



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 19
11th October 2020

Hello everyone!

How are you? I hope that I find you well, and in good spirits no matter what lies before you or the circumstances you may be dealing with.

I was very glad for some time away. It rained every day the first week I was away - which was brilliant because it 'forced' me to sleep and read and "catch up with my soul" (a phrase a friend of mine uses which I find helpful). I also had a complete rest from the bike riding - which also replenished a few tired muscle cells. The shock to the system came when I tried to walk up a couple of 'mountains' (hills at least) in Halls Gap during the second week. This walking business almost rendered me lame ... no joke! Going up the mountain is fantastic and of course the beauty and the majesty of those granite (I think) hills was inspiring and uplifting. But walking 'down' - woah!

It came as a huge surprise to me if I'm honest and challenged my perception of my own fitness - fit in a couple of areas maybe and in a select group of muscles, but not ALL. It made me think of the parallels with our COVID circumstances. It may have helped refine a few skills in some aspects of our lives that needed some attention, but at what cost to the rest of the so called 'muscle groups' in our lives. "If you don't use it, you lose it", as the adage goes.

Of course we're all looking forward to getting back to normal! But in reality, I am afraid to acknowledge - this is not going to look the same as we were accustomed before the COVID pandemic affected us all. That's not completely bad - for many positives can be gleaned from the last 29 weeks. However, it requires that we start to think - individually or as a faith community - about how we can adapt, seriously adapt to a new way of 'being church.' A new way of being the 'people of God' called to serve the world. A new way of 'worship' or 'mission' or 'outreach' - or maybe just getting on with our lives with a different focus or routine.

And this is where it gets tricky doesn't it. Change - as sure as taxes and death they tell me - but CHANGE we must, not just to survive but to LIVE!

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Coffee ZOOM returns!

Catch all the 'goss' and a bit more besides Tuesday at 9.30am via ZOOM. Link sent via email or ask Rev for details.

(Current Third Step restrictions means that there is limited seating at 'Peppercorn Cafe', so Rev is continuing with ZOOM until these circumstances change.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; for all who grieve loved ones - through death or tyranny of distance; Sandra and Andy Taylor; for SHINE (*next Sunday*); for a return to the Boys' Shed (*either Monday or soon!*); for those recovering from illness.

Community: Front-line health care workers; those returning to school and work; for Coffee Van Project and all who have helped to 'make it happen'; for patience.

Years Mind: George Lockwood, Josefa Koet

Pentecost 19 YouTube from Rev:

Called to the Feast

<https://youtu.be/-OtI2nfp9jI>

Bishop Garry's YouTube message:

'The Generosity of Grapes'

<https://youtu.be/MT3YMuGL1ik>



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Sunday Morning ZOOM Church - 10.30am

Thank you to Denis (and technical team) that led ZOOM Church the Outdoor Service Survey will accompany this pew sheet. Reply ASAP please - either via hard copy or follow link: <https://zfrmz.com.au/B9VsRXPIAnsrL9QXF6RK>

Link for Sunday mornings - until 20th December 2020:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85010366934?pwd=K0pYSmFyaFI5WXFPcWR3WGZHMVFGQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 1036 6934

Passcode: 304651

Final Reminder - KEYS PLEASE!

Thank you for your prompt responses to date regarding our audit for the key register! We're still a couple of keys short - so if you have keys for: the Vestry; the Parish Centre Front Entrance; the Kitchen Entrance; the Store Room - and have not contacted the two good women below, would you kindly do so at your next convenience. Your co-operation is appreciated.

If you have any of these keys, would you please ring:
Sandra Taylor 0408 991 235 or Jill Martin 0429 197 847

COFFEE VAN SUNDAY

Our Coffee Van Project is up and running this Sunday from 9.00-1.00pm outside the visitor centre in Warracknabeal.

Come and say hello!
Have a coffee! See what our latest project is up to.

A Simple Service – for Pentecost 19

Hymn: Now Thank We All (v1&2)

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
Lord, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.**

(Martin Rinkart)

Reflection:

- a) *What made you think differently about the world this week?*
- b) *What virtue or characteristic is God calling us to this week?*

Prayer of Preparation:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:

Videos: +Garry and/or Rev

Reflection:

What words or phrases give evidence to;
Loving nature of God; Tricky nature of God;
Extravagant nature of God; Creative nature
of God; Challenging nature of God?

Prayer:

Praise. Petition. Intercession. Thanksgiving.
(or follow your own discipline.)
The Lord's Prayer.
Collect for the Day.

