



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

LENT 2

08 March 2020

Project REGENERATE Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE.

Last week at our services, Fiona Holland read a statement on behalf of the Parish Council. It stated (*in full*);

“On behalf of the Wardens and Parish Council who met for the first time in 2020 on Tuesday night, Some exciting discussions were held around mission and our future church.

Three motions were unanimously moved by parish councilors that we are proud to announce to the wider congregation today.

First, I'd like to mention Project Regenerate. This project is a 5 year plan to Renew People, Revive Projects and Restore Place. From now until 2025, we aim to raise a total of \$250,000 to fund our dreams of maintaining a healthy ministry through our church within our region and re-imagining what our church will look like for future generations. We are in the privileged position of having a number of young people eager to participate in the life of the church. Reimagining the life of our church and the parish centre will ensure that the Anglican tradition continues in Warracknabeal.

Secondly, In conjunction with this, we have voted to support Rev. James in his quest to ride 5,000km to raise \$25,000 from 1 April 2020 to 1 April 2021. **This \$25,000 is to be raised by non-parishioners/ congregational members.** The support of non-parishioners is crucial to our fundraising efforts and this is a way that we can gather support outside of our church. Rev. tells us that he is in the process of purchasing a bike trainer so that throughout winter he can continue riding.

Thirdly, To assist Project Regenerate – Renew People. Revive Projects & Restore Place - parish council have endorsed the process of engaging the services of a curate. Discussions need to be held with Bishop and Registrar - however, there is a strong case for a curate to serve between Warracknabeal and West Wimmera parishes to retain an Anglican presence for the parishioners both current and future.

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It is imperative that we begin looking at ways to maintain our Church, worshipping space and an Anglican presence within Warracknabeal and the wider community. With yours and the wider community's assistance, we can work together with God to realize the dreams that we have as a church."

They tell me that there is a fine line between 'Genius' and 'madness'. (The same could be said of 'bravery' and 'stupidity').

I have spent many years of my life trying to be perfect. In doing so, as I reflect in this Lenten period, I have compromised many opportunities to grow and extend myself beyond what I think is possible because I was afraid of 'failure' and 'making a fool of myself.'

While I have not always shied away from the 'different path' or 'the path less travelled' or the opportunity to try something bold, brave and 'stupid' - in the last couple of years I have oft wondered why I'm in Warrack. What is God's purpose for my life - and our life together?

I'm still waiting for extra clarity, however, it has become obvious that maybe I am 'certifiable' enough to give Project REGENERATE a really good crack with your prayer, encouragement and influence within our region.

Our faith - our trust in God Creator of the 'heavens and the earth', our belief in who Jesus is and why he is so important in our lives and homes, and our openness to the Spirit's promptings on a daily basis - was never really meant to be a personal treasure ONLY! Jesus never asked us to 'worship him.' (I know shocking really). Jesus calls us to serve him. Jesus calls us to 'make disciples' - to encourage others to follow him. Jesus calls us to be 'salt and light and healing and hospitality and ...' - you know what I mean.

I really encourage you to meet with me or join us in the discussion of our future and the good people of our region in how we can be a true and faithful expression of the (Anglican) church - the 'PEOPLE OF GOD' in this region.

After the Sunday service today - join us for a 'Visioning Meeting' from 11.00-12.00pm in the Parish Centre to talk and wrestle and engage each other in PROJECT REGENERATE!

Thanks for your willingness to join the journey! Rev James

"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark." Michelangelo

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Join us for Coffee at Rectory tomorrow! 9.00am



Prayer in the Parish *Week beginning 08th March*

Please pray and give thanks for:

Those in need: Those who broker peace in the face of war; those who confront violence; those who disrupt oppression and those who nurture genuine justice.

Events: Our respective Lenten pilgrimages – that we may be open to God's Holy Spirit; Project REGENERATE; Easter weekend preparations; M2M (April 4/5th)

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; young people gathering in parish centre – 15th March; Project REGENERATE: Renew People. Revive Projects. Restore Place.

Community: All uncles, aunts and cousins; all those we love – near and far away; our neighbours; our friends.

Years Mind: Beryl Hooper, Judith Marshman, Coral Panter, John Menzel, Murray Moloney, Marjorie Sherwell

Service Times & Events – March/April 2020

Sunday 8th March – Lent 2

HC 9.30am Warracknabeal
11-12pm Visioning & Imagining

TUESDAY Holy Communion in LENT – 5.00pm

Please note change of time.

Simple meal in Rectory and gentle discussion on faith and daily life will follow.

