



**The Uniting Church in Australia**  
**Warwick, Killarney & Freestone**  
**Uniting Parish**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**



*Welcome to worship as we continue to journey with the disciples after the crucifixion on this fourth Sunday of Easter. 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.*



I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

**Our Prayer for today Good Shepherd Sunday and for Anzac Day**

God of peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, generosity and peace.

Holy God, you call us to be messengers of peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: gather all the peoples of the earth to live together with justice and love, through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## Worship Services

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

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

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick HC
- 5:30pm Intergenerational service



## Readings:

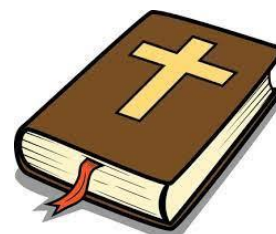
### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Acts 4: 5 – 12  
Psalm 23

1 John 3: 16 – 24  
John 10: 11 – 18

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 8: 26 – 40  
Psalm 22: 25 – 31  
1 John 4: 7 – 21  
John 15: 1 - 8



We have a very simple artistic idea for decorating our Cape Chestnut tree – would you like to be part of this display – create and set up?

See Jan Reid for more info.

Save the date -  
Sunday 25 May - 2pm  
\$15pp entertainment  
By The Warwick Choral Society Inc.  
All funds to  
Cancer Council Qld



Ivan chatting to a few close friends while on the ABC outside broadcast from Killarney last Friday.

### Financial Summary – March 2024

	March	Year to date	Budget
Income	\$20 814	\$68 919	\$66 282
Expenditure	\$15 394	\$44 518	\$44 608

We thank God for his continued blessings on our parish and the generosity of his people towards our mission in our community and beyond.

## **Reflection for this week....The Good Shepherd**

We are still in our Easter remembrances and what it means for us here and now. This Sunday is traditionally known as Shepherd Sunday. All of the four of this week's readings deal either covertly or overtly around the metaphor of the shepherd and his sheep and all emphasise the behaviour of the Good Shepherd, the one who would lay down his life for his very own sheep. We all know the images that Psalm 23 highlights and it has brought solace to so many in sick or dying beds as well as to us.

Today's Gospel reading from John is part of Jesus' farewell message to his followers and it spells out the nature and sacrifice of the Good Shepherd who will voluntarily die to save his sheep because he loves and cares for them passionately. In this passage, we see the future that Jesus sees as his flock will expand across the world as they listen to his voice. Here, also, God's plan for our salvation is made plain through the sacrificial death of Jesus.

Then we move into John's letter that expands the love of the Good Shepherd into his command that we too are under the obligation to love one another as Christ so loved us. This is what will make a difference to all our relationships! John urges, demands and commands us to love...not to feel it or think about it, just simply to do it! It is something that comes to us through Christ...it is the hallmark of a Christian!

As, the reading from Acts brings the readings all together as we see the compassion and love that healed the sick man and the courage to boldly explain to the rulers and elders what it was that motivated their actions. Act 4, verse 12, sums it all up as Peter says, "There is salvation in no one else!"  
Shalom, Jean

Not in a Hospitality team to provide morning tea once a month?

See Sue Campbell if you can assist in this ministry.



A retreat walk in the Granite Belt  
– a time to slow down and ponder.  
Camino de St Anthorpe – 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May  
See brochures in the hall entrance.

Peace Walk and Candle Lighting Ceremony  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May – 5:30pm  
Town Hall to Williams Hall





## CARE CORNER.

- Pray for the families of those affected by the incident at Bondi last weekend – that they may find peace in the knowledge that their loved ones are now in a place of rest.
- Pray for the members of the Sydney Christ the Good Shepherd church attack – that they may regain hope and trust that their church will return to be a safe and sacred place.
- Pray for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East and that this war doesn't spread to other countries.
- Pray for those in our community suffering from domestic violence - that they may regain a sense of peace and safety in their homes.



What beauties – thank you Marg

## THIS WEEK:

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April**

*Hospitality: Group 3*

*Flowers: Claire and Jenny*

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**Ansie's non-contact day RDO**

10:45am Akooramak Service  
Courthouse Cuppa

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am Killarney mainly music

1:00pm Wesley Bowls

3:00pm Selah Home Group

3:00pm Killarney Music Ministry

7:00pm Beta Home Group

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Anzac Day – no mainly music

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

9:30 – 11am Courtyard Coffee

**Flowers: Sunday**

**28<sup>th</sup> April:**

Marg Adcock



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