

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 21
17 October 2021

Hello Everyone! I'm back!

My annual leave was a very refreshing time away. I had the good fortune to get to know Bendigo for the month - and I was able to satisfy my three goals of bike riding, book reading and tasting a few bottles of happy juice.

There is a very picturesque rail trail from Bendigo to Heathcote that meanders through a few small villages and farm land. It was an incredible life-line and connector for the region in the late 19th and early twentieth century. My return trip to Bendigo on the particular day I had chosen was only marred by the 45km head wind. Before arriving in Warracknabeal, I was a mountain biker (not a road rider) and the Bendigo Regional Park provided a wonderful return to hills - I know REAL HILLS - and I managed to get lost several times in the trail labyrinths just south of the city. I also left a little bit of blood to the 'granite gods of Harcourt' in the mountain bike park specifically designated for this pursuit. *"You can take the man off the mountain bike, but you cannot take the mountain bike out of the man."*

I read a fascinating and engaging book about Matthew Flinders by Rob Mundle - what an incredible man and story. As Napoleon Bonaparte was fighting the English in the channel, he was trying to stay afloat as he circumnavigated Australia - the first man and his crew to do so ... I was deeply moved by the pursuit and endeavour of these brave (and maybe crazy) souls who genuinely took nothing for granted and I cannot imagine how they did it if I'm honest. It reinforced my own preference that *"the more firma, the less terra."* (Originally by George S. Kaufman: *"I like terra firma: the more firma, the less terra."*)

We face some serious matters across our globe:

Abuses of power and privilege

Malnutrition on a devastating scale

Climate change consequences and our role in it ... more of these anon.

I hope that I find you well.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch. See you soon! Rev



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Property & Finance Comm;
- For the people of Yemen, Tigray & Ethiopia, Afghanistan, La Palma;
- Project Regenerate – Boys' Shed & Zmorph Projects resuming; preparations for Coffee Van birthday;
- For the people and heritage of St Mark's Areegra – pending celebration of 101 years old – 07 November
- Daily outreach to friend, family and neighbour;

Community:

- For seasonal weather;
- For all returning to school;
- For all those feeling anxious, depressed, exhilarated, energised;
- All facing natural disaster and disease;
- All COVID consequences;

Years Mind: Donald Johnson

Service Times October

Pentecost 21 – 17 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Christ Church

6.00pm SHINE

Pentecost 22 – 24 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Christ Church

8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van Birthday

Pentecost 23 – 31 October

10.30am Christ Church

One Service Only

All Saints – 07 November

9.30am – Morning Prayer Christ Church

11.00am – Areegra – 101 (years old) in 2021 celebrations

Rev's YouTube Messages

I hope that over the last year or so you have found these helpful. I will be trying to resume these in the next few weeks - but need a few moments to gather my thoughts and discern a few focus points.

Service Times etc

Thank you to everyone for your understanding during the last month and for all who made a contribution to ensuring services, pew sheets and other matters were dealt with while I was away. I appreciate everyone's willingness (as I haven't heard of any complaints yet) to adapt to these unprecedented times.

We will resume our 9.30am & 5.00pm Holy Communion Services rhythm – not just because of COVID restrictions, but because I feel it is important for people to have diversity and choice regarding their expression and exploration of God and developing faith. Please don't waste an opportunity to meet with others, to share God's Word and remember all the simple and more complicated blessings that God has granted us – for we are some of the luckiest people on the planet!

If you have COVID concerns or would like a "pastoral visit" – let Rev know and we'll make appropriate arrangements for meeting up and dealing with these circumstances. *Rev*

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 21

First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

A reading from the Prophet Job

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: 'Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. 'Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone – while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Response: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

1. Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. **(R)**
2. See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. **(R)**
3. Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you. **(R)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from a letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honour on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' And he says in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.' During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

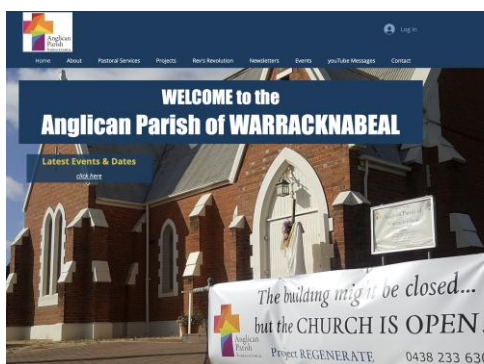
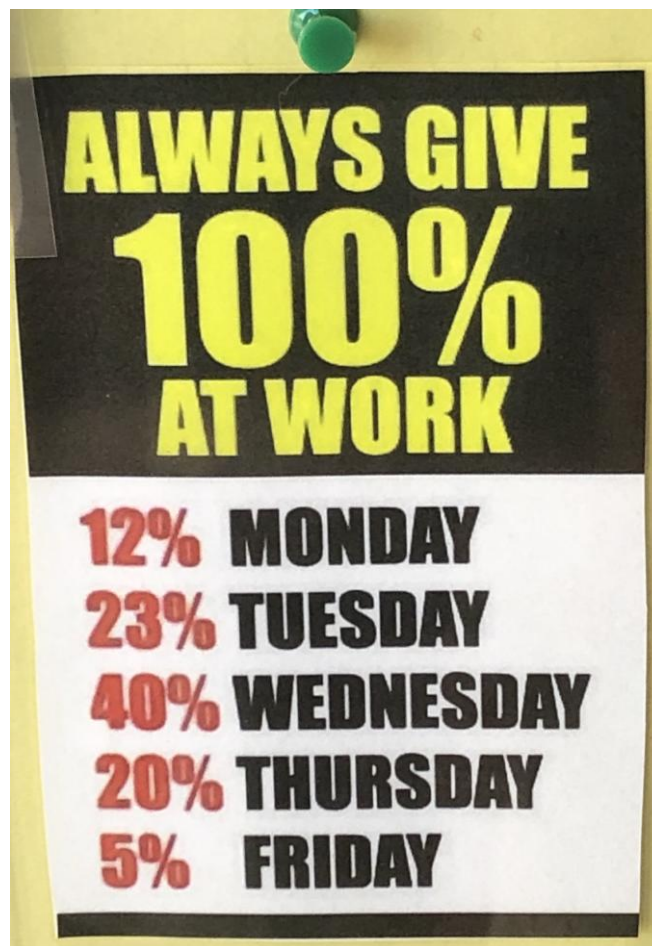
Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.' 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked. They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. 'Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?' 'We can,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'You will drink the cup I drink and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.' When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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

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Sentence: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Collect: God of unchangeable power, when the heaven and earth were made, the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy: open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; 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.**



The Parish website has a lot of information on it - service times, dates and events, past pew sheets and Rev's youtube messages.

Don't be shy - give it a try!

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