



# St Martin's News



29th June 2025

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**FOLLOWING CHRIST**  
*WITHOUT ... EXCUSE*

No Reserves  
No Retreat  
No Regret

## Church Roster

**Sunday 29th June 2025 - 8am St Martin's**  
**Worship Leader: Rev Dr Alison Longworth**

**Bible Reader: Peter:** 2Kgs 2: 1-2, 6-14, Ps 77: 1-2,  
11-20, Gal 5: 1, 13-25, Lk 9: 51-62 **M/Tea: Gaye**

**Sunday 6th July 2025**

**Worship Leader: Rev John Steed**

**Bible Reader: Doug:** 2 Kgs 5: 1-14, Ps 30,  
Gal 6: 7-16, Lk 10: 1-11, 16-20 **M/Tea: Kathy**

## What's Happening!

**Busy Bee Today 28th June 1pm**

Please bring your wheelbarrow and shovel.

**Craft and Chat 5th July 10am - 11.30am**

**Market Day - KUC Sat 5th July 9am - 12noon**

**Men's Conversation and Cuppa 2pm Tues 8th July**

Last Sunday Susan Blackburn led a very meaningful service at KUC which was the Conclusion of Placement for Sophia. Alison Xamon, Chair of Presbytery and many others reflected and thanked Sophia for her ministry in the cluster. Sophia and Geof were delighted with their gifts from the congregations. A big thank you to all who made this an important time of fellowship and thanks.



The St Martin's Foothills Website:

<https://foothills.ucwa.au/>

The 10am Service on Sunday at KUC will be on Zoom: [Sunday Service Link](#)

## Fit for the kingdom of God (Lk 9:62)

We can come as we are, but there is a fitness test for the Kingdom of God. It has nothing to do with how well we interpret the Bible, how well we sing, or how much we give to the church. The test is how well we follow Jesus — now, not later. Now. And not when we have completed certain tasks or achieved some standard of holiness. Our fitness comes from watching what Jesus has done and moving where God moves. Following Jesus in proclaiming the kingdom of God isn't easy, because it requires us to change. The Son of Man, who was there at creation, himself had nowhere to lay his head. But as Jesus says "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Indeed, reflect on the past, but using what you now know and discern, take the steps forward in the transforming love of God. Go now in peace to love and serve God and neighbour. Amen. — Sophia

**Thank you from Sophia and Geof.** — *As we move to what is next in our lives and ministry, we go with hearts filled with joy and thanksgiving for the privilege of serving alongside you all. It has been a time of great learning and connection and we will miss this community of faith. Thank you for the love and generosity given us during this time and for the presents we received last Sunday. May you be blessed in the gifts God has given you to share with each other and the world.*

Sophia & Geof are looking forward to welcoming you to their Rivergum Rise farm on Saturday, 12 July 11AM to 4PM. They will have tea, coffee and light snacks ready. Please sign the attendance at church by 30th June. Directions will be sent to those who sign up.

## Carpark & Garden Update

**Today Sat 28th June at 1pm** a busy bee will dig out roots & level the garden next to the church where the old trees and plants have been removed. Please bring wheelbarrows and shovels.



**Sad News:** Last Monday Ian, the partner of Janice Leaver from the Op Shop died. Ian's funeral service will be at St Martin's on Wednesday 9th July at 11am. The congregation has offered to provide refreshments after the service in the Community Centre for those attending. Help with morning tea would be appreciated. See Nely.

**A message from Denise Borger (sister-in-law of Dereck)**  
A Celebration of Life Service will be held in memory of **Dereck Borger** at 10am on Wed 16 July at Kalamunda Uniting Church. Revd John Steed will lead this service. The service will be followed by morning tea in the hall. Dereck and Denise worshipped with us at St Martin's for a year during the Covid time. On behalf of the Borger family, I also thank everyone from Kalamunda and St Martin's congregations for their condolences and prayers following Dereck's gentle passing.

**Missing!** St Martin's had a beautiful baptismal bowl and a matching jug. We still have that bowl as you will see each Sunday but the jug can't be found. Any information as to its whereabouts, gratefully received.

