



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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**



Welcome to worship and our first Church Notice sheet with our Church events noted for you and also available on our [website](#)  
Please join us for morning tea and a chat after Worship.



AS WE STEP INTO A NEW YEAR, I GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE LIFE, FAITH, AND SERVICE OF THE UNITING CHURCH. MAY 2025 BE A YEAR OF RENEWED HOPE, UNITY, AND LOVE AS WE WALK TOGETHER AS CHRIST'S PEOPLE, SHARING HIS LIGHT IN A WORLD YEARNING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE.

LET US PRAY:

GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD,  
WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BLESSINGS OF THE YEAR PAST AND PLACE BEFORE YOU THE HOPES AND CHALLENGES OF THE YEAR TO COME.  
STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH TO BE A BEACON OF COMPASSION, RECONCILIATION, AND TRUTH. WE PRAY FOR YOUR HEALING HAND UPON OUR BROKEN WORLD—BRING PEACE WHERE THERE IS CONFLICT, PROVISION WHERE THERE IS NEED, AND HOPE WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR.  
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

MAY THE YEAR AHEAD BE FILLED WITH GOD'S ABUNDANT GRACE FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES. BLESSINGS TO ALL IN 2025!



*threads of love*  
WEAVING CHRIST'S LOVE BEYOND  
CLUBS & BOUNDARIES

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REV CHARISSA SULI  
President Uniting Church in Australia

## Worship Services

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

- 8:30am Killarney Uniting Church combined service
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2:00pm Freestone H.C.

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

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

## Readings:

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

*Baptism of Jesus*

Isaiah 43:1-7

Ps 29

Acts 8:14-17

Lk 3:15-17, 21-22

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

*Epiphany 2*

Isaiah 62:1-5

Ps 36:5-10

1 Cor 12:1-11

Jn 2:1-11

## *Birthday Greetings for January*

Cheryl Ackland, Merle Baguley, Tom Bryant,  
Thomas Christensen, Ann-Maree Clarke,  
Diane Coy, Alwyn Cutmore, Noela Dillon,  
Ivan Hancock, Leslie Harrower, Ellen Kelso,  
Phillip Knight, Mark Mauch, John Morris,  
Marli Read, Marion Reid, Bruce Shelley,  
Carolyn Vardy.



*Thank you from  
the Liebenberg Family.*

Please accept my thanks for your generosity and thoughtfulness during 2024. Your acts of kindness and support and the unconditional trust you have shown, have given me the strength to continue through some of the trying times we have experienced this year.

Both Willie and I feel truly blessed to belong to this community. The many good wishes and gifts over Christmas time filled our hearts with the hope, peace, love and joy as part of the church family.

Blessings from Ansie and Wille



## Centre Drop-in Hours

Tuesday AND Thursday

10:00am - 2:00pm

37 Guy Street, Warwick

## **Reflection...Luke 3:15-17, 21-22...Jesus and Us in 2025**

John is standing on the banks of the Jordan, preaching repentance. He is telling people that their sins could be forgiven and he's calling them to be baptised, to turn from sin to avoid God's punishment, and to experience his mercy and his approval. John is speaking urgently for he is preparing the people for the coming Messiah, the one who would baptise, not with water, but with the Holy Spirit and the fire of Pentecost to give the power we all need to do God's will.

Enter Jesus! The first declaration of his ministry begins in that river through baptism, through the gift of the Spirit, and through the affirmation of God. As Jesus prays, the Holy Spirit descends on him like a dove and he hears a voice from heaven calling him, 'My son, my beloved.' Through the intimacy of prayer, Jesus knows himself as precious in God's eyes, affirmed in the direction he is taking and empowered to move forward into his assigned role. Clearly, Jesus is the one to whom John points and for whom we all truly hunger.

What about us in 2025? In many unexpected ways and in many unexpected places, God affirms and empowers us to continue Christ's work. Through the power of prayer, the filling of the spirit, the knowledge of God's encompassing love, and the support of God's people, we **can** achieve miracles. We **can** climb over the highest obstacles and tackle the hardest tasks. God's empowering, affirming love will move us beyond ourselves towards those who need God's accepting love ...in whatever ways we may feel challenged to do so...and wherever we might find ourselves.

That's the important message for us all as we move into a new year of discipleship; to be open to shoulder whatever tasks may lie ahead for us to tackle. Be brave! Shalom, Jean

### **CARE CORNER**

Through the Pastoral Care Task Team, we would like to be able to share the joys and concerns of our Parish. Sometimes we have blessings to give thanks and at other times there is comfort in the knowledge that others are praying for us or with us. It is good to be able to pray for someone by name, but we appreciate confidentiality is also important.

Please contact Dianne Cahill, Alison Payne, Carolyn Vardy or Angela Lester at any time to share prayer requests.

- Please pray for Rev May and John continuing health recovery.
- Pray for the Akooramak services recommencing on Monday.
- Thank you for the prayers for David and Dianne Cahill.
- Give thanks for the safe arrival at journey's end for travellers.

## Gracious God of Possibility

As this new year unfolds before us,  
We open our hands and hearts to your promise.  
Like travellers setting out on an unknown journey,  
We step forward with hope and anticipation,  
Trusting that you walk beside us.  
Renew our spirits with curiosity,  
Kindle our courage for unexpected paths,  
Awaken in us a sense of wonder  
At the adventures you might be preparing.  
Where we have grown cautious,  
Breathe fresh imagination.  
Where we have settled,  
Call us to new horizons.  
Guide us not by seeing the entire path,  
But by trusting in your loving direction,  
One step, one moment at a time.  
Fill us with hope, surround us with grace,  
Lead us into the beautiful unknown. **Amen.**

**THIS WEEK:**  
**12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> January**

*Hospitality: Group 2*  
*Flowers: May Morris and*  
*Daphne Porter*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

10:45am Akooramak Service

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

1:00pm Wesley Bowls

4:00pm Family Drug Support

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

9:30am Coffee in the  
Courtyard

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

*Hospitality: Group 3*  
*Flowers: Sue Campbell*

## DATE CLAIMER

Warwick Killarney Freestone Uniting Church  
Parish Annual General Meeting  
2.00pm February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Williams Hall, Warwick.



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