



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

Sunday 17th November 2024



*Welcome to worship as we continue to journey with the disciples.
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.*

God Is With Us!



God of beginnings and endings - we give thanks for your presence with us on our Pentecost journey of half a year - when our visible landscapes are transformed from the grey-green of winter to the wattle-gold of spring. What about our personal landscapes - have we allowed them to be transformed? What have we seen? What have we heard? What has been sown in our hearts? We've seen life restored - by Jesus' compassion, and Jairus' faith, a frail woman's touch and a blind man's persistence. We've seen crowds being fed, children blessed, and people taught about love, service and death. Jesus, servant of all, gave only two commandments - love God and love our neighbour; repeating the cost of discipleship where the first becomes last and last becomes first. Often, we get distracted, and our ears tune out, our hearts become set in familiar ways - our journeys of faith become routine and too predictable. Remind us through worship, we are transformed. As we lift up our hearts to you, we are lifted beyond ourselves to see life from your perspective. As we near the end of this part of our journey, fill us anew with a sense of expectancy and joy, as we recall that we are accepted and loved, forgiven and renewed, united and reconciled in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord and Saviour in whose name we pray. Amen

Worship Services

Sunday 17th November

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick –
Rev Charissa Suli
President of Uniting Church in Australia Assembly



Sunday 24th November

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick - Rev Yvonne McRostie
Final official service in Presbytery of The Downs

Readings

Sunday 17th November

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14,
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday 24th November Christ the King Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132: 1-12
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

	October	Year to October	Budget to October
Income	\$26 956.71	\$184 004	\$172 154
Expenditure	\$14 407.16	\$155 397	\$153 523

We thank God for the blessings he continues to bestow on us. The constant work of our Courtyard Coffee team continues to provide a very steady income stream, and our very successful October Market Day has insured that our finances continue to be a blessing rather than a concern. And we give thanks to our very capable and diligent treasurer who manages our finances as they become more complex with the housing development work progressing. Thank you all.

Please pass on our sincere gratitude to all who made us feel extremely welcome at your church on our recent visit to Warwick .

So many parishioners came and introduced themselves.

The music was sensational - such commitment!

Anise's sermon around Ruth and Naomi was insightful.

Your building is beautiful and so well maintained.

The invitation to join one of your groups (TWEATTT) for lunch was very caring.

Sincerely Ann and Alan - Visitors on Nov 3rd from Lennox Heads

You're invited – The Beta Home Study Group extends an open invitation to join in a Church family BBQ lunch in the Warwick church grounds. Sunday 1st December. (instead of TWEATTT) No charge - Friends are welcome to join us. Please register your attendance on the board in the church and hall foyers.

Reflection on Mark 13:1-8

What is most important in our lives? What will last when all else fails?

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his amazed disciples remarked to him, “Teacher, look at these beautiful stones, this wonderfully grand building, this place that houses the Holy of Holies where God resides and sacrifice is made for our sin...how big, how solid!”

Jesus answers, “ See these buildings? They will be torn down...no stone will be left in place!” The smallest of the stones in its massive walls weighed between 2 and 5 tons and many others 50 tons in weight. All that now remains are seven rows of these massive stone blocks; but to the Jews, they are most holy, and one of the most hotly defended sites in all the Middle East conflicts.

But, when Jesus predicts the fall of the temple in 70 AD, he is also speaking metaphorically about his death....about a truer way of connecting with God. His wounded hands and side became our building blocks right into the heart of God. God no longer resides in the temporary Holy of Holies, but in the heart of every believer.

Jesus continues to teach that the time of wars and constant upheavals is not pointing to an end time, but a beginning. Jesus says, *This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.* Birth pangs. New creation. Jesus prepares his disciples and his followers of every age for change. That which lasts and endures is God’s renewing life and it all happens in God’s good time.

What lasts is God and his love for us. His promises can be trusted. Rebirth and hope are the ways of God. No matter how bleak and hopeless things may look, God is with us. He will work his purposes out. Our future and the future of his church are safe in his hands....Shalom, Jean



Care Corner

- A huge thank you from and to our marvellous catering crew – and everyone who contributed to feeding the masses last weekend - Chief cook, Terry - bottle washer and peeler of pumpkin extraordinaire, Barry – barista, Paul - super organiser, Marg – and general helpers Glenda and Marg.
- Pray for all Grade 12 students as they conclude the years of secondary school. May they know the gift of education, intelligence, wisdom and friendship and have peace of heart, strength of mind and resilience as they embark on the next part of life's journey.
- Pray for safety on our roads, and awareness of those around us.

What's happening this week?

17th – 23rd November

Hospitality: Group 3

Flowers this week:

Monday 18th November

Ansie's non-contact day

10:45 am Akooramak

2:00pm Journeying through Grief

Wednesday 20th November

9:30 am Killarney mainly music

10:00 am Study and discussion

1:00 pm Wesley Bowls

3.00 pm Selah Home Group

6:30 pm Interger Homegroup

7:00 pm Beta Home Group

Thursday 21st November

9:15 am Warwick mainly music

Friday 22nd November

9:30 – 11:30 am - Courtyard

Coffee

Flowers next week: Marg Adcock

**HOW TO BE A BETTER
BYSTANDER
to respond to Domestic
and Family Violence**

Anyone can be a bystander to Domestic and Family Violence in your family, workplace, school, church or when you are out and about.
Come and join people from Churches around Warwick to learn, discuss and practice ways to be a better bystander when responding to Domestic and Family Violence.

RSVP to Jackie
07 3369 6792

 Queensland
Churches Together

come and join us on
23 November at St Marks
Anglican Church - Warwick -
55 Albion Street (cnr of
Grafton Street)
starting at 12.30pm for lunch
Workshop 1.30-4pm



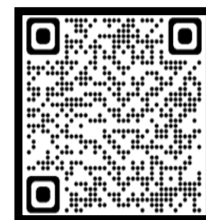
Southern Downs Women's Support Centre welcome donations of pantry needs in the coming weeks. Tinned and dry goods, also gluten free and Christmas foods. Leave in container near office See List on notice board!

Using our Bank Acct for direct deposit:

Uniting Church Warwick/Killarney Westpac BSB: 034 226 Acc:141717

Please mark deposits, offerings or donations

Or use our QR link to donate online. We are grateful for every gift.



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