



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

## Pentecost 5

### 23 June 2024

**Sunday Services:** 9.30am - Warracknabeal  
5.00pm - Café Church - Parish Centre



***Hello Everyone! I hope your week has been fruitful!***

*"Quiet. Be still!"* speaks Jesus in our Gospel reading this week.

I've never been one for sailing the high seas. I've taken a boat trip to Rottnest Island a couple of times. I've crossed the English Channel several times. I've been on the Spirit of Australia once. I was on a boat trip on Lake Macquarie (near Newcastle in NSW) with L'Arche Sydney many years ago - we were on the 'Mail Run'. It was a wonderful day with sun shining and good company - there were approximately 4 or 5 stops we had to make around the Lake. Half way across the Lake however, we could see the dramatic clouds building on the escarpment to the West. It was a fantastic photography opportunity.

And then I noticed that the Skipper of our little 'mail run' boat was taking more notice of these storm clouds, and then he was - I wouldn't say panicking, but there was an urgency in his demeanour that suggested we were directly in the storm's path. Literally just as we docked safely - all hell broke loose for 30 mins. It was an experience that helped me to understand just how quickly things can change on a lake and gave me a new insight into our Gospel passage.

The Skipper did not call out *"Quiet. Be still!"* As far as I know none of us were calling out to Jesus to save us - but then again, we were safely tethered to the shore at the time of the squall. It could have been quite the story if we happened to be in the middle of the Lake - but we will never know.

Maybe we don't have to go 'sailing' to experience danger or enter the water to experience the ferocious squalls of life. Are the 'waters' of your heart calm and cruising - or is there a storm raging because of grief or despair? Do the 'waters' of your mind need Jesus' strong command - *"Quiet. Be still!"* Maybe your neighbour is wrestling with 'life's tempest' at the moment - are you prepared to call out, *"Quiet. Be still!"* on Jesus' behalf this week? *Blessings, Rev James*

*Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE*

## Prayer in the Parish

### **In the Parish & Beyond:**

- +Garry; for Southern Deanery and their brothers and sisters of faith;
- For Sherry Barber (Suzy Callaghan's sister) – battling cancer;
- For bold stances against violence;
- For Light in the face of darkness; for Hope in the face of despair; for Love in the face of hatred and discord;
- For those seeking refuge far from home;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For the people of Burundi; Haiti; Papua New Guinea; India; Bangladesh; Afghanistan; Chile;
- For the people of Ukraine and Palestine;
- For those who hunger for food; for those who thirst for water; for those seeking shelter around the globe;
- For our neighbour/s;
- For those known to us who are unwell;
- For the rain; for seed germination; for lambs and stock;
- For The Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham – for all who seek assistance for food, financial pressure and roof over their head;
- For our own Neighbourhood House – their outreach and programs;
- For Peace in our hearts and homes;
- For our small acts of kindness and Christian witness in word and deed;
- For all in our Aged Care Facilities; all known to us in hospital;

**Years Mind:** Ellis Emmett, Cyril McCross, Rex Schulz, Phyllis Lynch

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

## Service Times June/July

### Pentecost 4 – 16 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Pentecost 5 – 23 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Tuesday 25 June – Parish Council

7.00pm Refreshments: 7.30pm Meeting

### Pentecost 6 – 30 June

10.30am Warracknabeal

*(One service only)*

### 12.00pm Parish Lunch

Proceeds = Mission giving to Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham.

Fundraising to Pain Revolution. *(shared 50/50)*

### Tuesday – 02 June - Eucharist

5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Pentecost 7 – 07 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am – St Mark's Areegra

### Pentecost 8 – 14 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Pentecost 9 – 21 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Pentecost 10 – 28 July

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church – Parish Centre

### Parish Lunch next week

Join us for another Parish Lunch at 12.00pm following the 10.30am Service (only service for the day!)  
\$25.00

Bring a friend or a stranger.

*Donations of Casseroles will be welcome! See you there!*

Contact Sandra: 0408 991 235

# TODAY'S READINGS

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

1 Samuel 17:32-49

### ***A reading from the first book of Samuel***

David said to Saul, 'Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.' Saul replied, 'You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'Go, and the Lord be with you.' Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armour on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. 'I cannot go in these,' he said to Saul, 'because I am not used to them.' So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield-bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. He said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 'Come here,' he said, 'and I'll

give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!' David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.' As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

107:23-26, 28-31

**Response: *Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting***

1. They who sailed the sea in ships, trading on the deep waters, These saw the works of the LORD and his wonders in the abyss. **(R)**
2. His command raised up a storm wind which tossed its waves on high. They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths; their hearts melted away in their plight. **(R)**
3. They cried to the LORD in their distress; from their straits he rescued them, He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled. **(R)**

4. They rejoiced that they were calmed, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his kindness and his wondrous deeds to the children of men.  
**(R): Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, 'In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling-block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange – I speak as to my children – open wide your hearts also.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The great prophet has risen and is in our midst. God has visited his people.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

**A reading from the gospel according to Mark**

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side.' Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?' They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!'

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**THE PROPERS**

**Sentence:** Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

**Collect:** O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid: rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**