Blessing:

“The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon
you, And give you peace;
this day and always” Amen.
[Numbers 6:24-26]

Song: Now Thank We All (v3)

**All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
who ever was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Martin Rinkart

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THE PROPERS

Sentence: If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself take up your cross and follow him

Collect: O God, whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life; transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 19

First Reading : Exodus 32:1-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered round Aaron and said, 'Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' Aaron answered them, 'Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, 'Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord .' So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterwards they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." 'I have seen these people,' the Lord said to Moses, 'and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.' But Moses sought the favour of the Lord his God. ' Lord , ' he said, 'why should your anger burn

against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: "I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance for ever.'" Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 106.1-6, 20-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever

1. Praise the Lord; O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
And his mercy endures forever. **(R)**
2. Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord: or fully voice his praise?
Blessed are those who act according to justice: who at all times do right. **(R)**
3. Remember me, O Lord, when you visit your people with your favour: and come to me also with your salvation,
That I may see the prosperity of your chosen: that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people, and exult with those who are your own. **(R)**
4. We have sinned like our ancestors: we have acted perversely and done wrong.
At Horeb they made themselves a calf: and bowed down in worship to an

image. And so they exchanged the glory of God: for the likeness of an ox that eats hay. **(R)**

5. They forgot God who was their saviour: that had done such great things in Egypt, Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham: and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea. **(R)**

6. Therefore he thought to destroy them: had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from destroying them. **(R)**

Second Reading: Philippians 4

***A reading from the letter to the
Philippians***

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me.

Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia!

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

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ‘Then he sent some more servants and said, “Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.” ‘But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned

their city. ‘Then he said to his servants, “The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.” So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, “How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?” The man was speechless. ‘Then the king told the attendants, “Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ‘For many are invited, but few are chosen.’

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Sustainable Development Goals – (for your information)

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Goal 12: Sustainable Consumption and Production

Worldwide consumption and production — a driving force of the global economy — rest on the use of the natural environment and resources in a way that continues to have destructive impacts on the planet. Economic and social progress over the last century has been accompanied by environmental degradation that is endangering the very systems on which our future development — indeed, our very survival — depends.

A few facts and figures:

1. Each year, an estimated one third of all food produced – equivalent to 1.3 billion tonnes worth around \$1 trillion – ends up rotting in the bins of consumers and retailers, or spoiling due to poor transportation and harvesting practices.
2. If people worldwide switched to energy efficient light bulbs the world would save US\$120 billion annually.
3. Should the global population reach 9.6 billion by 2050, the equivalent of almost three planets could be required to provide the natural resources needed to sustain current lifestyles.

The COVID-19 pandemic offers countries an opportunity to build recovery plans that will reverse current trends and change our consumption and production patterns towards a more sustainable future. Sustainable consumption and production is about doing more and better with less. It is also about decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation, increasing resource efficiency and promoting sustainable lifestyles. Sustainable consumption and production can also contribute substantially to poverty alleviation and the transition towards low-carbon and green economies.

ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

BEFORE COVID-19

THE WORLD CONTINUES TO USE NATURAL RESOURCES **UNSUSTAINABLY**



GLOBAL MATERIAL FOOTPRINT
73.2 BILLION METRIC TONS



GLOBAL MATERIAL FOOTPRINT
85.9 BILLION METRIC TONS



ELECTRONIC WASTE GREW BY 38%



BUT LESS THAN 20% IS RECYCLED
[2010-2019]

COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

THE PANDEMIC OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO **DEVELOP RECOVERY PLANS** THAT BUILD A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



FROM 2017 TO 2019,
79 COUNTRIES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION REPORTED AT LEAST ONE POLICY TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



RISING FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS

\$318 BILLION
[2015]

\$427 BILLION
[2018]



HARVESTING



TRANSPORT



STORAGE



PROCESSING

13.8%

OF FOOD IS LOST IN SUPPLY CHAINS (2016)

(from the front page)

There is much that is written about 'Culture Change' and what are the factors that make it successful or not - despite personality traits, structural barriers, limited resources etc. You will understand for instance - that I have encouraged considerable change since my appointment to the parish - just because of who I am and how I choose to operate various aspects of my life and my ministry among you. You would have to acknowledge that 'certain change' is actually healthy for community life and necessary as the world around us also changes and adapts to circumstances.

Highlighted by COVID - for it is not the only reason - it is my belief and conviction that we as a church community will 'have to change' if we are to provide sustainable ministry in the immediate and foreseeable future. This does not mean we negate all the traditions and 'culture' that has been created over centuries of Christian witness and service. However, it would be realistic to expect that the invitation to the Holy Spirit's prompting for change and renewal as a result of COVID is an important aspect of God's current call to our faith community of the present day. *(whether we like it or understand it or accept it - or NOT!)*

I was reminded on 17th September riding my bike trainer outside IGA - of how important it is to be seen 'on the street'! People are genuinely interested (well most anyway) - of what 'the church' is up to - and, "Oh, yeh - you're that guy! You're the minister aren't you?" Our latest outreach initiative in the Coffee Van Project beginning this Sunday outside the Visitor Centre is such an important development - it is so exciting! *(I'm running out of room, so might talk more about that next week - promise not a threat!)*

There is a survey attached to this pew sheet about some pending arrangements I would like to propose for returning to 'some form of worship / faith gathering' under current Third Step restrictions. It will hopefully give me some idea of where to direct energy and purpose, and I will appreciate your patience and understanding in working out something that will provide a transition to 'what is to come' of 2020.

Please return ASAP! I'll leave a receptacle (bucket) with a slot for responses at my back door or follow the web link. It may not satisfy your desire for 'what was' and go nowhere to fulfilling 'what will be' - but it is a STEP in the only direction we are able to take at the moment. I would appreciate your honesty.

Finally, THANK YOU TO ALL who helped tidy the front garden of Rectory last week. I often feel quite embarrassed by it ... it was a lovely gesture. I am most grateful.

With every blessing, Rev James

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