

# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**PENTECOST**  
**31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

Hello everyone! I hope that I find you well and in good spirits.

For many, many, many years I was afraid of failure. If I'm honest, I probably still am. However, this fear of failure that used to hang around like a bad smell and stop creativity and making decisions (or make bad ones) no longer has such a 'hold on my life.' I have no other way to explain this other than to say this is one of my 'healing experiences' I embraced on the Camino in Spain 5 years ago.

I know where this fear of failure comes from. I follow in the footsteps of my parents and grandfather in particular who passed on the 'pedantic' attribute that I am blessed with. There are times when it has come in handy and has not always been considered a burden. However, the fear of getting it wrong (or not getting it 'right'), of not completely understanding something but not willing to admit it, of not making bold choices because of what I thought others would think - really has been a 'stumbling block' personally and professionally at times. I continue to try and transform this 'fear' into a virtue to this very day.

It will come as no surprise to you, therefore, that as one of the leaders in our faith community of Warracknabeal and its region - I intend to not let 'fear of failure' determine how we as 'the body of Christ' (the church) engage and explore how we can regain and retain our part to play as an integral aspect of wider community life. COVID-19 has 'released us' from all that has gone before (though maybe not completely!). I believe we have been offered unique opportunities to adapt our traditions and the people who are affected by them - as restrictions are slowly lifted and as we explore how we will operate and meet together over the next couple of months.

No-one wants to fall 'flat on their face' on stage! Neither do we have to! I do encourage you, with me, to pray how our church - 'formed' over two millennia ago can adapt and make a difference in people's lives - whether they believe in God or not - within our current time frame and with our gifts and with our faith as we witness and seek to serve Jesus, the Christ, who loves us - AS WE ARE!

*With every blessing, Rev James*

## Easter Season Quiz VI:

1. Who was the first person to translate the Bible into English?
2. In what year was the Bible compiled?
3. Who was the first Bishop of the Church?
4. Who was the disciple that replaced Judas?

### 5. Who am I?

- I was a beggar living near Jericho.
- One of my senses had been denied me from birth.
- Jesus 'called' and healed me from my plight.
- I followed Jesus "on the way."
- I am Rev's favourite character in the Bible.
- Which book of the New Testament am I in?

*[Answers next week]*

### Last week's answers - Quiz V:

- 1) 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high.
- 2) Unicorn.
- 3) Raven.
- 4) 950 yrs (the last of the extremely long-lived Antediluvian patriarchs).
- 5) Job.



### **Prayer in the Parish**

**In the Parish & Beyond:** +Garry; thanks for sunshine and rain; Nola Mollison; our friends, family and loved ones far away; Parish Council members and discussion.

**Community:** Front-line health care workers; our Premier, our Mayor, and all those in public office, those who represent us in Parliament; those who are depressed; those who are dying; those who are anxious.

**Years Mind:** Daphne Taylor, Edna Crocker, Lorna Bartlett, Jean Potter, Valerie Hansberry, Vivien Adler

### Pentecost youTube from Rev:

Due to technical difficulties (which I cannot explain) Rev's video is not on youTube this week. Will try & send in email.

### Bishop Garry's youTube message:

Easter 7 – *Presence and Promise*

<https://youtu.be/n9p7IUub6xLM>

**"I was educated once.  
It took me years to get over it."**

*Mark Twain*

During the COVID-19 restrictions - Rev will be in Christ Church every Sunday for prayer and praise at 9.30am.

Please join him in solidarity at home if you are able – covering the parish in prayer and thought.

# *A Simple Service – PENTECOST*

## **Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in the light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar [ CCL 610638 ]*

## **Reflection:**

- a) *Who is the person I connected with this week?*
- b) *What activity did I enjoy the most?*
- c) *What would you like to give thanks to God for this week?*

*In a moment of silence – offer these thoughts to God through the Holy Spirit.*

## **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:** *(I suggest one or two – the others can become the basis for your devotions throughout the week)*

**Videos:** *+Garry and/or Rev*

## **Reflection:**

- a) Where do I get my 'living water'?
- b) How do I share it with others?
- c) Could a prophet ever hail from Warracknabeal? Why or why not?

## **Prayer:**

Praise. Petition. Intercession. Thanksgiving.  
*(or follow your own discipline.)*

The Lord's Prayer.

Collect for the Day.

## **Blessing:**

"The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon  
you, And give you peace;  
this day and always" Amen.

*[Numbers 6:24-26]*

## **Song: Just As I Am** (v1,2,6)

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that your blood was shed for me,  
and that you would my Saviour be,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliot [ CCL 610638 ]*

# TODAY'S READINGS

## PENTECOST

First Reading:

Numbers 11:24-30

### *A reading from the book of Numbers*

So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and made them stand round the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied – but did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' assistant since youth, spoke up and said, 'Moses, my lord, stop them!' But Moses replied, 'Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!' Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

**Response: *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.***

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
the earth is full of your creatures;(R)
2. May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD be glad in his works!  
Pleasing to him be my theme;  
I will be glad in the LORD. (R)
3. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

Second Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being

spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.' Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

**John 7:37-52**

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

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.' By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. On hearing his words, some of the people said, 'Surely this man is the Prophet.' Others said, 'He is the Messiah.' Still others asked, 'How can the Messiah come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?' Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him. Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees, who asked them, 'Why didn't you bring him in?' 'No one ever spoke the way this man does,' the guards replied. 'You mean he has deceived you also?' the Pharisees retorted. 'Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law – there is a curse on them.' Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, 'Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?' They replied, 'Are you

from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee.'

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

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**Sentence:** 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

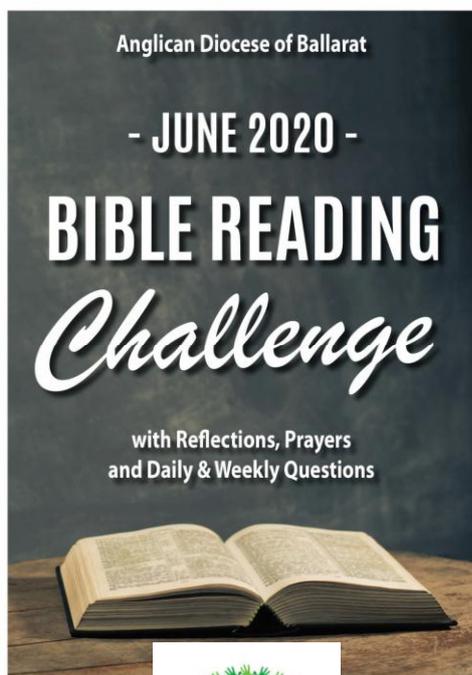
**Collect:** Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



The now annual **Bible Reading Challenge** for June through the Diocesan Ministry Development Committee begins tomorrow!

*"Do not fear. For I am with you!"*  
assures Jesus.

The booklet is 'attached' for your edification and devotions.



Sarah-Jayne & Rev will be running two separate weekly **ZOOM study groups** during June for those who would like join and discuss the contents and issues that arise from the study.

Tuesday at 11.00am (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Tuesday at 8.00pm (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>)

So we can ensure you have the login details for either ZOOM meeting - would you please register your name, preferred time & confirm your email address to the parish email address:

[warrackanglican@gmail.com](mailto:warrackanglican@gmail.com)

by **TODAY - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

# Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



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