

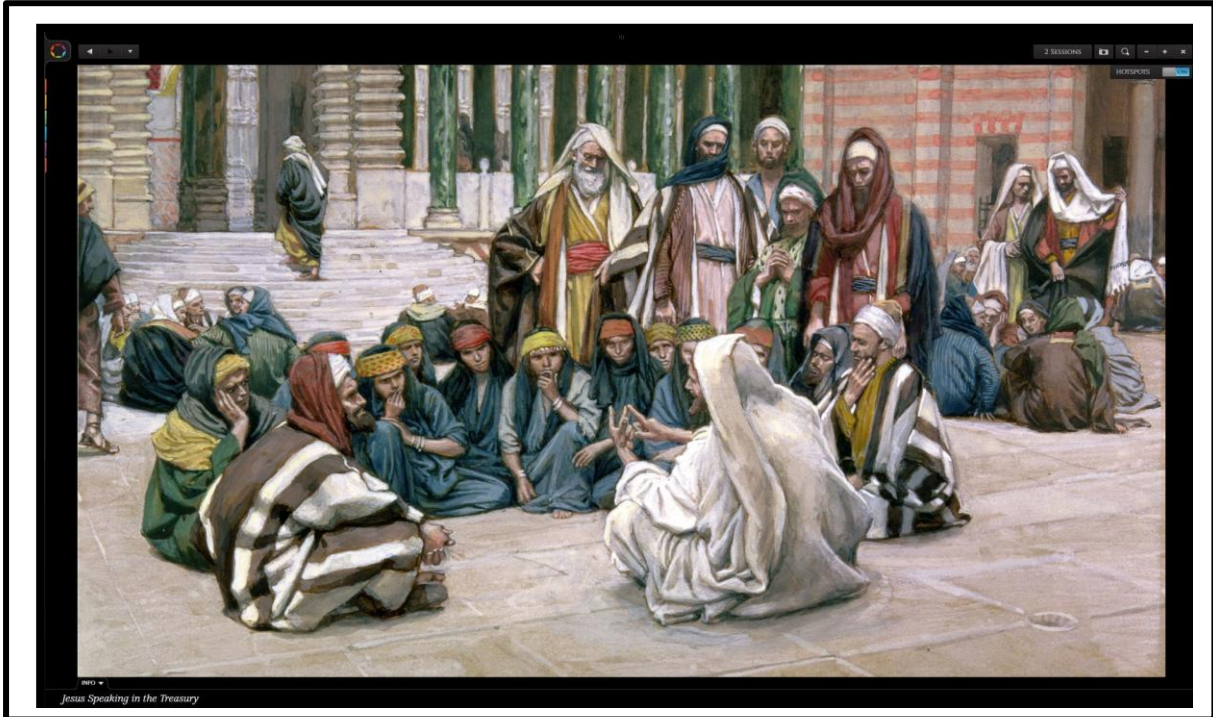


The Uniting Church in Australia  
Warwick, Killarney & Freestone  
Uniting Parish

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025



*Welcome to worship on the Australia Day.  
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.*



### Prayer for Australia

O God, powerful and gentle, you love this southern land and all its people, old and new. As the Cross shines in our heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation.

As the waves encircle our shores so may your mercy enfold us all.

O God, the wonders of our vast and rugged land reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new. May your blessings flow upon us as a stream in the desert,

and may your spirit prompt us to use your gifts for the good of all.

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength.

May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm.

May God who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN National Council of Churches in Australia

## Worship Services

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

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



## Readings

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5,6, 8-10

Psalm 19

I Corinthians 12: 12 – 31a

Luke 4: 14 – 21

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10

Psalm 71: 1 – 6

1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13

Luke 4: 21 - 30



Can you help provide back-to-school equipment for the children of women who present to WILLOW TREE 37?

Drop-off times – Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 2pm

*Thank you!*

## March Market Day

8<sup>th</sup> March 9 - 12

Plants, Books, Trash & Treasure+ home baked, sweets, sausage sizzle, courtyard coffee, entertainment, ARK.

Now's the time to go through all your cupboards to cull unused items, books and equipment.



## MARKET DAY PLANNING

Meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.

11.30am Williams Hall.

All welcome.

Contact Scott Young with ideas for entertainment or stalls.

## **Reflection on Two Sermons...Nehemiah 8 and Luke 4**

Our Old Testament reading describes a very special day in the life of the people of Israel. The exile in Babylon is over and the people have returned once more to their promised land. They are poor, demoralised and frightened. They have returned to face a totally ruined and destroyed city...broken walls, homes and lives! Sounds just like what is happening right now in Gaza as the people return to face their chaos and devastation!

In broken Israel, Nehemiah is sent to help the people rebuild their land. Ezra, a priest and Scribe, becomes their religious leader, destined to help the people rediscover the worship of the one true God. On this day, everyone is gathered into the square and the Torah is read. The Word of God which had been lost, is revealed once more from the words of Moses and the crowd quietens. After Ezra reads for 6 hours, there bursts forth the sound of unrestrained weeping as the people realize how they have strayed from their God and now desperately desire to reconnect.

God speaks through the Scriptures and lives are changed, transformed and renewed.

Years on, in the Synagogue in Nazareth, people have gathered to listen to Jesus read and preach, curious to know what he might say. He takes the scroll and reads from the prophet Isaiah foretelling the role and actions of the Messiah. Then he says, *Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing*, a sermon publicly announcing that he was the promised Messiah... that there is hope for the hopeless.

Two sermons, one very long and one short...both revealing the amazing power of the Word of God. What does this mean to us as we come each Sunday to hear the challenge and the hope of God's Word to us? Repentance? new life? new revelations? new ways to be the Body of Christ? Let us listen carefully for his message to us! Shalom, Jean



Look at these new additions to our facilities. Thank you to Ray (again), Cahills, Peter, David and Scott.

## Care Corner

- Give thanks for our land Australia for this earth that feeds us; the shores that bind us; the skies that envelop us in freedom.
- May we stand together, united as one people proud of our ability to work together; nourished by our diversity and in harmony.
- Pray for the safe return to school of the Scots-PGC boarders. For tolerance through the uncertainty of those leaving home for the first time and expectation of the returning students as they renew friendships.
- Pray for all teachers and classroom staff as the new school year begins. May there be respect, patience, understanding, and kindness as students and teachers transition from summer to school.

## What's happening this week?

**27<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February**

*Hospitality: Group – Group 4*

*Flowers this week: Alison Baistow*

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

**Ansie's non-contact day**

10:45 am Akooramak

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

1pm Wesley Bowls

3pm Selah Bible study

Unit 5 Oak Tree, O'Leary Street

7pm Beta study group

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

9.30 am mainly music in Warwick

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Courtyard Coffee

9:30 – 11:30 am - Courtyard Coffee

- Mainly music in Killarney – 5 Feb

*Flowers next week: Marg Wells*

### Parish Annual General Meeting

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Williams Hall Warwick

Come hear how RHL will manage the accommodation of the new units.

Booklets available in the porch and online.

### Killarney Adult Fellowship

**Annual General Meeting**

**Killarney Uniting Church Hall**

**1:30pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

**Afternoon tea to follow**

**All Welcome**

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