



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



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Advent 2: Peace



A very practical peace of mind and a big thank you to Neil and our 'Who Cares' Catering Crew for our defib and demo.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** from Qld Synod, Love in Action

Can you hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
Make way! Level the valleys! Straighten the paths!  
Prepare the way for the Prince of Peace!

As we gather in this season of Advent,  
we have begun to listen and clear away what needs clearing.  
And after the clearing comes the replanting.  
God is with us in this moment and every moment.

Whatever you have brought with you to worship today – God hears, and God sees and loves you.

Whatever you are feeling today – God hears and sees and loves you.

Whatever you can offer today – God hears and sees and loves you.

So welcome to this time where peace can be found.

God of peace, surround us today with your spirit of calm and quiet.

We come bringing all of who we are before you.

We come longing for your peace which passes all understanding.

In the chaos and noise, speak to us today. Amen.

Welcome to worship on our second Sunday of Advent. We are glad to have you with us, in person and streaming online. May the peace of God be with you today. Join us for a cuppa after worship.



## Worship Services

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

- 8.30am Killarney  
Combined at the Catholic Church
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2:00pm Freestone

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

- 8.30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick



## Readings:

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2

Isaiah 40:1-1  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2  
Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126 or  
Luke 1:46b-55  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Christmas Carols



### Carols Evening Warwick UCA

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm

Light meal to follow,  
donations of food welcome.

*Do you have a favourite Carol?  
Direct special requests for Carols  
to David Cahill: 0417720152*

### Killarney Churches Together Christmas Carols

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

Killarney Senior Citizens Hall

Hosted by R&R ministries.

All are welcome.

Supper & fellowship will follow.



### December Christmas Services

#### Christmas Eve Sunday 24/12/23

Killarney 8:30am

Warwick 9:30am

Freestone 7:00pm

#### Christmas Day Monday 25/12/23

Warwick 7.00am

Killarney 8.00 am.



Ivan Hancock presenting Amy Beck with a Graduation Gift on finishing year 12. The gift is from Ivan, Nancy (in memorium) and Killarney mainly music.

## Reflection on Mark 1: 1-8



This Sunday is the second week in Advent, and we are reading this

year predominately from the Gospel of St. Mark. Mark begins his Gospel with the call and Baptising of Jesus, as John the Baptist calls all people to repent and be prepared for the coming King. So, in Mark we hear no accounts of the birth of Jesus or of his childhood. For Mark, the key message of salvation is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, that's why it's good to encourage new Christians to read Mark's Gospel.

Last week Mark's message, (Mk 13: 24-37) was the prophecy of the Second coming of Christ. It seems rather harsh, as we begin to plan for Christmas celebrations, with all the preparation of gifts, food, parties and so on. But Mark is teaching us all the lesson of watching and waiting, most appropriate in the Advent season.

John is out in the wilderness, near the River Jordan, and is calling people to repent, to be washed clean of their sins. People were so desperate to hear a word of hope that they came in their hundreds; from the region of Judah, and all the people of Jerusalem, and they confessed their sins.

John was dressed like an old-time prophet, camel hair clothes and a leather belt, and his diet pretty spectacular too, locusts and wild honey. His message touched people deeply, so John made it plain that he was only a messenger, and the one who was coming was much greater than he was. (v 7). This Advent we too should be preparing to welcome once again our Saviour and King. Have we repented of our sins and failures for this past year? 'Loving Father, help each one of us welcome Jesus into our hearts, and into our Churches. Amen.'

Blessings, May



### Ordination of Annie Baker as Minister of Deacon

Saturday 16th December, 3pm  
Middle Ridge Uniting Church,  
264 Stenner Street, Middle Ridge

We are all invited. If you are unable to attend and would like to send a greeting, please email them through to [pm@downspresbytery.org.au](mailto:pm@downspresbytery.org.au)

Members of Presbytery (lay and ordained) are invited to meet in the foyer at 2:50pm and join in the procession during the first hymn and sit together.

The liturgical colour for ordination is RED.

### INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

Now in recess

## Marriage Course

 Date Night

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

**6pm**

**Williams Hall, Warwick Uniting Church**

For couples wishing to invest in  
their relationship

## CARE CORNER

- Give thanks for this Advent period of preparation and waiting for the arrival of Christ.
- Give thanks for the way faith in Christ is handed down through the Bible and through our own Church life.
- Pray for those many areas of our world and community in conflict and the innocents being harmed.
- Pray for those making big decisions about what they can do or need to do next year, with regard to changing lifestyle for health reasons.
- Pray for those struggling with health issues.
- Give thanks for those wonderful volunteers offering hospitality over this period when so many are away.

## THIS WEEK:

**10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**School Holidays**

*Hospitality 2*

*Flowers: Marg Wells*

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

***Ansie's day off***

8:15am Courthouse Cuppa

10:45am Akooramak

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

4:00pm Family Drug Support

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

9:30am Courtyard Coffee

10:00am KYB

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

***Flowers: Alison Baistow***

Blue Care Program

## Grief and Loss Course

*Have you experienced the loss  
of a loved one?*

6 week Course commencing  
**Monday 29th January 24**

**2-4pm**

Trained Facilitators  
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