



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost Sunday

05 June 2022

This Sunday: 9.30am - Christ Church - Holy Communion
 11.00am - St Mark's Areegra - HC
 5.00pm - Parish Centre - HC
 6.00pm - SHINE Youth Group



Hello Everyone!

How is your week in paradise!

Have you ever been accused of being drunk at 9 o'clock in the morning? I have.

Living in Queanbeyan some years ago, my then step-daughters used to play soccer. There was a competition called the KANGA Cup - it was always held in the coldest week in the ACT during the mid-year school holidays. It usually meant an 8.00am start every morning for the week. Canberan's were not known for their 'passion' so early in the day, and one way to distract me from the cold was to bring a bit of the 'flavour of English football' to the pitch. I'd start with a rendition of 'Jerusalem' before moving to more parochial chants relevant to the mighty 'Monaro Panthers' and from time to time I used to bring out the 'vuvuzela' someone had lent me.

While initially a shock to 'the system', the team and accompanying parents got into the act and soon we had drums and a few of them joined me in the 'exquisite' a cappella singing. It was heard, "That man must be drunk!" It made us laugh - a lot!

It must have made the disciples laugh as well when those witnessing the birth of the church all those years ago in Jerusalem accused them of the same. The Spirit's empowerment had huge consequences. Not just in the way it changed people's lives and inspired others to proclaim the Gospel despite the reality of torture and death. It genuinely gave people hope as they waited for Jesus' return - which they believed would be imminent. We wait still.

Despite the state of the world, and maybe even our own hearts and minds, I invite us all this weekend to open them to God's Loving and Empowering Spirit once again - that we may speak a 'language' worthy of God's name. *Every blessing, Rev James*



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of Middle East;
- For the people of Somalia;
- For all refugees; for those displaced through violence, war, racism or creed;
- For the leaders of ALL Nations – that they may act for the common good;
- For all who are hungry for food, thirsty for water, seeking shelter;
- For all experiencing anxiety and depression;
- For all suffering COVID & Flu;
- For Max; Margaret Thompson;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For SHINE Youth Group;
- For those in hospital; those receiving home care and assistance;
- For all grieving loved ones;

Years Mind: Jean Potter, Valerie Hansberry, Vivien Adler, Gwenneth Jackson, Victor Menzel, Lindsay Hewitt, Laurel Schulz, Gladys Gove, Stanley Bibby

Wood Raffle

This Friday & Saturday - 3&4 June.

If you can help out - please contact Sandra Taylor immediately.

Mission!

Start small!! Start here! Start now!

Services – June

PENTECOST – 05 June

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

Trinity – 12 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 2 – 19 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Pentecost 3 – 26 June

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm – Café Church

*“ Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the
Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire... ”*
(Graham Kendrick)

Parish AGM - 31 July -11.30am

Join us for a Parish AGM & Soup and sandwich Lunch on Sunday 31st July following the 10.30am Service.

ALL Parish reports due = 26 June

AGM Reports = distributed to parish members on 10 July (I hope)

Nominations for Parish Council will be sought soon. Please think about who you would like to nominate.

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.' Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will

prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

104:24, 29-31, 34

Response: *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures **(R)**
2. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. **(R)**
3. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.

And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 14:8-17

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

Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.' Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. 'If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Propers

Sentence: God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Collect: O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: grant, we pray, that, kindled by that same Spirit which you poured forth upon your apostles, we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BIBLE Reading Challenge - 2022

This year during the month of June, the Ministry Development Committee is inviting us to explore the entire book of "*The Acts of the Apostles*".

Reliable sources tell us that this was also written by Luke (*our Gospel writer*). The book tells the story of the early church immediately after Jesus' resurrection – and how the disciples negotiated their way in the world in which they lived – in faith, hope and love - and sometimes through death.

A *PDF copy* will be sent to all on our email list, and a *hard copy* into letterboxes as I distribute the pew sheet. (*Hopefully everyone will get a chance to catch up!*)

For all those who prefer a hard copy – please let me know via email, and I'll ensure that one is delivered promptly!

"God is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'."

[Acts 17:27,28]