

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 23

31 October 2021

Hello Everyone! I hope that I find you well and in good spirits.

Thank you for everyone's patience and understanding as we negotiate our way through the easing of restrictions and constantly changing 'numbers game' - suffice to say that I think we are in a pretty good place to carry on as we have been doing with our two services a week and celebrations of milestones and hospitality events planned in the coming weeks.

I will be at the front door of the church personally on Sunday mornings to ensure that I have sighted everyone's Vaccination Certificate - and to save the church a \$5,000 fine I encourage all people to comply with these guidelines in place. Once sighted, I will record as such and you do not have to bring it to every service. I suggest that in current times, having a small card or access to this certificate is probably good practice - but that is up to you. If you are having difficulty getting a certificate - please follow the steps over the page.

I draw your attention to a couple of events taking place in coming weeks:

101 in 2021 - a celebration of the heritage and worship at St Mark's Areegra on **07 November at 11.00am**. BRING: Picnic lunch and refreshments, a chair and a grateful heart.

Coffee Van - **14 November**: our fantastic volunteers and team will be brewing again outside the Visitor Centre - with delicacies 'on the side.'

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon - **14th November** at Parish Centre: our Catering Team have been very patient with COVID distractions and we are very keen to continue our Catering ministry! Soup and sandwiches provided for \$10. Limited places. **Bookings are essential**. Please contact Sandra Taylor - 0408 991 235.

Meet the Archdeacon - **to be confirmed for 21st November**: Fr Michael O'Brien and Kerryyn are planning a trip to Warracknabeal to say hello and get some more intel on all that is happening in the parish. Should all go to plan ... Fr Michael will join us for 5.00pm worship; a meal on Sunday night, and a meeting with Parish Council members on Monday morning. **TO BE CONFIRMED!**

Please don't hesitate to get in touch for any matters of consequence. *Thanks Rev.*



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; the greater Wimmera Deanery!
- For the people of Sudan; Ethiopia;
- Project Regenerate – Coffee Van Team – fantastic effort and GREAT coffee!;
- For the people and heritage of St Mark's Areegra – pending celebration of 101 years old – 07 November
- Winston Wood; our families & friends;

Community:

- For seasonal weather;
- For all the unseen consequences of COVID, and further easing of restrictions;
- For all those feeling contemplative, confident, cautious & courageous;
- All facing natural disaster and disease;
- All COVID consequences;

Years Mind: Ivy MacPhail, June Hardingham, Peggy Bourke, Maurice Hall, Bruce Kennedy

Service Times November

Pentecost 23 – 31 October

10.30am & 5.00pm Christ Church

All Saints – 07 November

9.30am – Morning Prayer Christ Church

11.00am – Areegra – 101 (years old) in 2021 celebrations

6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Pentecost 25 – 14 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Christ Church

8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

Christ the King – 21 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Christ Church

Advent 1 – 28 November

9.30 & 5.00pm Christ Church

8.30am-12.30pm Coffee Van



Proof of Vaccination Status

As you know - Rev needs to see your proof of vaccination in order to attend our 9.30am Service. Non-compliance means that he will have no choice but to turn you away from the service.

To avoid this inconvenience, please follow one of two ways below:

1. Phone the AUSTRALIAN IMMUNISATION REGISTER - 1800 653 809
They will send your certificate within 10-14 days.
2. Medicare in Horsham- Will print your certificate and organize for a small laminated card for you to carry with you.

USEFUL GIFTS SHOP – Christmas Season 2021 (Tearfund Australia)

Rev James will once again be running the Useful Gifts Shop this Christmas Season.

In doing so, on behalf of the parish, we will be helping to bring hope, healing and new opportunities to people in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

Our world is facing great challenges at this time, and it is crying out for good news.

Useful Gifts bring good news. By creating new opportunities for health, education, safe water, food and stronger communities, every Useful Gift purchased helps to spread hope to a world in need.

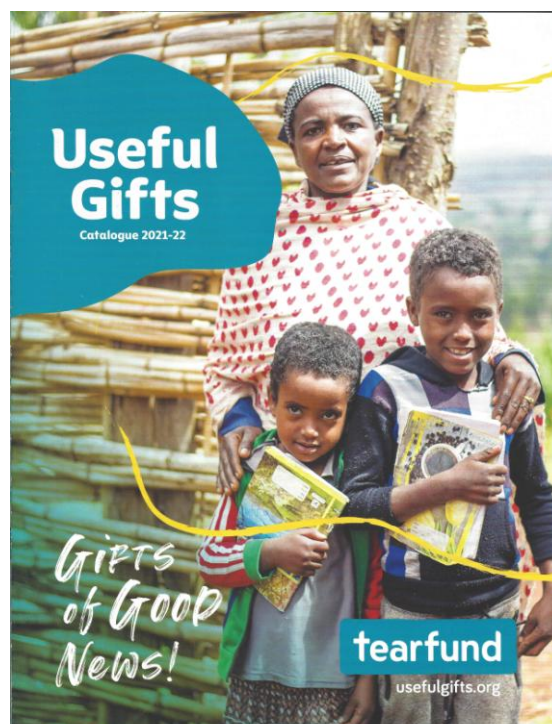
You are able to purchase your Useful Gifts:

1. Personally through Rev James at anytime during the next two months. He will accept cash, cheque or credit card payments.
2. Through the Christ Church Anglican Fundraiser page: <http://useful.gifts/4ahn2>

where you can securely purchase your gifts from the Useful Gifts menu.

In this week's pew sheet distribution, you will receive a Useful Gifts Catalogue to enable you to see what gifts are on offer, their price, and the effect they will have on the communities which will be enabled and supported through your generosity.

Please contact Rev James for more information.



The Funeral Service for

Claire Jones

will take place on

Monday 01 November

11.00am Napier Park Funerals

(420 Napier Street, Bendigo)

and then

1.00pm Inglewood Cemetery

Let's pray for Claire's family and friends as we mourn her death.

THE PROPER

Sentence: The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

Collect: O God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness: hear the cry of your people and lead us home to our true country, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 23

First Reading:

Ruth 1:1-18

A reading from the Book of Ruth

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.' Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, 'We will go back with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband.

Even if I thought there was still hope for me – even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons – would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!' At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. 'Look,' said Naomi, 'your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.' But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.' When Naomi realised that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

146:6-10

Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. The Lord keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets captives free. **(R)**
2. The Lord gives sight to the blind;
the Lord raises up those that were
bowed down. The Lord loves the just;
the Lord protects strangers. **(R)**
3. The fatherless and the widow the Lord
sustains, but the way of the wicked he
thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all
generations. Alleluia. **(R)**

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

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, so obtaining eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance – now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him..

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 12:13-17, 28-34

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

Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. They came to him and said, 'Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who

they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?' But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. 'Why are you trying to trap me?' he asked. 'Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.' They brought the coin, and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. Then Jesus said to them, 'Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.' And they were amazed at him. One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?' 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.' 'Well said, teacher,' the man replied. 'You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34



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MIND	SOUL	YOURSELF	ANSWER	QUESTIONS
NEIGHBOR	IMPORTANT	STRENGTH	TEACHER	KINGDOM
GREATEST	LOVE	LAW	SECOND	HEART