



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 12

11 August 2024

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal



"God has perfect timing; never early, never late. It takes a little patience and a whole lot of faith ... but it's worth the wait." [Anon]

I'm not entirely sure about this quote if I'm honest, but I think there are some scriptural verses which would back it up! I am learning that deep below my calm exterior (ha ha) I am rather impatient and impetuous by nature. I'm still working on it I guess.

We have a Building Surveyor!

This is wonderful news, and please pray for us as we wade through the paper work needed to get people back on site. I have said publicly, that maybe God's timing is in this time of waiting - and I pray that this is so on many levels.

The buds are starting to appear on various plants in my garden - and hopefully yours too. How does it happen? It constantly amazes me! I think as a people of faith - we would benefit from a more conscious hibernation from time to time: to slow down, to reassess our goals, to 'sharpen the saw', reach out to God for genuine rest. God's timing ... embrace it!

Every blessing, Rev James.

Laziness kills ambition;

Anger kills wisdom;

Fear kills dreams;

Ego kills growth;

Jealousy kills peace;

Doubt kills confidence.

Now read that right to left.

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Not to Be Missed: Join Us for Pain Revolution's Events in Mount Gambier and Horsham!

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry, and rehab routine and recovery;
- For the parish of Horsham and all who sail in her;
- For seasonal weather & grateful farmers;
- For all are in a 'state' of transition – mind, place, work or other interest;
- For our AGM meeting last Sunday – for all who volunteer in our parish and make a contribution to helping make our community a stronger place;
- For our Parish Counsellors;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For the Appointment of Vic Central Building Surveying – to complete the Boys' Shed; for Jeff Armstrong's tireless work and persistence in making this happen; for our BS participants;
- For the people of Ukraine and Palestine;
- For those who hunger for food; For those who thirst for water; For those seeking shelter from violence, exploitation, and injustice of any kind;
- For our neighbour/s;
- For all experiencing loneliness, alienation, depression or other ailments;
- For Peace in our hearts and homes;
- For our small acts of kindness and Christian witness in word and deed;
- For all in our Aged Care Facilities; all known to us in hospital; for those known to us who are unwell;
- For all travellers;

Years Mind: Brenda Cousins, Christina Sands, Winifred Shalders

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

Service Times August & Sept

Pentecost 12 – 11 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 13 – 18 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 14 – 25 August

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church – Parish Centre

Pentecost 15 – 01 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Pentecost 16 – 08 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 17 – 15 September

9.30am Warracknabeal

Pentecost 18 – 22 September

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church

Thank you to everyone who attended our PARISH AGM last Sunday

Good food & Good Fellowship - made for Good Business.

Congratulations to our elected Parish Counsellors:

Adrienne Kreegher (Rector's Warden), Sarah-Jayne Holland, Sandra Taylor, Suzanne Peters, Jill Bibby, Fiona Holland, Jill Martin, Brian Clarke, Curl Taylor, Andrew Golder. Rev has nominated Russell Dart and maybe one to be confirmed. Parish Council office bearers will be appointed at next Parish Council - 27 August.

Serj was elected SAFE CHURCH OFFICER.

Bill Powell was elected Guardian - Areegra.

TODAY'S READINGS

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 14, 31-33

A reading from the second book of Samuel

The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, 'Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake.' And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders. David's army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. There Israel's troops were routed by David's men, and the casualties that day were great – twenty thousand men. The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword. Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in mid-air, while the mule he was riding kept on going. Joab said, 'I am not going to wait like this for you.' So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom's heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree. Then the Cushite arrived and said, 'My lord the king, hear the good news! The Lord has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of all who rose up against you.' The king asked the Cushite, 'Is the young man Absalom safe?' The Cushite replied, 'May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man.' The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: 'O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you – O Absalom, my son, my son!'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 130

Response: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times His praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; The lowly will hear me and be glad. **(R)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol His name. I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **(R)**
3. Look to Him that you may be radiant with joy and your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out the Lord heard and from all his distress He saved him. **(R)**
4. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him and delivers them. Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed the man who takes refuge in Him. **(R)**

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put

off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. 'In your anger do not sin': do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the living bread come down from heaven says the Lord, whoever eats this bread will live forever. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 6:35, 41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John

Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I came down from heaven"?' 'Stop grumbling among yourselves,' Jesus answered. 'No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: "They will all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Collect: Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**