

The Uniting Church in Australia

Warwick, Killarney & Freestone Uniting Parish

Sunday 17th March 2024





PRAYER

Loving Father however we have travelled this 2024 Lenten journey, we come before you today on the last Sunday of Lent, to follow Christ through the gates of Jerusalem to betrayal and the cross.

Thank you for Christ, our new covenant: the free gift of a relationship with you that loves without question or condition, that forgives and renews and calls us to follow.

Renew us, Lord.

To follow more obediently

To love more generously

To serve more faithfully

To trust more fully

To understand more deeply the cost of following and

To find life through following.

Welcome to worship as we continue the 5th week of our Lenten journey. May God bless you today as you join in either online or in the pew. Please stay for a chat and a cuppa after the Service.



Worship Services

Sunday 17th March

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Worship

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Worship

INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

- 5:30pm each Sunday.
- A different style of Worship
- Come and experience!



SUNDAY LUNCH WARWICK UNITING CHURCH 24TH MARCH

\$5 for a Roast Meal

All welcome! Bring a friend!!

Proceeds to Pastoral Care

EXPECT CHANGES TO OUR NOTICES

- Sue Campbell is taking over as Communications leader including putting our Notices together, with Angela Lester continuing to edit and also to contribute thinking points.
- I would like to thank May Morris and Jean Reid for the long-time of faithful service providing reflections on the lectionary, vital when Covid shut everything down. May and Jean, thank you for those words that could comfort, challenge and often gave us something to chew over.
- Contact details for Sue will continue as <u>communications@wkuc.org.au</u>
- Notices will be printed each Thursday morning.
- Items, news and photos continue to be welcome and needed. This keeps us in touch with each other. *Marg Wells*

Readings:



Sunday 17th March

Lent 5

Jeremiah31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

or Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday Is 50:4-9a.

Ps 118:1-2,19-29

Phil 2:5-11

Mk 11:1-11

or Jn 12:12-16



Focus Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34



There are many accounts in the Old Testament about God's covenants. In this week's

reading, Jeremiah the prophet speaks of a covenant written not in rainbow or stone, not externally, but written deep inside, on the very hearts of the people.

In this time of exile, God makes sweeping promises to the people of Israel, promises of restoration and return and, most importantly, of relationship, too.

Once again, God promises to be in relationship with the people–like God's promises to Noah, to Abraham and Sarah, to Moses and the people at Sinai–God promises to be a presence with the people, abiding with them, and promises that they will even belong to each other: God says, I will be your God, and you...you will be my people.

Isn't it interesting how often we contrast the God of the Old Testament with the God of the New, the former being harsh and punishing and angry, but the latter being a much "kinder and gentler" God? Yet, we've just established, God has great compassion and love for the people of Israel. God decides that the law is not to be something external, but internal, deep inside the people, written on their hearts.

- 1. What is your favourite image for God?
- 2. Have you ever done anything purely "for God's sake"?
- 3. In what ways has the church been faithful to God's covenant? In what ways have we failed?

Prayer: God of suffering and glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Inscribe your law in our hearts, that in life we may not stray from you, but may be your people. Amen.

EASTER SERVICES Tenebrae Service: Warwick? Good Friday 29th March: • Killarney 8:30am • Warwick: 9:30am • Freestone: 7:00pm Memorial Saturday 30th March: Warwick Uniting 9am-12md A time of reflection Bring flowers to remember loved ones. Easter Sunday 31st March • Killarney 8:30am • Warwick 9:30am

MEMORIAL SATURDAY 9am to 12 midday

The Warwick Church is open as a quiet space, to bring flowers in memory of those we love.

A space to pray quietly,

A space to reminisce with others.

A space to surprise everyone on Easter Sunday with beautiful flowers.

CARE CORNER

- Give thanks for the marvellous outcome of our March Market Day and for the hard work from all who have made it such a success.
- Pray for those seeking stable and safe accommodation.
- Pray for our own affordable housing plans to come to pass.
- Give thanks for our preachers, worship leaders, hospitality, sound and screen workers serving God to create Worship opportunities for us.
- Pray for continuing healing for May.
- Pray for those away from Church, whether travelling or not well. Bless those who usually fill those empty spaces in the pew!!
- Pray for the activities on our calendar.
- Give thanks for those who think 'outside the box' showing God's generosity through actions rather than just words.
- Let us sing to the God of salvation.

Darling Downs Christian Women's Convention
Saturday 20th April, 9am-3pm
'Christlife' Presbyterian Church
492 South St Glenvale
'Joy in Lamenting'
Flyers available

THIS WEEK:

17th - 23rd March.

Hospitality: Group 3

Flowers: Claire Cunningham & Jenny Pearce

Monday 18th March Ansie's day off

10:45am Akooramak Service

Tuesday 19th March Wednesday 20th March

- 9.30am Killarney mainly music
- 1:00pm Wesley Bowls
- 3:00pm Selah Home Group
- 3:00pm Killarney Music Ministry
- 4:00pm Family Drug Support
- 7:00pm Beta Home Group

Thursday 21st March

9:15am Warwick mainly music

5:00pm Killarney Girls' Brigade

Friday 22nd March

9:30am Courtyard Coffee/Book

Exchange

Saturday 23rd March: Flowers Sunday 24th March:

May Morris & Daphne Porter



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