



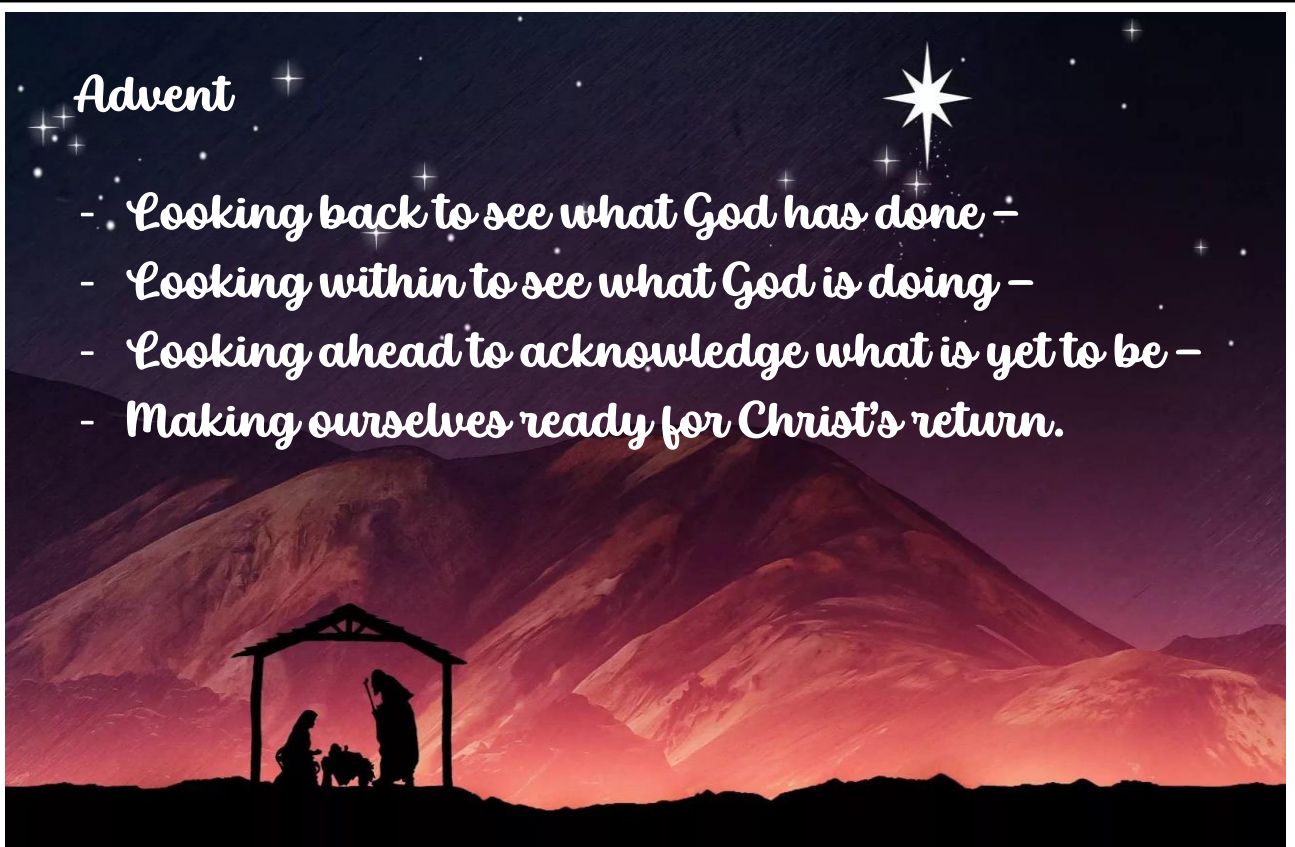
The Uniting Church in Australia  
Warwick, Killarney & Freestone  
Uniting Parish  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024



*Welcome to worship on the first Sunday in Advent.  
May God bless you today as you join either online or in the pew.  
Please stay for a chat and a cuppa after the Service.*

## Advent

- *Looking back to see what God has done –*
- *Looking within to see what God is doing –*
- *Looking ahead to acknowledge what is yet to be –*
- *Making ourselves ready for Christ's return.*



The 1st Sunday of Advent encourages us to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming through trust, love, holiness, and vigilance. May Advent bring us closer to God and striving to live in a way that pleases Him.

Advent invites us to prepare ourselves for Christmas, welcoming Jesus without fear. If we open wide the doors of our life, everything takes on a new light and our family, work, suffering, health, friendship, become opportunities to discover His consoling presence. *Pope Francis*

Prayer. Lord, help us to be watchful and prayerful, to grow in love and holiness, and to trust in Your promises. Guide us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Amen.

