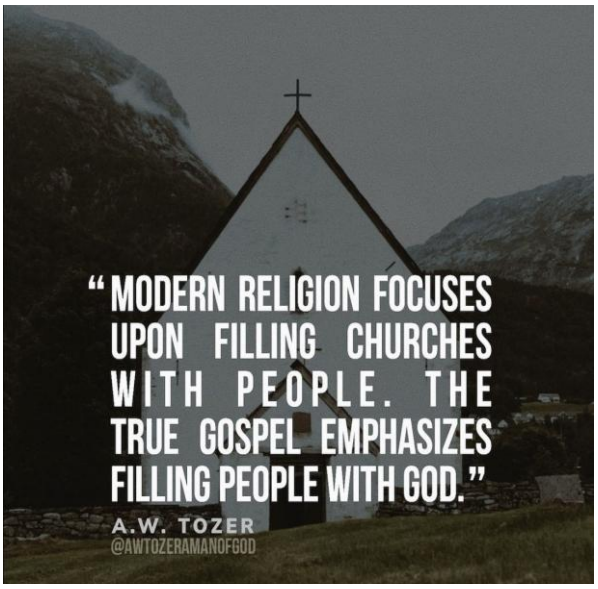
Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 25

15 November 2026

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



We are almost at the end of another church year; a new cycle of readings; new opportunities to cast a vision for our parish; new chances to 'proclaim' the GOOD NEWS to family, friend and neighbour.

I really liked what Fiona said last week about Joshua calling us to make a 'decision' and Jesus calling us to 'endurance.'

In Paul's letter to the Romans (5:3-4) he writes that: *"suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."*

Making decisions – I think I've talked about this before – is such an important task for our every day … what to do; what not to do; what is expected verses what I would like to do; what 'should' another do; what are the consequences if I choose to do what I really want to do; what are the consequences if I do nothing!

What do you and I do with what we have? Jesus has a tough message for us this week … I hope that I'll be able to do it justice – because it would be easier to talk about something else if truth be told.

You will notice in dNews that Hedley and I have been given the 'go-ahead' for our ZOOM meeting on Tuesday 24th Nov. As we discussed around the morning tea table last week – it is a little tricky, but I am hoping that whoever is willing to 'turn up' will be open to a conversation and maybe be able to present some good questions – rather than focussing on politicking and prejudices. In essence, this 'Thoughtful Tuesday' session will hopefully lead into other discussions that affect our Diocese and daily walk with God over time.

Blessings, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Scott as Administrator; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of Queensland;
- For all State politicians; for sound policy and safety for all candidates;
- For seasonable weather;
- For all who serve in our parish in a variety of ways – seen and unseen;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- 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 our farmers and their families;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Eric GOLDER (1967), Danny MILNE (1996) (enfant), Frances SHALDERS (1963), Elsie MUNDAY (1985), Leon BUTTERY (1988), Heather (Jean) SCHILLING (2009), Catherine (Cathie) HOLLAND (2012), Myrtle SOWDEN (2020), Nell ROSS (1993), Helen EDELSTEN (1992), Winston WOOD (2021), Myra MULLER (1992), John (Jack) WILLSHER (2001)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 25 – 15 November
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Monday 16th November – Rev Fiona
At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Christ the King – 22 November
10.30am and Parish Pot-luck Lunch Warracknabeal

Advent 1 – 29 November
9.30am Warracknabeal
6.30pm Prelude to Christmas at The Uniting Church, Warracknabeal

Advent 2 – 06 December
9.30am Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra Home Church
5.00pm-7.00pm Rectory Sundowner

Advent 3 – 13 December
9.30am Warracknabeal
from ~5.00pm WAG Christmas Festival

Advent 4 – 20 December
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Christmas Eve – 24 December
8.00pm Refreshments
10.00pm Celebrations and Carols

Christmas Day – 25 December
9.30am Celebration & HC

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Scott is now Administrator
(+Garry retired on 03 Oct 2026)

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese of Ballarat, a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Today's Readings
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Judges 4:1-10

A reading from the book of Judges

Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord , now that Ehud was dead. So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help. Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, 'The Lord , the God of Israel, commands you: "Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the River Kishon and give him into your hands."' Barak said to her, 'If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go.' 'Certainly I will go with you,' said Deborah. 'But because of the course you are taking, the honour will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.' So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 123

Response: ***To you, O Lord, I lift up my eyes***

1. To you I lift up my eyes: you who are enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master: or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the Lord our God: until he show us his mercy. **(R)**

2. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have had our fill of derision. Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease: and with the contempt of the proud. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia

Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more." 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more." 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" 'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. '"So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

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Sentence: God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvations through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

Collect: Ever-living God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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