



The Uniting Church in Australia
Warwick, Killarney & Freestone
Uniting Parish
Sunday 22nd December 2024



*Welcome to worship on the fourth 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.*



*Come see the child born in
Bethlehem.*

Gracious God of Hope, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude, acknowledging the unexpected ways you have moved in the quiet corners and hidden spaces of this past year.

We thank you for the small signs of renewal - the tender green shoot breaking through concrete, the unexpected kindness between strangers, the moments of healing that surprised us, the resilience that emerged in difficult places. We are grateful for the ways hope has found us when we least expected it, reminding us that your creative spirit is always at work, always transforming.

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we open our hearts to the possibilities you are preparing. Teach us to look for renewal in unexpected places: in the margins, in the silence, in the overlooked moments. Grant us the wisdom to recognize your hand weaving new life into worn-out landscapes, The courage to participate in your ongoing work of restoration, and the hope to trust that your love is always making all things new.

Renew our vision, expand our understanding, and help us to be bearers of hope and healing in the year that stretches before us. Amen. Uniting News

Worship Services

Sunday 22nd December

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

Sunday 29th December

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick

Sunday 5th January 2025

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

Sunday 12th January 2025

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



Readings

Sunday 22nd December

Micah 5: 2 – 5a
Luke 1:46b – 55
Hebrews 10: 5 – 19
Luke 1: 39 – 45

Sunday 29th December

1 Samuel 2: 18 – 20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3: 12 – 17
Luke 2: 41 – 52

2025

Sunday 5th January

Jeremiah 31: 7-14
Ps 147: 12-20
Ephesians 1: 3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18



Would you like to join
of our flower
arranging team?
To contribute in this
creative part of our
worship centre.

Please contact -
Sue C on
0407 622 877
– new roster starts
2025.

Thank you to Jean and Rev May
for your reflections throughout the
year. Your perspectives on the
lectionary always provide guidance
we can take home and ponder.



Thank you

to all who have contributed
in any way towards
the life, witness and
worship in our parish
throughout 2024.

Providing hospitality,
taking part in the worship
team, assisting with any of
our ministries, bringing
people to church, working
at market days, being part
of a task team.

Countdown to Christmas

Time has flown and this is the last of the Notices for 2024. When we return it will be 2025! So, in a way, I see this meditation as heralding Christmas and leading us into thoughts about the year ahead. Maybe they really point to the very same thing! The infinite God came to, and among, us in human form to show us as much of the nature of God that we could humanly capture and understand.

So, at Christmas, we celebrate that indwelling as the tiny baby is born to Mary at Bethlehem...born to live, die a sacrificial death, and then to rise again, all for our redemption! When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her, she was filled with joy and sang, "My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."

Young as she was, she recognised that something greater than she could imagine was coming into the world. Jesus, Emmanuel, God with Us would grow and begin his earthly ministry, preaching, teaching, healing, loving and showering joy on all he met. He healed and gave hope and peace to those who listened and followed. Hope, peace, love and joy are the promise of God's Kingdom.

So, amongst the annual remembrance of Christ's birth, let us pause away from the glitter and commercialism that have almost eclipsed its reason for being, and glimpse once again that cosmic event that happened on that starry night to move from the trivial to the profound. Hold on to the fact that God is near, O so near in all our moments of sadness and joy. Leading us on, beyond the celebration of Christmas into the blank pages of the New Year. What will it bring? That has still to be revealed; but, because of Christ's coming into our world, we are so aware of the love of God that goes with us into success or failure, sickness or health, poverty or wealth, living or dying. Our future is in the hands of His amazing grace. Thanks be to God.

Shalom Jean

Southern Downs Women's Support Centre

Closed from 24th Dec.
reopens on 7th Jan 2025

For emergency assistance
call **Lifeline 13 11 14**



Christmas Worship service times

Freestone – 24th Dec – 7:00pm
Warwick – 25th Dec – 7:00am
Killarney – 25th Dec – 8:30am

Care Corner

Pray for those who have experienced

- the loss of someone loved so dearly.
- shared in the disappointment of dreams and plans and goals not being reached.
- the trauma of unexpected events and even local community disasters and for some had more than their fair share
- the injustices & tragedy of war and even on our own shores, acts of religious, racial discrimination with senseless attacks of hatred and violence.
- the tragedy of lives taken so young through youth suicide
- the deep grief of parents outliving their children through a terminal disease robbing them of life so short.
- the all-consuming feelings and outcries from the heart... that this is just not fair, it is not how life was meant to be.
- maybe, there will be someone missing around the Christmas table this year.

We ask questions we struggle to find answers to, being left with a resounding voice in our minds, why? But this is the world and reality of the first Christmas.

Moderator - Rev Bruce Moore

What's happening this week?

23rd – 29th December

Hospitality: Group – Group 4

Flowers this week: Marg Wells

Monday 23rd December

Ansie's non-contact day

10:45 am Akooramak

- Office closed 20 Dec – 7 Jan
- mainly music is in hiatus in Warwick and Killarney till 2025
- Bowls recommences 8th Jan 25
- Bible study groups in recess till 2025

December 29th -

Hospitality 5th Sunday

Watch this space in the New Year.



**Courtyard Coffee
Closed after Christmas
till Friday 10th Jan**

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