

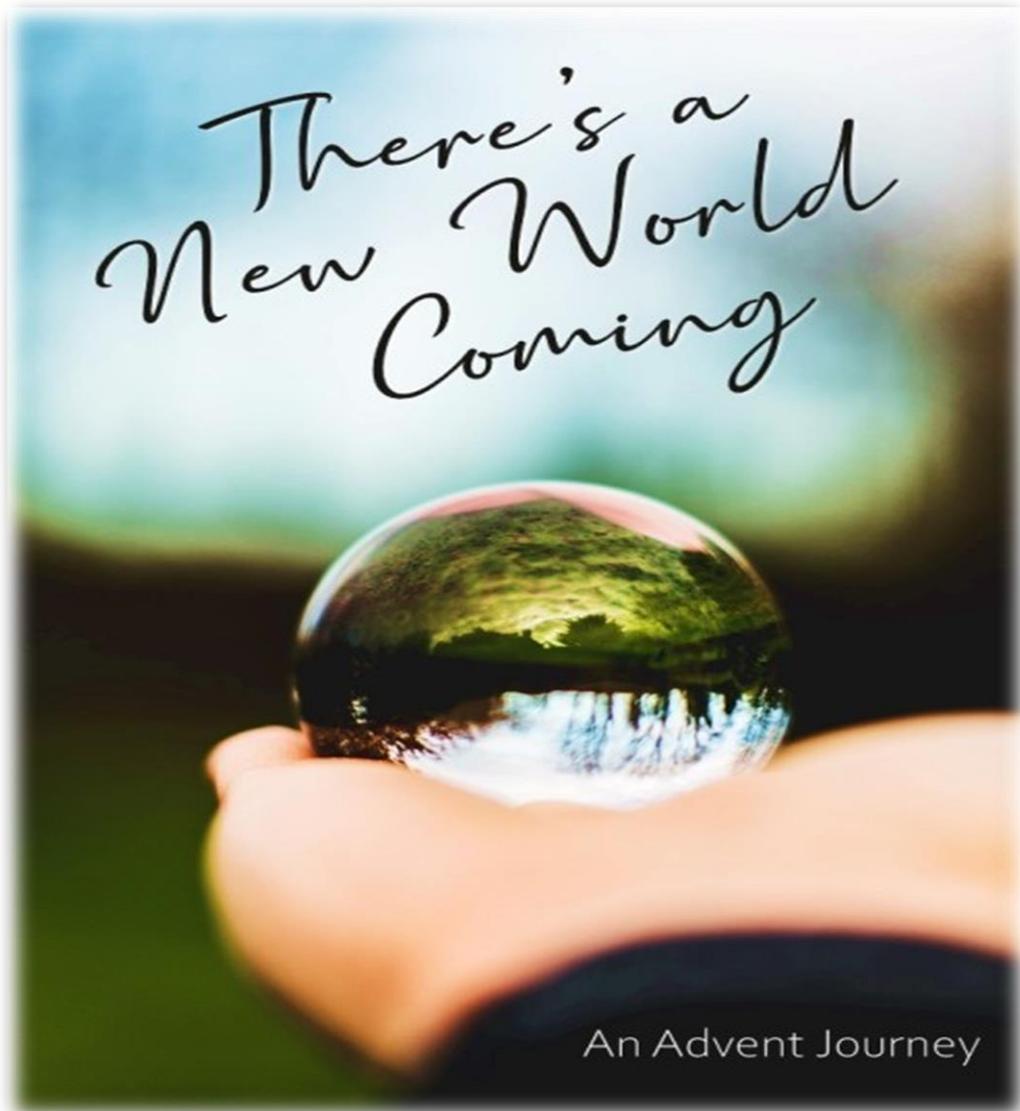


# The Uniting Church in Australia Warwick—Killarney Parish

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Advent 4



## Remember, Rejoice, Renew



Dear Lord, thank you for the Advent journey we are on. Open our hearts to catch the vision of your world, a new world coming. Strengthen our trust and faith as we walk into 2021 and all it may bring. Don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

~ abridged from Melanie Chitwood

# Welcome

May this Christmas be a blessing to all participating, in person, or online. May we be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.



