

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 23
13 November 2022

Hello Everyone! I hope you've had a good week!

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
8.30am-12.30pm - Coffee Van

Contemplation & Action:

As you may know, I've been on retreat this week in the Yarra Valley with my Diocesan colleagues. It wasn't really what I needed but it was a good time away and we were invited to reflect on the characters at Bethany - Martha, Mary & Lazarus - and their interactions with Jesus as they held dinner parties, 'died' as was the case with Lazarus and were brought back from the darkness of the tomb. The tomb literally for Lazarus; maybe the 'tomb' of our default ministry modes; the 'tomb' of the false self - yep we got into a bit of psychology.

Action and contemplation - is it either? Or, it is both/and?

Many faithful people before us have struggled with this balance. Is it one of your own struggles? Who is going to cook dinner - if Mary sits at the feet of Jesus ALL evening? How important is dinner really Martha - take a 'chill pill' and join in the 'good bit' of the conversation. *"Pull up a jar of expensive perfume dear - and pour it on the feet of the LIVING Lord!"*

Essentially, parish ministry - whatever that looks like - requires a constant wrestling with 'genuine action' that leads to life - founded upon our faithful & prayerful discipline = 'contemplation'. Our prayer is nurtured through our actions and our actions are responses to our prayer - *work, prayer, eat, sleep, repeat* - or whatever combination you find yourself living at the moment. Does it change depending on the day of the week? Are there specific times when you find yourself doing more of one than the other? Does it happen by chance - or do you plan a rhythm that has borne you fruit over all your years of faithfulness?

It's ALL about the fruit!

Whether we are active or meditative this week - let's 'bask in the LIGHT' of Jesus - our companion and life-giving teacher who understands us. *Blessings, Rev!*



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; the faithful people of God in our Diocese;
- For our Farmers and their families;
- For our Coffee Van and all their volunteers and mentors;
- For all the people of Iran;
- For all the people of Ukraine; for all embroiled in conflict around our globe;
- For the women & young women of Afghanistan;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those we know who are grieving;
- For those celebrating significant milestones, birthdays, anniversaries;
- For a sensible State Election campaign;
- For all those in financial stress; for those unable to 'make ends meet';
- For Coffee Van this Sunday;
- For 'Prelude' preparations;
- Thanks for our all God's blessings;

Years Mind: Jack Willsher, Hazel Werner, Hazel McDonald

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

Q: Why do scuba divers always fall backwards out of the boat?

A: Because if they fell forward, they would still be in the boat.

[J. Kruger]

Services –Nov/Dec

Pentecost 23 – 13 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 Coffee Van

Christ the King – 20 November

10.30am Warracknabeal

Followed by BBQ & Salad Lunch

Advent 1 – 27 November

9.30am Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 Coffee Van

6.00/6.30pm **Prelude to Christmas**
at Uniting Church

Advent 2 – 04 December

9.30am Warracknabeal

'Celebration of Commitment'
Special Morning Tea to follow

Advent 3 – 11 December

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 Coffee Van

Advent 4 – 18 December

9.30am Warracknabeal

Christmas Services

Lessons & Carols – Areegra

Thursday 22nd Dec – 6.00pm

Christmas Eve – 24 Dec

8.30pm Refreshments & fellowship

10.00pm – Lessons & Carols & HC

Christmas Day – 25 Dec

9.30am – Christmas Celebration & HC

Christmas 1 – 01 January 2023

10.30am – Carols & HC

Epiphany – 08 Jan 2023

9.30am – HC

Christmas Hamper Initiative

I believe that the Horsham Community Sports Centre in collaboration with the Horsham Christian Emergency Food Centre and other participating organizations such as our own Neighbourhood House here in Warracknabeal - have launched the "Reverse Advent Calendar Project" late October.

