



# The Uniting Church in Australia

## Warwick, Killarney & Freestone Uniting Parish



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Advent 2

November Intergenerational Worship – exploring Advent

A Great Night!



### PRAYER

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life—burdens that steal the joy right out of our stockings. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, "Be afraid!" We need your peace, Jesus. We confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true? In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Advent, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. You've promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted—not just at Advent, but every day of every year. Your name is still called "Wonderful," "Counsellor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace." We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You.

Edited from Rebecca Barlow Jordan's "[A Prayer for Peace & Joy at Christmas](#)"

# Welcome

Welcome to Sunday worship as we celebrate Advent 2. A special welcome to Ethan Adcock being baptized today, and his parents Nicole and Emmett. We pray you will be blessed today as you worship and fellowship with us. Stay for a cuppa and morning tea after the Service.



## Readings:

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2

Isaiah 11: 1-10  
Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15: 4-13  
Matthew 3: 1-12

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Isaiah 35: 1-10  
Psalm 146: 5-10 or  
Luke 1: 46b-55  
James 5: 7-10  
Matthew 11: 2-11

## Worship Services

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- 8:30am Killarney HC
- 9:30am Warwick  
Holy Communion  
(Baptism Ethan Adcock)



### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- 8:30am Killarney Sunday Gathering (Uniting)
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2:00pm Freestone  
(Baptism Service Jack Drysdale)

## TWEATTT

Those Who Eat Alone Talk To  
Themselves

### Midday today

Do you usually eat alone?  
Come and enjoy a delicious meal  
and lively conversation  
Warwick Uniting Church  
Cost: \$15

## FRIDAY COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Each Friday morning in Warwick  
Uniting Church 9:30-11:00am

\$4 for a coffee (tea also available)  
\$6 for coffee and cake

Watch how this spot grows over the  
next couple of months as we develop  
Loyalty Points and a Blessing Board.

Blessing Board? A chance to buy a  
coffee for someone else.

God's Garden will be providing the  
eats on the first Friday of each month  
and weather permitting,  
a table in our lovely  
garden for people to  
enjoy.

Our Barista: Berenice  
Come and check us out!



## Christmas Down Under

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December,  
from 9.30-12.30 daily at the entrance to  
the Coles travelator.

If you are able to volunteer your time,  
please let Dianne Cahill (0427 000 887)  
know which day would suit. You only need  
a current Blue Card and a passion to  
share the gospel message.

## Meditation from John the Baptist...Matthew 3:1-12



This second Sunday of Advent, John comes to call us to account....to measure our lives, not by the standards of the community, but by the commands of God. Let's think about it this way: what is Christianity really all about? It's relationships ....relationships with God and with our neighbours. We prove the reality of one by the quality of the other.

John calls us into repentance of our sin. Sin is the straining or breaking of that special relationship with our Creator. Sin means that my relationship with God is not all it can be and affects my relationship with those around me. Sounds grim....but in essence it reveals our hope in Christ because God was not willing to leave us in this messy state. He wants us to have his peace and love and to spread it abroad in the world. That's why John is preparing us for Christ to enter into our lives.

John tells them, "There's an even new beginning yet to come! God is sending someone who offers new life in ways you cannot even begin to imagine. The One, who is to come, will bring God's Spirit to cleanse and renew you like never before...a fire to burn away all the useless, worthless parts of your life...to strengthen you and prepare you for God's service in most wonderful ways."

For, something mysterious and beautiful happens when Christ enters the picture. Our attitudes and practices change. We experience the love of God, and we know our lives are in the hands of his amazing grace. The good news of Advent is that God comes to us, not to destroy us, but to refine us and to help us to become what we were meant to be. Advent calls us to rejoice in God's saving power. Jean.

### Coffee Craft & Chat News

Our final morning together for the year is December 10th.

As a memorial Service is being conducted in Williams Hall by Rev Jenny Potter that morning. May Morris invites all crafters to a Christmas morning tea at 62 Guy Street on our deck. Please come around 9.30 to enjoy our time together over coffee and goodies.

In 2023 our first craft day will be February 11th, the second Saturday.

See you on the 10th for a special morning together.

### Christmas Worship:

#### Christmas Services:

**Carols in Chapel**, (in conjunction with the Scots PGC College)

Thursday 15 December 7:30pm

The Scots PGC Chapel

Oxenham Street Warwick

#### Christmas Carols in Warwick Church

–Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

Fellowship Tea 5.30-6pm

and Carols 7pm.

#### Christmas Eve

Freestone 7pm (inside)

#### Christmas Day:

Warwick 7am

Killarney 8:30



## CARE CORNER

- A big thank you to our Children's Ministry groups as holidays begin.
- Give thanks for our I.T. team, especially leader Lawrie, who gifts us with his skills as part of his ministry. Lawrie for all the time, the help, the stats and being online, thank you!
- Pray for those finishing the Marriage Course and the Grief and Loss course.
- Give thanks for all those involved in educating students at schools, Kindys, universities and TAFE. May the holidays be a time of relaxation and restoration after a year of unexpected challenges.

### FRONTIER SERVICES

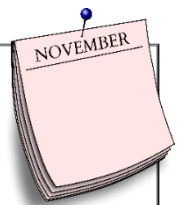
Packs of 10 Christmas Cards in the Office. Cost only \$12 for a pack. Five designs in the pack and profits support Frontier Services.

### Warwick Funerals SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

St Marks Anglican Church  
7.00pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Cnr Grafton and Albion Sts, Warwick.

**Cheques can be mailed** *Warwick Uniting Church PO Box 436 Warwick Q 4370*  
Bank: Uniting Church Warwick/Killarney  
Westpac BSB: 034 226 Acc:141717

**Please mark deposits offerings or donations**  
Eftpos available for use and purse size QR codes offering quick access to a giving point.



## THIS WEEK:

**Today Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

*Hospitality: Group 1*

*Flowers: Marg Adcock*

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

10:45am Akooramak Service

2:00pm Grief and Loss.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

6:00pm Marriage Course

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

9:15am Killarney mainly music

1:00pm Wesley Indoor Bowls AGM

3:00pm Selah Home Group

7:00pm Young Women's Group

7:00pm Beta Home Group

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

1:00pm St. Andrews Indoor Bowls

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

10:00am KYB Wesley Room

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN**

Hospitality Group 2

9:30am Final Coffee, Craft & Chat

62 Guy Street.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

*Hospitality: Group 2*

*Flowers: May Morris & Daphne Porter*



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