



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Pentecost 9**  
**07 August 2022**

**This Sunday: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Christ Church**  
**11.00am - Areegra**  
**6.00pm - SHINE Youth Group**



## **Hello Everyone!**

I hope that I find you well and in good spirits.

Thank you to everyone for a gentle meeting last week. It was wonderful to sit down to lunch together and share in fellowship and good stewardship of all the blessings God has bestowed on us in our parish life together. It cannot be overstated - that it takes many hands and hearts to make a contribution to our faith community. This is NOT a 'one size fits all church' - which I am most grateful for. And while there may be different approaches and needs and ways to exercise our personal faith in the public arena of our local community - I sensed a deep gratitude for 'who we are' at last week's meeting. THANK YOU!

Special mentions go to our faithful Wardens: our Catering Team: and, our Parish Secretary for preparing the AGM Reports etc - and keeping us compliant with the Parochial Government Act 3500BCE - actually 1991 Ballarat Diocese.

A heart felt thanks also goes to the eleven people who nominated to serve on our Parish Council for the following year. What wonderful encouragement for the life and initiatives and mission of our church in the parish, and I wish us all an honest and energizing ministry together over the next 12 months. Our first Parish Council will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. I would encourage anyone who would like to join us for refreshments in the Rectory at 7.00pm to 'meet and greet' our elected PC members - before the meeting at 7.30pm.

August is here! Spring has sprung? (almost) Time is flying! I hope that you haven't been 'Hunted' this week by anything malicious, and that all your endeavours are fruitful and fulfilling.

"Take courage. Do not be afraid!"

Every blessing, Rev James

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*Project REGENERATE. 140 years in 2026.*

## *A Message from Benjamin Holland - currently at Alpine School*

*"The Mission of The School for Student Leadership is to provide an immersive State-wide residential program for Year 9 Government school students which enables them to grow into better citizens and leaders through increased self-awareness, social engagement, community connection and environmental stewardship."*

Benjamin has now spent 3 weeks in the snow at Alpine School, located on Dinner Plain, near Mt Hotham. His family are going to visit him on August 20 and 21 for visitors weekend, then we will pick him up on September 17.



*'Spirit Space'*

Each day he has to complete a daily reflection on the day's activities and learnings. While some are deeply reflective, others recount the activities from the day. The following is an excerpt from his reflection that he has given permission to print for you to read.

*Benjamin writes:*

*Sunday, 31st July*

*Today was our second cross country ski lesson. I'm pants at it, honestly. But I'm going to keep trying. It's slowly improving, which is still improvement, but. Yeah. I'm still having issues with stopping, since unlike downhill skis, the cross country skis are much more difficult to plough with. The fish scale pattern causes a lot of trouble. Tomorrow we have our third lesson, so hopefully we will be well prepared by Expo 1.*

*We also had an interesting morning class, Collaboration 2. We first discussed how to work together as a team and resolve conflicts, then set up some tents. We apparently worked very well together. After that, tough, was the real test. We got to have morning tea early, and there wasn't enough of everything to go around. 10 of us, 4 muffins, 4 sultana pastries, and a handful of saladas. We ended up cutting most of it in half to share, since some people didn't want the sultana things or muffins. Worked surprisingly well, honestly. Apparently sometimes that class has had people steal the entire plate for themselves and start eating. I'm glad we didn't do that!*



## Prayer in the Parish

### In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For all currently coping with COVID circumstances; for those not well;
- For all facing the consequences of natural disaster and climate change;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of Sri Lanka;
- For the people of Taiwan;
- For our politicians and all who keep them honest; for good governance and decisions for the common good;
- For our local constabulary;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all those in hospital; for all facing surgery and recovery;
- For our Anglican Catering Team;
- For our Parish Council;
- For our friends, families, and our neighbours; for those who make our lives uncomfortable and difficult;
- For SHINE Youth Group;
- For Benjamin Holland – who is at Alpine School for whole of Term 3 (see update in this week's pew sheet);

**Years Mind:** Valerie McFarline, Dot Powell, Valerie Hewitt, Stanley Peters, Ellen Saunders, Jean Hobson

*“Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.”*

## Services – August

### Pentecost 9 – 07 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
11.00am St Mark's Areegra  
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

### Pentecost 10 – 14 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
8.30-12.30pm – Coffee Van

### Pentecost 11 – 21 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

### Pentecost 12 – 28 August

9.30am Warracknabeal  
5.00pm – Café Church  
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

### Anglican Treasures Auction

*21<sup>st</sup> October 2022*

### Joke of the Day

Father James answers the phone.  
“Hello, is this Father James?” asks the caller. “It is,” he replies.  
“This is the Australian Taxation Office. Can you help us?” the caller says. “I can,” Father James obliges.  
“Do you know a Ted Smith?” asks the caller. “I do. He is a member of my congregation.”  
“Did he donate \$10,000 to your church?” the caller asks.  
“He WILL!” replies Father James.  
*[Stuart of Airport West]*

# TODAY'S READINGS

## PENTECOST 9

**First Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

### ***A reading from the prophet Isaiah***

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 'The multitude of your sacrifices – what are they to me?' says the Lord. 'I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations – I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.' 'Come now, let us settle the matter,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land;

but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.' For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 50:1, 8, 12-13, 14-15**

**Response: The Lord our God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

1. The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting: "I do not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are continually before me." (R)
2. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world and all that is in it is mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?" (R)
3. "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High; and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." (R)

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

### ***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews***

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

**Luke 12:32-40**

***A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Luke***

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor.

Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.’

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**The Propers**

**Sentence:** Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

**Collect:** Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please find below the Minutes of last week's AGM Meeting. They will be endorsed by our Parish Council when we meet on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and tabled at 2023 AGM.

**Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal.**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 31ST**  
**JULY 2022**

1. Present: Rev. J. Wood, chair; S. Holland, E. Moloney, G. Steinmeyer, S. Peters, Gwen Holland, A. Golder, J. Martin, Fr. M. Boyle, R. & A. Dart, V. Taylor, S. Taylor, D. Holland, A. Holland, B. Clarke, T. French, C. Helms, K. Armstrong, M. Dart, H. Widjaja

2. Apologies: P. McCredden, Graeme Holland, P. Hewitt, F. Holland, K. & J. Taylor, R. & L. Witney

Moved: B. Clarke Seconded: J. Martin **Carried**

3. Minutes of the 2021 Meeting: Confirmed to be true and correct (Sunday 1st August 2021)

Moved: J. Bibby Seconded: M. Dart **Carried**

4. Electoral Roll: Reception of the Parish Roll

5. Ministry Report: As Tabled.

Moved: J. Martin Seconded: S. Taylor **Carried**

6. Rector's Warden Report: As Tabled.

Moved: J. Martin Seconded: M. Dart Received with acclamation

7. Church Warden's Report: As Tabled

Moved: B. Clarke Seconded: R. Dart **Carried**

8. Treasurer's Report: The balance on 30.06.2022 was \$ 50,307.87 with total receipts for the period

01.07.2021 – 30.06.2022 \$121,586.06 and expenditure \$120,140.78 (See the Treasurer's notes on current income vs. expenditure and subsidy of approx. \$8,000pa from Diocese)

Moved: A. Golder Seconded: J. Bibby **Carried**

9. 2022/2023 Budget: Estimated expenditure for the current financial year is \$85,000. The Budget is approved and accepted.

Moved: C. Helms Seconded: B. Clarke **Carried**

10. Other Reports:

a) Coffee Van: Another great 12 months with the Van. We said farewell to Helen as she stepped away from the project and we will thank her and make a presentation when she returns from a well-earned holiday. Thank you to Prue for all her hard work and continuing to support the project and allow us to use 'The Red Caboose'. Our team has grown with a number of new young people waiting to complete their Barista Training, but still offering their time in front of house. Thank you to the support of the community and the parishioners who visit every time we trade. Coffee Van has made an approximate profit \$1,870.40 for the financial year.

b) ZMorph: As Tabled

c) Catering: As Tabled

Moved: M. Dart Seconded: A. Dart

**Carried**

## 11. Elections 2022/2023

a) Guardians: Rev. James announced the appointment of Bill Powell, Areegra. Received with acclamation

b) Church Warden: Rev. James appointed Ken Taylor as rector's warden.

c) Parish Councillors: The following 10 people were nominated:

Andrew Golder Nominated by S. Holland Seconded: S. Taylor

Jill Martin Nominated by S. Taylor Seconded: S. Holland

Sandra Taylor Nominated by J. Bibby Seconded: G. Golder

Jill Bibby Nominated by S. Taylor Seconded: B. Clarke

Sarah-Jayne Holland Nominated by J. Martin Seconded: C. Helms

Fiona Holland Nominated by J. Bibby Seconded: A. Kreegher

Adrienne Kreegher Nominated by F. Holland Seconded: J. Martin

Brian Clarke Nominated by S. Taylor Seconded: R. Dart

Suzanne Peters Nominated by B. Clarke Seconded: R. Dart

Rev James' appointed Brian Clarke and Suzanne Peters to Parish Council.

Remaining nominations duly elected and 1 position remains vacant.

Rev James rescinds the right to appoint a third of the parish council and allow the people to vote for all parish council nominations.

Moved: J. Bibby Seconded by: M. Dart

The Motion was not put.

d) Parochial Nominators: The following 2 people were elected

1. Fiona Holland Nominated by M. Dart Seconded: S. Taylor

2. Sarah-Jayne Holland Nominated by J. Martin Seconded: C. Helms

No nominations were received for supplementaries

e) Auditor: Mr. Robin Hewitt Nominated by A. Golder Seconded: J. Martin

f) Safe Church Officer: Sarah-Jayne Holland was nominated and elected by acclamation.

12. Meeting Closed: 12.26pm with a resounding voice of thanks and gratitude from all in attendance for the care given and work completed over the past 12 months.

# Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
 Luke 12:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV).



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 E K E P H A R K Z B E Q V G I  
 S C L D O L I T T L E A G F V  
 R O L P W O W J T U B C R T E  
 P G K L F L R I Z H W X H T M  
 H O E E G K F A T H E R S O M  
 T E S A O X C A H S A L D B U  
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 E A T D W S R U E I Y A O J E  
 F U M I V T S V K D K F A T H  
 O S P A S A A I P C Y R O Y H  
 Q T P E E E R Z O R E A Y C R  
 K E D R H T I L I N V I W J H  
 X D T X M S F V Y K S D A U L

PURSES	DESTROYS	FATHER	POSSESSIONS	HEAVEN
PLEASED	WEAR	KINGDOM	LUKE	FLOCK
EXHAUSTED	MOTH	HEART	AFRAID	SELL
POOR	TREASURE	THIEF	LITTLE	GIVE