



The Uniting Church in Australia  
Warwick, Killarney & Freestone Uniting  
Parish

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023



When the Gospel reading is on talents and the Ministry Reports are received illustrating the richness and variety of the gifts with which God is blessing us, and you just feel awed by what is offered, from Alpha to Grief and Loss, to Akooramak, our Minister, mainly music .... it goes on and on.

### PRAYER

*O God, we trust in your power to create, to sustain, to enable.  
But we could not trust if we did not know that you are always near.  
Be with us, Lord, as we are gathered here to worship you.  
Help us not to check our minds or our hearts at the door  
but enable us to bring all that we are to you,  
so that we might experience your touch upon all aspects of our life.  
We pray this because of, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*



Welcome to worship as we meet to worship God in person and also online. It's great to share our worship with you and fellowship after worship over morning tea.

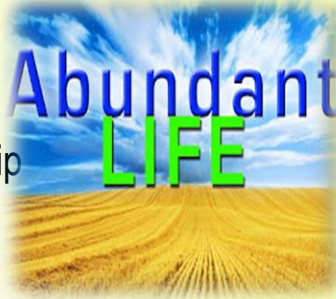
## Worship Services

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

- 8.30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Worship

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

- 8.30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick Caledonian Service
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Worship



## Readings:

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Christ the King Sunday**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

### Church Council News:

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Warwick on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to allow for the Caledonian Service to be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, the nearest date to St Andrew's Day 30<sup>th</sup> November.



### UPDATE ON OUR AFFORDABLE BUILDING APPLICATION WAWICK & KILLARNEY

We have been working hard with very ethical development plans to provide affordable housing on our Killarney and Warwick properties. We believe, if these tentative applications succeed, they will provide long term sustainability not only to our communities but also to the life of our church. Unless our application is successful nothing will happen.

We are supported in this by our Downs Presbytery and the Qld Synod in our priorities of Fit for Purpose and Transforming Communities.

Our plans are progressing. and we are still awaiting approvals for some of the stages of this project and will inform you fully once the outcomes are known.

We continue to pray for our dream.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS 2023**  
**Warwick Uniting Church**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 6pm**

### Help needed for supper!

We are the host church this year and *we will be providing supper from volunteers. We will be catering for around 40 people.*

*Mary Young has agreed to be our contact for those able to come and serve and those able to donate something for supper.*

*Mary: 0429969433*

## Reflections on Matthew 25:14-30; What have we done with what we were given?



The Gospel of Matthew is fast reaching its climax. The Cross is waiting...the sacrifice is looming, and the glorious resurrection is in the wings. So, as Matthew tells this story, Jesus is preparing his followers for what lies ahead and to explain more about The Kingdom of God using this Parable of the Talents! The Master, about to go on a long journey, entrusts large slices of his property to his three servants, the division wisely distributed according to each servant's ability. During his absence, they will have the opportunity to show what they can do for him and his property.

When the Master returns, he thrilled at how the first two servants have doubled what they were given, while he is angry with the third who had hidden his so that he could return it in its original state. The Master had entrusted them with so

much and he had expected that they would use what they had been given for the benefit of all.

For Jesus' first hearers, this parable would have been understood in terms of God and Israel... God, the Master; Israel, the servant. God had given his chosen people, the Promised Land with responsibilities and tasks to perform. Their overarching task was to be the means of rescuing and renewing the whole of Creation. According to the prophets, sooner or later, God would return to see what his people had done with what they had been given.

We also see its relevance to the church and us right now. We have been given different gifts and talents to use in growing The Kingdom of God on earth... gifts to be used, not hidden! Together, we can make such a difference in our world living Christ's law of love, using what we have been given in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We just may hear, "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

Shalom, Jean

### BIRTHDAYS

We would like to recognise birthdays by printing, in our New Horizons, the birthdays for the month. We plan to commence next year.

Note the following:

1. We will not be printing date or year.
2. We will be using our Pastoral Care list.
3. **Please let us know if you do not want to be part of this.**

Let the office or Dianne Cahill know.



### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Many thanks to all those who contribute to our containers bin. It helps the environment and assists the church economy.

### WARWICK SAFE HAVEN AGM

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

6:30pm

Warwick Baptist Church

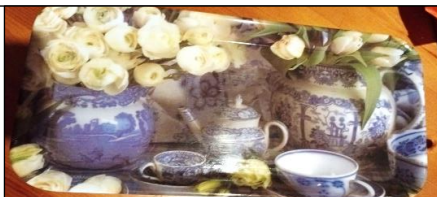
*Wanted: someone to fill the position of treasurer.*

## CARE CORNER

- Give thanks for the commitment of so many in our Parish to willingly give of their time and talents for those of the wider community who come in need.
- Pray for our students as they approach the end of the school year. For some it will be a time of change as they make decisions which may affect the coming years.
- Pray for members whose lifestyle is changing due to age or health related challenges. May the transition bring the reassurance of God's presence with them.
- Reach out to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. A quiet word or a small gesture can make such a difference in the weeks of loneliness and sadness.

## STILL MISSING:

Can people check they don't have



Barbara's tray (name on back) brought with food for Intergenerational Worship on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.



**Courtyard Coffee Christmas Popup Stalls**  
each Friday 9:30-11am



## THIS WEEK:

**19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November**

*Hospitality 3*

*Flowers: Claire Cunningham & Jenny Pearce*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**Ansie's day off**

10:45am Akooramak

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

1:00pm Wesley Bowls

3:00pm Selah Home Group

6:00pm Young Women's Group

7:00pm Beta Home Group

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

9:15am mainly music Warwick

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

9:30am Courtyard Coffee

10:00am KYB

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

*Flowers: Sue Campbell*

## Using our Bank Acct for direct deposit:

Uniting Church Warwick/Killarney Westpac BSB: 034 226 Acc:141717

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We bless you and thank you for

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