compliments both locally and from those who viewed the service on line as a very special family tribute in memory of Doug. The care and support from so many in the community was both uplifting and reassuring.

## “Our Autumn Market -the sun shone all day”.

On a wonderfully fine day on March 7<sup>th</sup>, our first market day for the year was an enjoyable and successful day. Thank you Lord !!! The proceeds for the day totalled just over \$8500. Congratulations to all those involved and a big thank you to every stall convenor and their helpers for yet another great team effort.

In recent years, our March market has featured a wonderfully well organised ‘treasure and trash’ in Williams Hall. Part on the Trash & Treasure was a section featuring collectible items. This proved particularly popular and will continue to be included in future Trash & Treasure Market days. As well, our plant stall gurus produced yet another outstanding selection for all keen gardeners. The many ‘early birds’ at the market enjoyed finding a bargain from a very broad range of plants, including some magnificent hanging specimens. Plants of all types will again feature at the next market in October.

Our Courtyard café was abuzz with patrons and workers for the entire time of the market. People enjoyed the fine café style cuisine together with a welcoming atmosphere. It was wonderful to witness the sea of ‘smiling happy faces,’ a cornerstone of our market scene each year. Our regular staples teams -Sausage Sizzle, ‘Baked Goods’ and ‘Treat Yourself’ were once again very successful and enjoyed by all. Thank you.



A new feature this year was the ‘Willow 37’ clothing ‘recycling stall’. A most welcome addition to our market. We look forward to their continued presence at future markets.



Entertainment was again a feature of the market. Three groups, ‘the Wuppies,’ Central School Choir and the ‘Melomaniacs’ ????, filled our church with song and people. Thank you to all. As well, Ellie’s dancers performed a suitable program which brightened the church precinct. Thank you to all and we look forward to seeing each of these groups at future markets.

Our next market is Saturday 10 October. It will feature a spring plant extravaganza outside, at the front of Williams Hall. Inside the Hall feature items will be Craft, Collectibles and of course a Book stall.

Cheers, Scott Young and David Angell (Market Convenors)



In Jewish tradition, the Mount of Olives is a place of both mourning and hope.

For Christians, the [Mount of Olives](#) carries moments of profound nearness. It is here that Jesus taught, wept, and prayed. At the base of the hill lies the [Garden of Gethsemane](#), where ancient olive trees grow like witnesses. Their roots tangled in soil soaked with centuries of devotion. It was here, in this quiet grove, that Jesus spent his final night before his arrest, praying in anguish while his disciples slept. The trees, gnarled and massive, feel less like plants than elders, holding memory in bark and silence.



*Great actions and singing during the Killarney Harvest Festival and Girls Brigade Service.*

