

On the way

As a church, we are, in Rev Dr John Mavor's words, *Together on The Way*. Sometimes, though, we need a reminder about what The Way actually means, whether for us as a congregation, as a denomination, or as individuals.

Rev Ruth reminded us, on Sunday 23rd April, that the way of following Jesus in the post-resurrection era does not always run smoothly; in fact, it often results in pain and failure. She pointed out that we can measure our faithfulness and our progress as church not by our muscles but by our scars.



Grassington to Linton, W Yorkshire: no turning back

I reflected on my recent walks, both in the north of England and, more recently, on the Camino de St Anthorpe, as I heard Ruth's message. In England, I walked sometimes on a paved, straight but very narrow path, like the one shown. At other times, I had to negotiate "step" stiles reached through a muddy puddle. There were "squeeze" stiles in dry stone walls with stone steps requiring good balance for safe passage. "Ladder" stiles offered another kind of access. But no matter the style of stile, the fact remained that negotiating them was a challenge, involving patience and faith. The opportunities for falling, tripping and ending up covered in sticky mud were ever present.

Similarly, progress on the way of the Cross means facing such challenges with trust and determination. Sometimes the challenges we face on our way mean we need to squeeze through the gaps between hard circumstances. Sometimes the way involves climbing over obstacles that may lie across the path, obstacles that may cause dismay or doubt; yet, climbing over them may enable us to see beyond, as a new and more hopeful vista opens up before us, calling us to obey the call of Jesus to follow him. Sometimes the way sets barriers before us, like the gates in the photo. *(continued over page)*

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land - the Jarowair and Giabal people.

It often takes some effort to open these, balanced on one foot at the top of a narrow stone block, but we rely not on our own strength or faculties; rather, our strength and courage derive from our faith in the One whose way we follow.

On the May long weekend, along with three other Lifeworks folk, and several others, I undertook to walk the Camino de St Anthorpe. Walking this path was a lot more straightforward than walking on the paths in England and Scotland. For a start, I find it much easier to walk on clean decomposed granite than on the heavy clay or peaty mud of the UK. Then there was the simple fact of walking with a group of like-minded pilgrims. Furthermore, the gradients were much kinder than some of those I encountered on my most ambitious days in the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District. Under the spiritual guidance of Rev Heather den Houting, we walkers on the Granite Belt were encouraged to walk as much as possible in silence (a trial for some of us) while matching our breathing or our pacing to breath-prayers that we could adopt, using the resources Heather gave us each morning.

I found this helpful, after matching my crunching footfalls to the words *God alone is enough*. While not encountering any of the quirky stiles or dry stone walling of the UK, I did think about them as I walked. The stiles were not really obstacles, but means of access to what was on the other side of the wall. The stones encountered on the Camino de St Anthorpe were much more familiar and pleasing to my eye, and a reminder to me of how solid is God's trustworthiness, how reliable his promises, and how great is his creative might.



Ladder stile with gate



Squeeze/step stile



Gate stile

Inspiration for this article came from Annette. Although she is now "legally blind", she was able to make out the images from my recent trip that I showed her on the big TV in her room at Palm Lake Care. She commented on the number of different stiles I had encountered during my walks in the north of England. Annette told me that I should use these to write something about the way. So here it is.

Derek Curnow



Lifeworks walkers on the Camino; Front: Jenny, Helen, Jane; Back: Derek



Walkers inspect some wayside rocks, Granite Belt; Sat 29th April

News and Announcements

A message from Adam

I wanted to thank everyone for their prayer and concern as I unexpectedly visited my dad in the UK. Thanks also to Church Council for generously allowing me to have compassionate leave at this time. While I am grateful to have seen my dad again, sadly he is still very sick, so ongoing prayer is appreciated. His name is Brian.

Calling all musicians and singers

We are looking to enlarge our music team which plays for us so ably each Sunday. If you like to sing and/or can play an instrument, let us know, we'd love to give you the time and space to develop your musical gifts in worship. You don't have to be at the level of Mozart, so don't be shy! Please speak in the first instance to Rev Adam.

Synod 2023

The Presbytery of the Downs is still looking for lay-people who would like to attend the next Synod meeting from 20th-24th October 2023 at Alexandra Park on the Sunshine Coast.

The Synod meeting happens every 18 months and is a great opportunity to be exposed to the breadth of the church in Queensland.

If you are interested and able to go, we are hoping to make this trip free of cost for you in terms of registration and accommodation.

The Presbytery would love one or two lay-people from Lifeworks to attend, so if this interests you please speak with Rev Adam. Attendance will need to be confirmed by May 17th 2023.

April Sunday Services

Sunday 7th May 9am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Adam Tipple
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 14th May 9am

Worship Leader: Margaret Thorpe
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 21st May 9am

Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 28th May 9am (Pentecost Sunday)

Worship Leader: Va Palfi
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Livestreams - please see [Facebook](#) for the latest link.

Giving Details

If you would like to give to Lifeworks, you can use the following methods:

Electronic direct deposit
Bank: Westpac Bank
Name: Lifeworks Uniting Church
BSB: 034 242
Account Number: 359 011

Write a cheque to Lifeworks Uniting Church, and post in the mail to: PO Box 18093, Clifford Gardens, Qld, 4350

Cash can be left in the offering bag on Sunday mornings.

We thank-you for your generosity!

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www.lifeworksuniting.org.au



[YouTube](#)



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Midweek online prayer link (Weds 7am) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81432040065...>
Password: B1x6cs



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**Ecumenical Service for week of
prayer for Christian Unity**

6.00 pm Wednesday 24th May in St Albans
Anglican Church on the corner of Anzac
Ave & Hill Street

All welcome

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for Derek' Curnow's wonderful reflection in the newsletter this week, and for Annette Curnow's continuing spiritual contribution to Lifeworks.
- Give thanks for our music team, and pray that God raises up new musicians and singers to contribute to our worship at Lifeworks.
- Pray for a deepening of faith, hope and love at Lifeworks, and for a warm welcome for the new people coming through the door.
- Give thanks for our retired ministers, Rev Ruth Harding, Rev John Case and Rev Lynne Hindmann, and the ways in which they continue to contribute to our church and the Presbytery of the Downs. Rev John Case is currently doing supply ministry at Crows Nest District Uniting Church, so please pray for their church and John as he ministers there.
- Pray for strength, peace, love and wisdom for King Charles III as he is coronated.
- Pray for all those sick with colds and covid, for health, wellbeing and recovery.
- As we celebrate Mother's Day on the 14th May, give thanks for all the special women in our lives.



LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service Holy Communion	8	9	10 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music	11	12 7pm NEXT Youth Group	13
14 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service	15 6pm Admin Meeting 7pm Church Council	16	17 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music	18 10am Keenagers Morning tea	19 7pm NEXT Youth Group	20
21 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service	22	23	24 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music	25	26 7pm NEXT Youth Group	27
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