

Annual General Meeting
Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal
23rd August 2020

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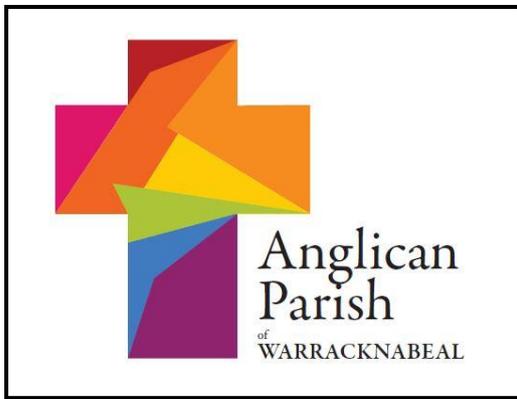
1. There is no actual or physical meeting.
Reports and documents have been distributed and a 'Return Slip' was provided at the back of Annual Reports. (*A ZOOM meeting has not been organized – as that would disadvantage many members of the parish.*)
2. You can still return your 'AGM Return Slip' to Rev by Sunday morning OR phone him – 0438 233 630 – to register your attendance over the phone by agreeing and/or asking questions associated with any of the documents.
3. Nominations are still being sought for (at least) Two Parochial Nominations.
4. To date, no other nominations for Parish Council have been received. Therefore, the names of persons published in AGM documents will stand unopposed and represent your Parish Council for 2020-2021.
However, should you feel called and prompted by God to serve the parish in this capacity – Rev will still accept nominations. Call him.

Official attendance: (*AGM Return Slip – at 20th August 2020*)

Rev James Wood, Prue McCredde, Jill Bibby, Russell Dart, Alison Dart, Jessica Decker, Margaret Dart, Fiona Holland, David Holland, Sandra Taylor, Andy Taylor, Jill Martin, Adrienne Kreegher, Evelyn Moloney, Sarah-Jayne Holland, Graeme Holland

Questions and Additions:

- a) In the Warden's Report: please add a vote of thanks for Margaret Dart's contribution to worship music on Sunday mornings. Apologies for this oversight.
- b) **Q: To the Treasurer:** It was noted that the figure for Minyip Offertory seemed low and does not represent the true amount given. (*Jessica Decker*)
A: As giving envelope numbers are not recorded to particular parish members, and with more people using 'Direct Debit' as a way of giving to the parish – not all offertory envelopes are marked to specific congregations when placed in the safe and it is unnecessary to assign congregational status from 'Direct Debit'. This would indeed distort reported and published figures.
ACTION: That the parish Treasurer cease to note offertories from particular congregations from this Annual Meeting.
- c) It was noted in gratitude that the process for the AGM seemed 'easier' this year.
- d) **Q:** Are there plans within the parish to include the older members of the congregation, such as social gatherings on a semi-regular basis? With Mother's Union no longer active, could there be a less formal gathering? (*Adrienne Kreegher*)
A: Yes! (*And please*). If someone would be willing to co-ordinate such an initiative within the parish once Stage 3 COVID restrictions are lifted, this would be a worthy ministry endeavour that would also affirm Project REGENERATE and its goals to Renew People, Revive Projects and Restore Place.
- e) Rev James moves: A 'vote of thanks' for the Parish Council of this year just passed for their diligence and courage for casting our Project REGENERATE vision for the parish; that we may ALL respond with prayer and conviction to God's calling to renewal and revival in our hearts, our homes, and our region.



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Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 12
23rd August 2020

Hello everyone!

When COVID restriction were first imposed on us in March, I remember mentioning (5th April in fact) that I had sensed a grief associated with the pandemic and its consequences - both individually and collectively as a community.

I feel 'this grief' has returned afresh to challenge us - wanting to be listened to; needing our attention like a distracted child; to provide an opportunity for us to recognize what 'we have lost' and how we can find a way to address it within our lives.

IT IS OKAY - NOT TO BE OKAY!

Of course - this grief - may manifest itself in different forms; anger, impatience, isolation - and maybe even a sense of alienation (which is quite serious actually), powerlessness, and you can add your own feeling here _____!

I reckon there are two basic cures for grief. Nature and talking with someone.

