



**The Uniting Church in Australia  
Warwick - Killarney  
Uniting Parish  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026**



*Welcome to worship on Pentecost 17.  
May God bless us today as we join online or in the pew.  
Please stay to share a chat and cuppa afterwards.*



Presbytery Minister  
– Rev Russell  
Reynoldson -  
blessing the toilet  
and sun shelter at  
Freestone.

Thank you to all who  
worked on this  
project to bring  
Freestone into the  
21<sup>st</sup> century.

"Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near," says the prophet.  
God himself goes out to seek you, says the message of today.  
May the Lord find you and stay always with you.

Often, we cannot understand God's goodness. Why is he so patient with sinners?  
Why does he give his gifts to people who, in our opinion, do not deserve them,  
or waste them? But God's ways are not our ways, nor his thoughts our thoughts.

Let us ask the Lord Jesus that our thoughts and actions  
may become more like those of God, because God is grace.

We forget how lenient he is with us, sinners too.  
Let us open our hearts to his mercy and goodness.  
He gives without our asking. He gives for free.  
He gives more richly than we dare to expect.  
The first and the last receive his love and are invited to his table.  
Let us join Jesus in thanksgiving.

## Worship services

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

8:30am Killarney Alpha Celebration Service

9:30am Warwick - Rev Ian Smallbone

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

8:30am Killarney

9:30am Warwick - HC



Introducing Mrs Emma Grave – 8<sup>th</sup> Principal of SCOTS PGC – commissioned Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

## Readings

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Exodus 16: 2 – 15

Jonah 3: 10 – 4:11

Psalms 105: 1 – 6, 37 – 45

Psalms 145: 1 – 8

Philemon 1: 21 – 30

Matthew 20: 1 – 16

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Exodus 17: 1 – 7

Psalms 78: 1 – 4, 12 – 16

Philemon 2: 1 – 13

Matthew 21: 23 – 32



*Caroline Belmont 17 Sept*

*Genny Laing – 21 Sept*

## Getting to Know One Another - Who You Are ?

As we welcome visitors and new attendees to church it is helpful for us to wear name badges if possible so they know who we are. Often regular members do not know one another by name. Rev Ian will be our minister and preaching each Sunday until mid- November, so it will make identification much easier.

An order sheet is on the hall entry table.

### Prayer for today.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving-kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgement and train us to embody the generosity of your Son- Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

## **Reflection on God's Amazing Grace to All his Workers...Matthew 20:1-16**

Another one of Jesus' parables that sits us back on our heels! The Kingdom of heaven is likened to when an owner of a vineyard is constantly calling for labourers to work for him. Those who are the last to respond receive his generosity in the same pay as those who worked all day. This parable challenges our worldly wisdom – equal pay for equal work. It doesn't match our sense of fair play. And that's the whole point of it all... for God's grace doesn't make sense....It flies in the face of our culture which is based on rewards, punishments and just desserts.

Like the grumbles of the all-day workers, we constantly compare what we have been given with what others have, and we worry what the future will bring. We forget that it is only the love and grace of God that has brought us our salvation and leads us on into the future. This parable troubles us when we believe that God's love is something we earn. It upsets us when we compare our labours with the work of others and conclude that we should receive more, or less, than they.

But this is a story of divine grace...not about what we deserve. It's about what we all need and how God so generously provides it, even though none of us really deserves it. It's a story about God's call and our response whenever it happens. To serve and love God from the beginning of the day, or much later, is an enriching experience in itself...the beginning of abundant and eternal life.

As we follow where God would lead us...as we respond to his invitation to work in his vineyard, we are given freedom...we are given life...we are led by the hand into God's promised land! That's the lesson of the parable...amazing grace for all! Shalom, Jean



### **PRODUCE STALL**

Pickles, chutney, relish, jams, marmalades, citrus curd, olives, eggs and lots of fresh vegetables and flowers, manure, bales of hay, face creams, etc.

Now's the time to make preserves and jams. Do you have vegetables or flowers to contribute to the Produce stall?

## Care Corner

**For prayer, contact Dianne Cahill**

**0427 000 887**

**All requests are confidential.**

Let us pray to God our Father whose generosity is always greater than we expect or can imagine.

- ❖ Lord, we still have to learn very, very much from you. Make us generous like you, that we may live fully and bring others to life, through Christ our Lord.
- ❖ That as Christians, we contribute to our world with a sense of God's generosity and goodness plus a sense of joyful celebration so that in our Christian communities we may recognise each other's gifts and talents. Using them in the service of unity and growth of all,
- ❖ That there may be more justice in our world but that justice may always be imbued with much love,
- ❖ That the fresh faith of new disciples may inspire those born in Christian families and others who have become complacent in their faith journey.
- ❖ That everyone may be accepted as he or she is; so, we do not exclude anyone from our love and that we may learn to forgive everyone Amen.

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## What's happening this week!

**Hospitality Team This week: Group 3**  
**Flowers this week – Marg Wells**

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September

9:00 am – 2:00pm WillowTree37

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

9:00 am – 2:00pm WillowTree37

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

10:00am - Wednesday in Wesley

1:00 pm - Wesley Bowls

**In recess Selah**

**And Beta Home Group**

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

9:00 am – 2:00 pm WillowTree37

**In recess mainly music – Wck  
and Killarney Girls' Brigade**

5:00 pm - Worship Team Practice Wck

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

9:00am – 11:30am Courtyard Coffee

9:00am – 2:00 pm WillowTree37

Study groups will be in recess over the school holidays.

**Flowers next week: Alison Baistow**

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