We as a community are invited to participate by collecting specific non-perishable goods towards the goal of 500 hampers that will be distributed to those in need at Christmas. I would like to invite our faith community to continue (as we have been doing) to make donations toward the Christian Emergency Food Centre for this project. Specific items are listed below. Your donations can be some, all or a selection of the items. PLEASE NO GLASS

Item Name	Weight / Size
Canned Fruit	825g
Canned Baked Beans	
Canned Spaghetti	
Packet Soup (eg Cuppa Soup)	
2 Min Noodles	
Pasta Sauce (plastic bottles)	350-500g
Pasta	500g
Sugar	1kg
SR Flour	1kg
Plain Flour	1kg
Rice	1kg
Cake Mix	Packet
Breakfast Cereal	Asstd. Sizes
Peanut Butter	Asstd. Sizes
Vegemite (tubes)	Asstd. Sizes
Tomato Sauce	Plastic bottles
Tomato Paste	Sachets
Ready to eat non-perishable meals (rice/pasta/noodles)	
Coffee (cans or sachets)	100 or 200g
Black tea (no flavoured)	Asstd. Sizes
Sweet biscuits	200-500g
Savoury biscuits	200-500g
Jelly Crystals	
Toothbrushes	
Toothpaste	

“Giving is not just about making a donation.”

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation toward the Reverse Advent Calendar Project – via Christian Emergency Food Centre - please give to Rev directly and we will ensure to pass it directly to Bev and her team.

If you are able to make a contribution to the Reverse Advent Calendar Project, please do so as soon as possible - via the laundry baskets at the Font in church. Thanks for you continued generosity to those less fortunate in our region.

TEARFUND Useful Gift Shop
Christmas Season 2022

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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.

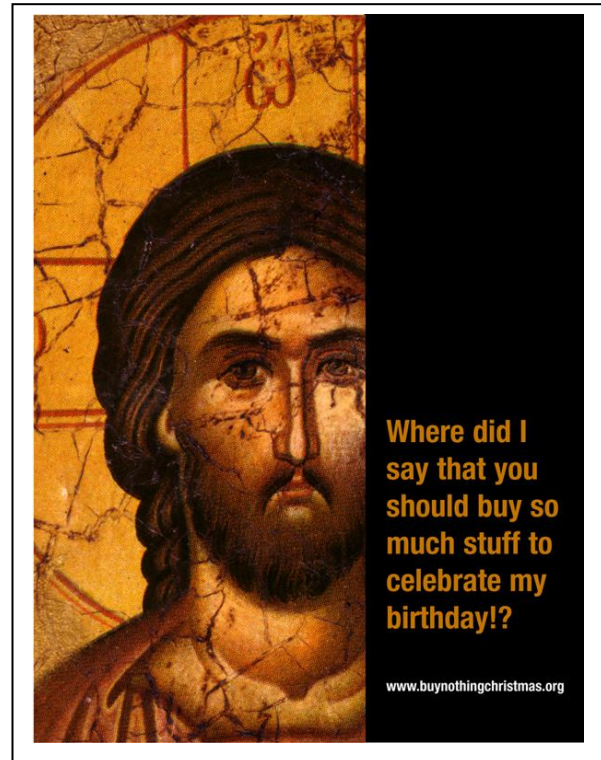
You are able to purchase your Useful Gifts:

1. Personally through Rev James at anytime during the next two months. He will accept cash, cheque or credit card payments.
2. Through TEARFUND Useful Gifts directly: 1800 244 986 or usefulgifts.org
3. Every transaction is securely processed online, and with every gift over \$2 you will receive a tax-deductable receipt.

A Useful Gifts poster is displayed in the foyer of the church. If you want more information 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 – go directly to –

usefulgifts.org

Please contact Rev James for more information, a Useful Gift Catalogue or any other query you may have.



TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 23

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

A reading from the book Isaiah

'See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. 'Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labour in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,' says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Song of Isaiah

'Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;

**'For the Lord God is my strength
and my song: and has become my
salvation.'**

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.

**On that day you will say:
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon
his name;**

'Make known his deeds among the
nations: proclaim that his name is
exalted.

**Sing God's praises, who has
triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.**

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell
in Zion: for great in your midst is the
Holy One of Israel.'

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we

were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.' We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

Stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

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

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 'As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.' 'Teacher,' they asked, 'when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?' He replied: 'Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and, "The time is near." Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be

frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.' Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers^[SEP] and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Propers

Sentence: May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

Collect: Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come: stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, keep our hearts steady in times of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of justice dawns. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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