Sunday 15th March – Lent 3

HC 9.30am Warracknabeal
HC 11.30am Areegra
Youth 6.00-8.00pm “Endeavour”

Sunday 22nd March – Lent 4

9.30am Warracknabeal Cafe Church in Parish Centre
HC 2.00pm Dunmunkle Lodge, Minyip

Sunday 29th March – Lent 5

HC 10.30am Warracknabeal

Sunday 5th April – PALM Sunday

HC 9.30am Warracknabeal
HC 11.30am Areegra

Sunday 12th April – EASTER Sunday

HC 9.30am Warracknabeal

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

1. Wood Raffle – Fri 20/ Sat 21 Mar

Please see [Sandra Taylor](#) if you can spare some time selling tickets at IGA.

2. Meals on Wheels – Mon 23rd Mar

Please see [Jill Martin](#) if you can assist on this day! I think from 11.30-12.00/12.30

Tuesdays in LENT

You are invited to the Rectory on Tuesday nights during LENT at 5.45-7.15pm - following the 5.00pm Eucharist in the church. We will share a simple meal together! It is a chance to deepen our relationship with God over fellowship and gentle discussion regarding the things that daily life throws at us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

LENT 2

First Reading : Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 121:1-8

Response: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. **(R)**
2. He will not let your foot be moved,
he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel will
neither slumber nor sleep. **(R)**
3. The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your
right hand.
The sun shall not smite you by
day, nor the moon by night. **(R)**
4. The Lord will keep you from all
evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out
and your coming in from this time
forth and evermore. **(R)**

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 4:13-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. What does Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.' Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel:

John 3:1-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.' Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!' Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you

cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.' 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked. 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.' For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**ROSTERS AT CHRIST CHURCH
15TH MARCH 2020**

E.A: F. Holland
Reader: B. Holland
Intercessor: J. Wood
Stewards: E. Moloney & A. Dart
Flowers: Lent – No Flowers
Morning Tea: G. Steinmeyer & J. Taylor

The Propers

Sentence: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Collect: Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY 2020 - April 10

'Turning our faces toward Jerusalem'

On Good Friday last year - some of us were privileged enough to hear 7 personal stories of faith from congregational members - on facing fear, confronting darkness, and seeing hope where there was despair and desolation.

I am going to do the same this year!



On Good Friday (10th April) - I am looking for seven volunteers (even reluctant ones) to share an aspect of their faith story with us. To help us reflect on the 'Seven Last Words of Jesus.' Seven REAL stories of faith and resilience and hope and confidence and conviction and salvation and transformation ... (and if you spoke last year you may like to choose a different word?).

I am looking for seven simple reflections of 'how God has changed your life' - because of what Jesus has done for you. This means that you might like to share a poem, a picture, an event ... with a brief explanation; it might be a piece of music that helped you get through a difficult time; it might be a reflection on a person of faith who has inspired you to 'take the path less travelled' ... the possibilities are endless.

The 'Seven Last Words of Jesus' are based on seven Scriptural passages of Jesus' crucifixion. (Two people approached me last week - so only 5 spots left)

1. **Forgiving:** Luke 23:33-34
2. **Hoping:** Luke 23:39-43
3. **Belonging:** John 19:25-27 (taken)
4. **Protesting:** Matthew 27:45-46
5. **Wanting:** John 19:28-29
6. **Achieving:** John 19:30
7. **Giving:** Luke 23:46

I would really like you to consider participating. (I will happily spend whatever time required to help you prepare your 'offering') I am looking forward to celebrating our faith in this way as we prepare for our Easter Season together.

With Every Blessing, Rev

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Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)



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BIRTH	TRUTH	SPIRIT	NIGHT	JEWISH
PHARISEE	AGAIN	ETERNAL	MAN	RABBI
BORN	WORLD	KINGDOM	NICODEMUS	FLESH
JESUS	LOVED	TEACHER	LIFE	WATER

Congratulations to Nola & David Mollison - who celebrate 64yrs marriage on Tuesday 10th March. Every blessing from us all.

A **HUGE** thank you to our Catering Team and **all who** support our Mission Luncheon recently. We appreciate your help and support. We were able to raise \$1126 for our Overseas Mission – ***ABM Project in Papua New Guinea – Literacy, Language and Numeracy Project, and Positive Parenting.*** I'm sure you all enjoyed the day.

Raffle winners were: Meat Tray - Robyn Goodwin; Fruit & Vege Tray - Bernadette Evans; Wine - Gwen Steinmeyer; Tupperware - Bernadette Evans.

Project REGENERATE – needs your assistance

As part of a new initiative for high school age children, we are starting a youth space on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month (name to be determined still). We would like donations of slices or cakes - for **15th March**. Next 19th April. If you can assist in this way - please contact Sarah-Jayne = 0438 341 557. Thanks!

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