



The Uniting Church in Australia
Warwick, Killarney & Freestone
Uniting Parish
Sunday 8TH December 2024



*Welcome to worship on the second 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.*



Thank you to the Beta Home group for hosting lunch Sunday Dec 1st .
Fellowship with our church family cements our bonds of friendship and faith.

REJOICE AND HEAR

What are you hoping to hear this Christmas?

This week, take the time to stop and listen.

What sounds, noises and/or words are loud, and pervasive? What are some of the quieter sounds you hear around you, and within you? Are there new sounds that you may not have heard before?

As you listen to the Bible readings, what do you hear?

What words jump out at you? What phrases stand out?

What are your inner thoughts saying to you?

This Advent, what gives you reason to rejoice?

What makes you stop and reflect?

Maybe you: HEAR words of encouragement.

HEAR the call of birds.

HEAR God speaking to you.

HEAR the joyful sounds of Christmas.

Worship Services

Advent 2

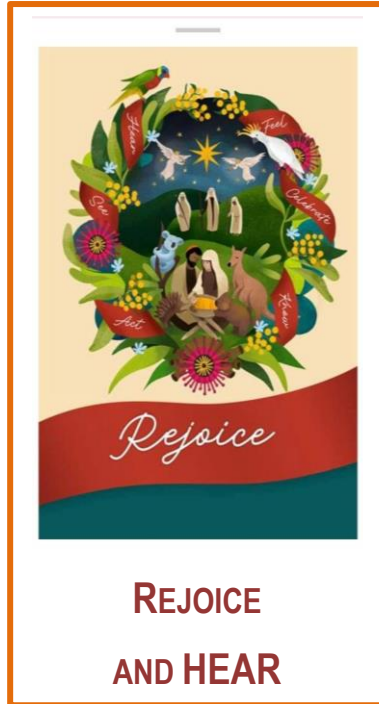
Sunday 8th December

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

Advent 3

Sunday 15th December

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



Readings

Sunday 8th December

Malachi 3:1 – 4

Luke 1: 68 -79

Phillipians1: 3 – 11

Luke 3: 1 – 6

Sunday 15th December

Zep 3 : 14-20

Isaiah 12: 3-6

Phillipians: 4: 4 – 7

Luke 3: 7 - 18

Prepare the Way!

Carols in Killarney Christmas 2024

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

When: 7pm Sunday
22nd December

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

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Twilight Pop-Up Christmas Gift Markets One Night Only December 19th, 5 – 7pm

Held in Conjunction with the 5th annual St. Mark's
Community Christmas Tree Festival.

Cnr Grafton and Albion Streets

Solve those last-minute Christmas Gift ideas,
for the hard to buy for or just in case,
with hand-made fabulous Christmas Gifts and Crafts.



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Reflections: Luke 3: 1 -6

Advent is now with us, and we put aside all the busyness of this year to prepare our hearts and minds and lives to receive Jesus. We can get carried away with gift buying, special cooking and holiday preparations, when we really need to stop. We should be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit who will guide us to celebrate the greatest Gift of all, Emmanuel, God with us. Luke tells us of John the Baptizer, whose voice calls out from the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight..."



When Jesus was born, the world was filled with struggle and oppression, and hope was in very short supply. This can stand alongside our struggles and fears. Into this world, God's message rings out, "Prepare the way of the Lord..."

In the face of increasing homelessness, domestic violence and crime, what does it mean for us to hope for God to be born amongst us now? Can we be as bold as John, and all the Prophets, and can we flock towards the Good News of God's gift? In all the things that we regard as important in the Advent Season, our most important calling is to be people who offer hope, and healing and overflowing love, as God's abundant love flows into us.

What a mighty God we serve! Rev May.

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 – 24th Dec – 7:00pm
Warwick – 25th Dec – 7:00am
Killarney – 25th Dec – 8:30am
Killarney and Warwick – 29th Dec

Care Corner

- **Rejoice and Hear.**
The theme for Advent 2 invites people to actively listen. Each congregation has members who have a hearing impairment. Let us try to speak clearly, to make sure the sound and microphones are adjusted properly.
- If you have a hearing problem, sit where the speakers enable you to hear well.
- Take time to listen and share with those who are crying and hurting because of the challenges life has put before them.
- Give thanks for the sound of laughter and joy as we hear children looking forward to Christmas.
- Consider the Advent wreath- A circle of God's endless love, and loving, which can flow into us, and through us, so that we become that *hope, faith, peace, joy* and *light* to him, and to others.
- May we prepare the way, so we greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with us through the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

What's happening this week?

9th – 15th December

Hospitality: Group – Group 2

Flowers this week: Daphne Porter and May Morris

Monday 9th December

Ansie's non-contact day

10:45 am Akooramak

Wednesday 11th December

9:30 am Killarney mainly music
Final for 2024

- 18th – craft in Killarney.

Friday 13th December

9:30 – 11:30 am - Courtyard Coffee

- Office closed 20 Dec – 7 Jan
- Warwick mainly music recommencing 30th Jan 2025.
- Bowls in recess till 8th Jan 2025
- Bible study groups in recess till 2025

Flowers next week: Alison Baistow

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