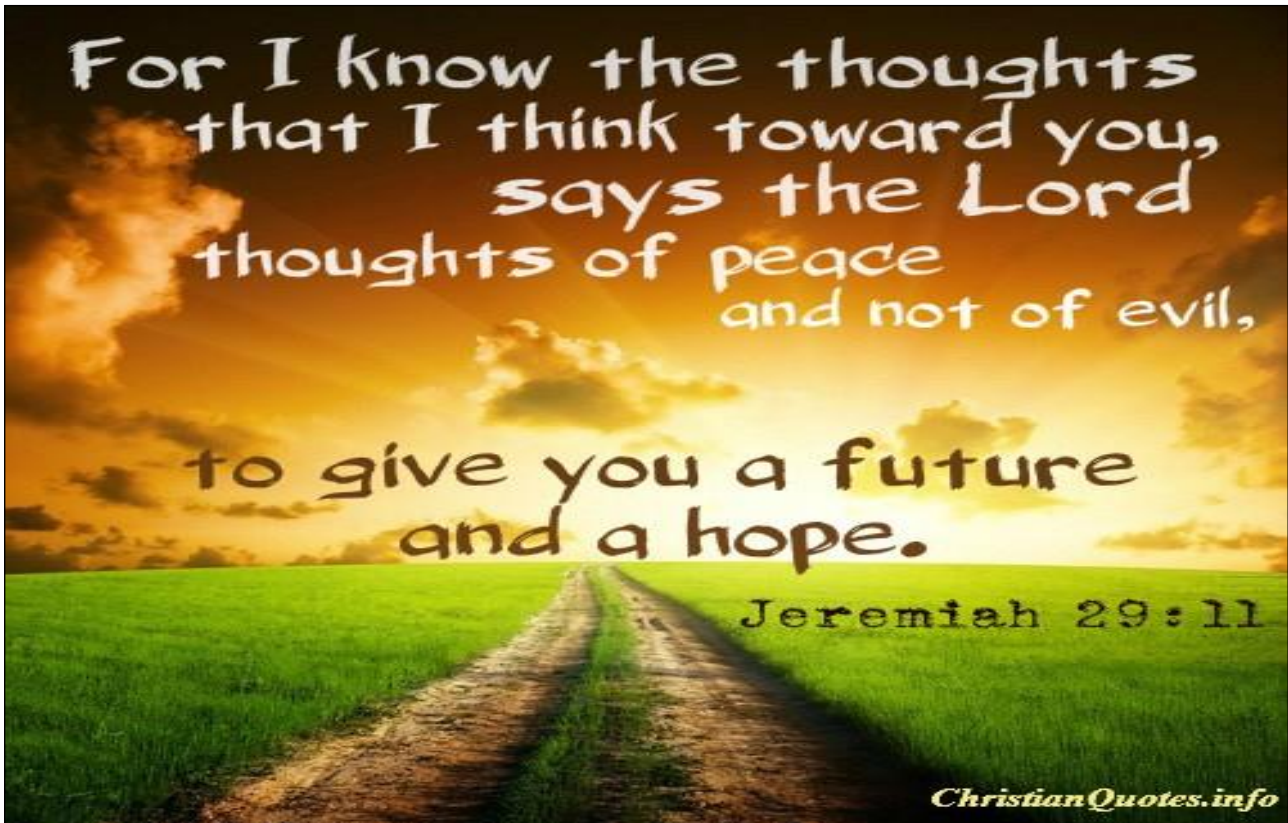




The Uniting Church in Australia

Warwick, Killarney & Freestone Uniting  
Parish

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Advent: Hope



## PRAYER

Father God, every word in scripture points to the gift of hope that we have because of Christ Jesus. The Christmas story wasn't the beginning of that message of hope because the old testament is full of glimpses of your plan to redeem your people and restore them into a relationship with you, but we are able to truly begin to see and understand just how great your love for us is when we read the story of Jesus' birth in scripture.

Help us to see that you are with us. Nothing is too difficult, too messy, or too dirty for you. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the salvation that only you, our Heavenly Father, can give when we believe on your Son, repent of our sins, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen. [Hope Bollinger](#)

Welcome to worship we are glad to have you with us. At this busy time, may this hour of worship be a blessing and a source of comfort and strength. Please join us for morning tea after our morning worship services while a light meal is provided after our Intergenerational time.