## Worship Services

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Advent 1

- 8:30am Killarney HC
- 9:30am Warwick Caledonian Society

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- 8:30am Killarney UCA Combined Service
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2pm Freestone



## Readings

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16  
Psalm 25: 1 – 10  
1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13  
Luke 21: 25 – 36

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Malachi 3:1 – 4  
Luke 1: 68 -79  
Phillipians1: 3 – 11  
Luke 3: 1 - 6

*Warwick Funerals invite you,  
your family and friends to join others in*

**A SERVICE OF**  
*Remembrance  
and Hope*

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024, 6:00PM**  
Warwick Funerals Chapel, 48 Willi Street, Warwick

## Carols in Killarney Christmas 2024

You are warmly invited to join  
in our evening of Carols  
& Christmas Cheer.

**When:** 7pm Sunday  
22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Where:** Killarney Anglican  
Acacia Street (opposite the School)  
Refreshments to follow ☺



## December birthdays

Lisa Halcrow (2)  
Cathy Ryan (5)  
Julia Beck (5)  
Doug Cutmore (7)  
David Fox (15)  
Janet Reid (15)  
Sue Campbell (16)  
Paul Ryan (16)  
Emily Coy (17)  
James Christensen(17)  
Thelma Zabun (18)  
Ian Coy (29)

If you are not on the  
birthday list. We need  
your Birthday (day  
and month). Please  
provide to Pastoral  
Care Team.

## ***Reflection for the first Sunday of Advent for 2024...Luke 21: 25-36.***

The season of advent begins the Christian year and leads us into Christmas. In these four weeks of Advent, we celebrate the God who comes to us in Jesus Christ. It gives us time to celebrate the Saviour who comes to each and every soul right now in the present, and it points to a future coming. Advent affirms that whatever the future holds, God holds that future.

So, Advent is the time that acts as an overview of our faith. We look back to see what God has done; we look within to see what God is doing; we look ahead to acknowledge what is yet to be... and make ourselves ready for Christ's return. This is the message of our reading today from the gospel of Luke. The Gospel we will explore in the year ahead. As we approach Christmas 2024, we realise that we live in the tension between 'the already' and the 'not yet', between what God has done and what God has promised for the future.

The brokenness of our world is part of those birth pangs that will produce the Second Coming of Christ. So, in Advent, we acknowledge that God's reign has not yet come in all its fullness. We long for Jesus' presence to show us the way ahead, for God to come and change things, to make the world different, to eliminate all the pain and suffering, the injustice, the terror of war and its utter destruction, the poverty and violence, and to dispel the discouragement we often feel.

Jesus tells us to look at the leaves opening on the fig tree with the promise of fruit to come, and in the same way calls us to stay alert for his Kingdom will come...that God still reigns...that his purposes will prevail, and Christ will come to gather together all his family of believers. ....Shalom, Jean

## **Southern Downs Women's Support Centre**

**Southern Downs Women's Support Centre** welcomes donations of pantry needs in the coming weeks. Tinned and dry goods, also gluten free and Christmas foods. Leave in container near office See List on notice board!



## **Christmas Worship service times**

Freestone – 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – 7:00pm

Warwick – 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – 7:00am

Killarney – 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – 8:30am

## Care Corner

- Congratulations to Revs Ansie and Willie on the birth of their grandson Leo William. A brother for Penelope.
- Give thanks for the wonderful diversity God has placed in humanity. We thank You for the skills and gifts entrusted to each of us – gifts of artistry and design, of construction and manufacture, gifts of compassion and understanding, and of insight and logic. And that in Your wisdom You have given to each of us without prejudice or bias.
- Please pray for those we know, and love, with life limiting, life altering and life ending conditions.
- Pray for those with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and those who care for them. We pray for those with complex health conditions, struggles with food and those who don't have enough to live on.
- Let us pray for those we mourn, with a special prayer for the family and friends of Lorraine Stevens. Also, those who have lost loved ones in tragic accidents.
- Give thanks for our hospitality teams who welcome us and care for us on Sunday mornings

## What's happening this week?

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December**

*Hospitality: Group – Group 1*

*Flowers this week: Sue Campbell*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Ansie's non-contact day**

10:45 am Akooramak

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

9:30 am Killarney mainly music

1:00 pm Wesley Bowls

6:00pm Remembrance

& Hope service

7:00 pm Beta Home Group

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

9:15 am Warwick mainly music

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

9:30 – 11:30 am - Courtyard Coffee

*Flowers next week: May Morris and  
Daphne Porter*

**Church Office closed from**

**20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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