Stand out in the rain! Stop long enough to let the sun warm your face for a few minutes. Walk around the block. Listen to that bird - or that frog in the 'cathedral' (down by the creek). Steal a neighbour's flower! (No, better not ...)

Or talk. "A problem shared is a problem halved," goes the old adage ... it does work! That's the point. Do not let pride or fear or anxiety get the better of us in these strange times. Sometimes we need to take the first step and be brave enough to start the conversation in the first place ... we may realize that your friend or neighbour is feeling exactly the same way.

We are not called 'human beings' for nothing!

BE!

Be still! Be active! Be kind! Be brave! Be inspiring! Be tender! Be a listener!
Be funny! Be faithful! Be creative! Be grateful! ...

That's all for now. With every blessing, Rev James

Coffee ZOOM-In!

9.30am on Tuesday mornings – join a few people to chew the fat and solve the problems of the world. It's fun!

Ask Rev for ZOOM-in details!



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; thanks for Parish Secretary - Serj ; Fr Michael; for those experiencing pain; the people who live on small islands around the globe.

Community: Front-line health care workers; for cleaners and home health visitors; for neighbour & friends; for patience and persistence in all our endeavours under current situation.

Years Mind: Mick Moysey, Thelma Dunkley, Janice May

PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM Meeting

Tuesday 25th August at 7.30pm

Please pray for your new parish council
as we pray for you!

CONGRATS to those elected!

Pentecost 12 youTube from Rev:

'Bearing the Timber'

<https://youtu.be/ewNvr7JSFFM>

Bishop Garry's youTube message:

To the Table with Mary

<https://youtu.be/X0DrKVvLGuY>



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revsrevolution2020

DONATIONS: can be made via -
warrackanglican.org.au

Updated Parish Website is live!

In recent weeks, we've been doing some work to update our website ... check it out and if you have information or additions you'd like to make - get in touch with Rev!

warrackanglican.org.au

Sunday Morning ZOOM - 10.30am

Due to recent COVID restrictions we have begun ZOOM Church - on Sunday Mornings at 10.30am. You are welcome to attend!

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84020945540?pwd=YWFoSWYyY2ZJL0I2bXVvaUIFbXZydz09>

Meeting ID: 840 2094 5540

Passcode: 304651

If you have a device and are connected to the internet - we have trainers available to help you connect if your family are unable to assist. Get in touch.

A Simple Service – for Pentecost 12

Hymn: Your Words To Me

**Your words to me are life and health;
pour strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart
to reach its perfect goal.**

**Your words to me are light and truth;
from day to day they show
their wisdom, passing human thought,
as in their truth I grow.**

**Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace, and grace;
from them I learn your blessed will,
through them I see your face.**

**Your words to me are perfected in One;
yourself, the living Word;
within my heart your image print
in clearest lines, O Lord.**

George Currie Martin

Reflection:

- a) *What was your most enjoyable moment this week?*
- b) *What would you like to thank God for 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:

- a) What was the phrase that ‘jumped out’ at you this morning?

- b) What word or image would best describe who God is for you from the readings and your reflections?

Prayer:

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

Blessing:

The peace of the earth be with you,
The peace of the heavens too;
The peace of the rivers be with you,
The peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace – flowing in you.
God’s peace growing in you. Amen.

Song: Be Still And Know

**Be still and know that I am God;
Be still and know that I am God;
Be still and know that I am God.**

I am the Lord that healeth thee; ...

In thee O Lord, I put my trust; ...

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Sentence: Martha said, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

Collect: O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognizing in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 12

First Reading : Exodus 1:8-2:10

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. 'Look,' he said to his people, 'the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.' So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labour, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labour in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labour, the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, 'When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.' The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, 'Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?' The midwives answered Pharaoh, 'Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.' So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people:

'Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.' Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said. Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?' 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

124

Response: *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple. **(R)**

2. I will give thanks to your name,

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because of your kindness and your truth:
when I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me. **(R)**

3. The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly
he sees, and the proud he knows from
afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures
forever; forsake not the work of your
hands. **(R)**

