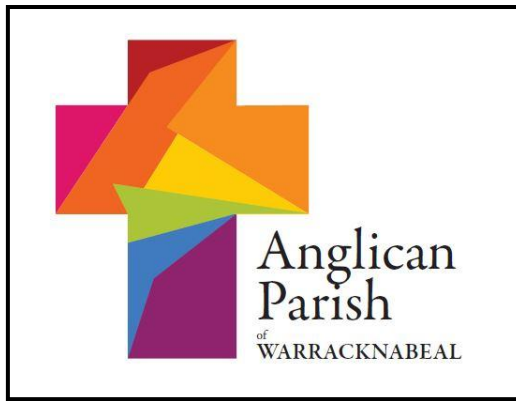




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 9

26 July 2026

Hello Everybody! I hope that you've had a good week!



How often do you ask the question:
'WHY?'

If you've spent some time around 3-4yr olds - it's THE question - to everything! At the time - it is intriguing, and then it gets annoying because there are just not enough answers to cover their endless curiosity. When do you remember forgetting to ask 'Why?' ... for reasons that will become obvious it has been on my mind recently.

Parish Council are exploring what might be the 'next phase' of our mission and outreach in the Parish - as 'Project Regenerate' may have run its natural course and has served us well. We will be exploring 'WHY?': do we do the things we do, and therefore the values that lie behind the 'why?' If we know WHY we do things - it makes us easier to then work out how we want to express why, and what is needed to achieve our goals and deeds.

It is not designed to be annoying! (haha) I am intrigued as to what will be revealed to us, and trust that Jesus would probably ask us the same.

Every blessing, Rev James

For your amusement:

"When a group of tourists visited a crocodile farm, the owner of the place launched a bold proposal, "Whoever dares to jump, swim to the shore, and survive, I'll give you \$1,000,000."

No-one dared to move. Suddenly a man jumped into the water, and desperately swam, and made it to the shore, while being chased by all the crocodiles. The owner announced, "We have a brave winner!"

After the man collected his reward, he and his wife returned to the hotel. Upon arrival, the manager told him that he had been very brave to jump. To which the man replied, "I didn't jump. Someone pushed me." His wife smiled...

Moral: Behind every successful man, there's a woman who pushes him!

Parish Lunch – Sunday 9th August

Our next Parish Lunch will be on
Sunday 09th August at 12.00pm.

Donations of Casseroles please!

Place your name on the sheets at the back of the church & Parish Centre.

Proceeds to be determined.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop;
- For our Parish Council – for faithful service and good governance;
- For our Safe Church Officer;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the people of the Middle East;
- For the people of the Pacific;
- For the Leaders of all Nations;
- For those of leadership and influence to act for the common good;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For those in our Aged Care Facilities;
- For those we know whom are unwell;
- For our farmers and their families;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Robert OULTON (2008), Stephen LEWIS (2004), Clarence EDMONDS (2008), Terence (Terry) SCHULZ (2016), Keith JOHNSON (2013), John PAYNE (1965), Jean CLARKE (2014), Peter BOYLE (2019), Joan MACK (2024), Lola HAND (2011), Kenneth SCHULZ (2019), Edward FISH (2019), Robert (Jack) LAENSCH (1989), Maxwell LANG (2013)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 9 – 26 July

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Monday 27th July – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Parish Council – 28th July

7.00pm refreshments/ 7.30pm meeting

Pentecost 10 – 02 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Home Church Areegra

Pentecost 11 – 09 August

10.30am Warracknabeal

12.00pm Parish Lunch

Pentecost 12 – 16 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 13 – 23 August

9.30am Warracknabeal / 5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 14 – 30 August

10.30am Warracknabeal

11.45am AGM with simple lunch

Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday 30th August at 11.45pm
(following the 10.30am service)
for a Soup & Sandwich Lunch.

Soup - will be provided.

Please bring sandwiches to share.

Reports to Rev by 25th July please.

***Nomination forms will be made available
early August for:***

12 Parish Council positions

3 Synod positions (plus reserve)

Safe Church Officer

***Our intention is to have reports ready
for early August.***

TODAY'S READINGS

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19

A reading from the book of Genesis

Laban said to him, 'Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder one was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, 'I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.' So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her.' So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant. When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?' Laban replied, 'It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the elder one. Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.' And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Response: *Lord, I love your commands.*

1. I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **(R)**
2. Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. **(R)**
3. For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. **(R)**
4. Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. **(R)**

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not

also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-58

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

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ‘Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the

fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ‘Have you understood all these things?’ Jesus asked. ‘Yes,’ they replied. He said to them, ‘Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.’ When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. Coming to his home town, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?’ they asked. ‘Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?’ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honour except in his own town and in his own home.’ And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERs

Sentence: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Collect: O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**