## Worship

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December: 'The Moment'

- Warwick 9am

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Carols under the stars

- Freestone 6:45pm for 7pm

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December: The Manifestation

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:00am Warwick

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

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:00am Warwick



## Readings:

### December 20<sup>th</sup>

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55 or

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

### December 24/25<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

### December 27<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40



### The Notices now in recess till Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Note:** During January worship will continue with

- Worship each Sunday at 9:00am in Warwick
- Worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month in Killarney
- Worship at 2pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Freestone.

*Check New Horizons December edition for lectionary readings from 3-17<sup>th</sup> January*

## TARGET UNITINGCARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The Pastoral Care Team has already received some vouchers from this appeal to distribute to those needing some extra help. Please consider buying your gift tags from Target (\$3 a pack of 6) as this is raising money for communities. All proceeds go to UnitingCare  
Online donations: [target.com.au/targetchristmasappeal](https://target.com.au/targetchristmasappeal)

## CHRISTMAS EVE

### Carols under the stars

24<sup>th</sup> December

6:45 for 7pm

Bring torch, rug or chairs and enjoy this special time

## Reflections 12... Advent 4: Luke 1: 26 -38



At last in the Liturgical year of Mark we begin to hear those parts of the Advent mystery that we love and sing about, in particular, the angel Gabriel, in contrast to John the Baptist.

Gabriel came to Mary with an announcement! It's hard to call it an invitation. The visitation begins well, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you!" This was puzzling enough without what comes next. Mary is told that she is to bear a Son, and He will be called the Son of the Most High, and his kingdom will have no end.

Mary could have been overcome with shame, horror even, and her stress levels could have caused a great melt down. But! God has chosen well.

After a short hesitation, some perplexed feelings, and a question, Mary submits to this call on her life.

It could have been so different! Mary could have said "No". Joseph could have gone ahead with the divorce: Mary's own family could have cast her out into the desert. As we get swept along with our busy lives coming to Christmas, it's easy to ignore how precarious the wonderful Gift really was. The country was occupied, the people were extremely conservative, but God's purposes were fulfilled in the obedience of Joseph, and the love of Mary.

May this Christmas season be a very special one, where we give thanks and praise at the wonder of this amazing gift of Love. Lord, our God, all glory, honour, praise and thanksgiving be yours, today and forever. Amen.

Rev May



### CHRISTMAS BOWL

Finding strength in love after fleeing Syria.  
(Act for Peace)

→ *Envelopes available in porch*

Fares Swais, the executive director of our local partner, DSPR, getting ready to deliver lifesaving rations to refugees in Jordan. The situation with Covid has exacerbated the situation for refugees.

### END OF YEAR NOTICES

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 11.12.20-27.1.21**

Dear Friends, we are compiling our calendar for 2021. **Can all groups please let Marg Wells know your restart dates.**

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**Annual Reports:** thank you for those coming in. Need to be in now.

**Office:** Will be closed Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Opening Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

## Courthouse Cuppa 2021

I am hopeful that our service of Courthouse Cuppa will resume in January.



- *However, the day has been changed and next year the Magistrate's Court will sit on MONDAYS.*
- For many years we have been offering refreshment to those waiting their turn in Court, and their supporters and it is much appreciated.
- If you have been part of this ministry and would like to continue, please contact me.
- If you would like to join but want more information, please contact me. We need a team to spread the load.
- I have the list of sitting dates, and will distribute them to those who are interested, then I can prepare a roster.
- A Covid-safe plan has been prepared and all servers will be advised of the requirements beforehand.

*Blessings and thanks*

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## WEEKLY DIARY

### Today Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Flowers: Marg Wells &  
Ann-Maree Clark

Covid Leader: Gordon Bratby

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December** Ansie's day off

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

6:45pm for 7pm Carols under the Stars Freestone Worship Centre

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

#### Christmas Day

8:30am Killarney

9:00am Warwick

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December

Hospitality Group 4

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December:

Flowers: Sue Campbell &  
Lyn Parkinson

Covid Leader: Terry Smart,  
Mary Young

## HOSPITALITY GROUPS

Please be aware that during this holiday time, our Hospitality Groups may need help either in providing and serving morning tea or cleaning up. For the Sundays you are here, please be alert and be available.

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