4.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

***A reading from the letter to the
Romans***

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and
sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and
pleasing to God – this is your true and
proper worship. Do not conform to the
pattern of this world, but be transformed
by the renewing of your mind. Then you
will be able to test and approve what
God's will is – his good, pleasing and
perfect will. For by the grace given me I
say to every one of you: do not think of
yourself more highly than you ought, but
rather think of yourself with sober
judgment, in accordance with the faith
God has distributed to each of you. For
just as each of us has one body with
many members, and these members do
not all have the same function, so in
Christ we, though many, form one body,
and each member belongs to all the
others. We have different gifts,
according to the grace given to each of
us. If your gift is prophesying, then
prophesy in accordance with your
faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is
teaching, then teach; if it is to
encourage, then give encouragement; if
it is giving, then give generously; if it is to
lead, do it diligently; if it is to show
mercy, do it cheerfully.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are Peter and upon this rock I will
build my Church and the gates of the
netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, 'Who do people say the
Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some
say John the Baptist; others say
Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or
one of the prophets.' 'But what about
you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I
am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You
are the Messiah, the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Blessed are
you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was
not revealed to you by flesh and
blood, but by my Father in
heaven. And I tell you that you are
Peter, and on this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of Hades will
not overcome it. I will give you the
keys of the kingdom of heaven;
whatever you bind on earth will be
bound in heaven, and whatever you
loose on earth will be loosed in
heaven.' Then he ordered his
disciples not to tell anyone that he
was the Messiah.

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

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Anxiety:

Anxiety is more than just feeling stressed or worried. While stress and anxious feelings are a common response to a situation where we feel under pressure, they usually pass once the stressful situation has passed, or 'stressor' is removed. Everyone feels anxious from time to time. When anxious feelings don't go away, happen without any particular reason or make it hard to cope with daily life it may be the sign of an anxiety condition.

Anxiety is the most common mental health condition in Australia. On average, one in four people - one in three women and one in five men - will experience anxiety at some stage in their life. In a 12-month period, over two million Australians experience anxiety. There are many ways to help manage anxiety and the sooner people with anxiety get support, the more likely they are to recover.

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636

Lifeline: 13 11 14

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 5: Gender Equality

Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. There has been progress over the last decades: More girls are going to school, fewer girls are forced into early marriage, more women are serving in parliament and positions of leadership, and laws are being reformed to advance gender equality. Despite these gains, many challenges remain: discriminatory laws and social norms remain pervasive, women continue to be underrepresented at all levels of political leadership, and 1 in 5 women and girls between the ages of 15 and 49 report experiencing physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner within a 12-month period.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic could reverse the limited progress that has been made on gender equality and women's rights. The coronavirus outbreak exacerbates existing inequalities for women and girls across every sphere – from health and the economy, to security and social protection. Women play a disproportionate role in responding to the virus, including as frontline healthcare workers and carers at home. Women's unpaid care work has increased significantly as a result of school closures and the increased needs of older people. Women are also harder hit by the economic impacts of COVID-19, as they disproportionately work in insecure labour markets. Nearly 60 per cent of women work in the informal economy, which puts them at greater risk of falling into poverty.

The pandemic has also led to a steep increase in violence against women and girls. With lockdown measures in place, many women are trapped at home with their abusers, struggling to access services that are suffering from cuts and restrictions. Emerging data shows that, since the outbreak of the pandemic, violence against women and girls – and particularly domestic violence – has intensified.



ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

BEFORE COVID-19

DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS,
FULL GENDER EQUALITY
REMAINS UNREACHED



FEWER GIRLS ARE FORCED INTO EARLY MARRIAGE
...
MORE WOMEN ARE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES

WOMEN
MUST BE REPRESENTED FAIRLY
IN PANDEMIC-RELATED LEADERSHIP ROLES

WOMEN REPRESENT



25%
IN NATIONAL
PARLIAMENTS
(2020)

36%
IN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
(2020)

COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

LOCKDOWNS ARE INCREASING THE RISK OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
HAVE INCREASED BY 30%
IN SOME COUNTRIES

WOMEN ARE ON THE FRONT LINES
OF FIGHTING THE CORONAVIRUS



WOMEN ACCOUNT FOR 70%
OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORKERS



WOMEN BEAR ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD BURDENS
DURING THE PANDEMIC

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WOMEN ALREADY SPEND ABOUT THREE TIMES AS MANY HOURS
IN UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE WORK AS MEN



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