## Worship Services

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

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



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

- 8.30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2:00pm Freestone

## Readings:

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Advent 1

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### 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

### DEFIBILLATOR DEMO

This afternoon, 2pm in Williams Hall.

### TWEATTT LUNCH TODAY

Last one for 2023, resumes 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in February

This group would welcome other singles to the lunch for conversation around the table and a delicious 2 course meal.

Meal prepared by our who Cares Catering Team. Cost \$15

### Service of Renewal and Hope

Warwick Uniting Church  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
6pm

We are the host church  
this year.

Helpers to provide and/or  
serve supper most  
welcome.



### HOLIDAY TIMES

Please note the following closing times:

- Courtyard Coffee and Office
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 8<sup>th</sup> January 24
- Notices:
  - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December will be the last Notice for 2023. Notices will be up and running again on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January.



### WESLEY INDOOR BOWLS

Concluding 2023 with a  
lunch on Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup> December and  
recommencing  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Reflection on Mark 13:24-37....Advent 2023



Today, the first Sunday of the Advent Season for 2023 has begun a new church year, and that means a new Gospel which will be Mark throughout this year. These next four weeks of Advent mark the time we set aside for our anticipation and preparation for the joyous festival of Christmas, that honouring of Christ's birth. But there is also, in Advent, an element of anticipation for Christ's return at the close of history.

So, it is a season of tension...a balance between the "already" and the "not yet". As we travel through the season of Advent, we feel deeply a longing for the presence of God and the fulfilment of all his promises. So, like the people from long ago, we watch....we wait....and we listen....for we never know just when the King of Glory will come again. Our readings over the last few weeks have stressed just this!

Today's word from Mark takes it even further with his vivid apocalyptic description of a darkened sun and moon...and stars falling out of the sky, as the Son of Man comes in all his power and glory to gather up the faithful. Jesus then continues with a story about a wealthy landowner going away, leaving his servants in charge of the estate. When the master returns, he will judge how well they have performed. Not knowing when that will be, they must always be prepared. Jesus says, "What I say to you, I say to everyone .Watch!"

Watch and wait, says Jesus. Be ready for me. I am the final word. Watch and join me in my mission of saving the world. This is the word of promise to all who wait...to all who find it reasonable to expect that God is not done with us yet....that we are the clay, and he is the potter. Wait...watch....hope! God, having begun creation, shall finish creation in his own timing. Be ready!

Shalom , Jean

**Carols Evening Warwick UCA**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**  
**5:30pm same time as Intergenerational**  
**Worship**  
to follow with light meal.  
*Do you have a favourite Carol? Direct special requests for Carols to David Cahill: 0417720152*

**MISSING:**  
**Whippersnipper From Church Mower Shed**  
Any information, please contact David Cahill 0417720152

**December Christmas Services**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Eve**  
Killarney 8:30am  
Warwick 9:30am  
Freestone 7:00pm  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Day**  
Warwick 7.00am  
Killarney 8.00 am.

## CARE CORNER

- Give thanks for the rain and the cooler weather after our dry spring.
- Pray for those who find this Christmas period one of stress and grief, where loss and loneliness are magnified.
- Pray for those waiting, not for Christmas, but for medical treatment, even tests to know what they are facing.
- Give thanks for the ministries and activities we have had this year.
- Give thanks for our defibrillator.
- Pray for our Christmas Services and give thanks for the gift of Christ Jesus
- Pray for care and safety on our roads as so many travel at this time and School Holidays commence.
- Pray for Hope for our world and communities.

## NEW HORIZONS

**Out soon – news and items to Angela now please!**

Thank you to those who have been able to help Jan and Graeme out with the loan of a highchair and port-a-cot.



## THIS WEEK:

**3<sup>rd</sup> December – 9<sup>th</sup> December**

*Hospitality 1*

*Flowers: Marg Adcock*

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Ansie's day off**

8:15am Courthouse Cuppa

10:45am Akooramak

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

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

Lunch Wesley Bowls then recessing.

6:00pm Young Women's Group

**6:00pm Burstow's Service of Renewal and Hope**

7:00pm Beta Home Group

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

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

9:30am Courtyard Coffee

10:00am KYB

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

*Flowers: Marg Wells*



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