



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Pentecost 5**  
**10 July 2022**

**This Sunday: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Christ Church**  
**11.00am - Areegra**



## **Hello Everyone!**

Have you ever thought of your life as a series of 'Songlines'? I've been reflecting on this during NAIDOC week - and, I think our Gospel message - the words recording Jesus' deeds, intentions and actions are the closest we have in our Christian tradition.

Songlines have been a central feature of First Nations cultures for over 60,000 years. Songlines carry laws and stories that First Nations people live by. Because Songlines are so interwoven with First Nations cultures, it is difficult to translate what they are for non-Indigenous people. For an Elder in Central Australia for example, Songlines are part of life and second nature.

Songlines trace astronomy and geographical elements from ancient stories, and describe how these things have helped shape the landscape as it is now. They were first used by First Nations people as a form of communication across the continent and a way of mapping Country. In his quarterly essay 'A Rightful Place,' Noel Pearson compares Songlines to *The Odyssey*, *The Iliad*, and the *Book of Genesis*. He refers to Songlines as Australia's very own *Book of Genesis*.

*"The Songlines shouldn't be just an anthropological footnote, but a part of Australian history as it is taught in schools. To tell the real story of this continent, you've got to have both histories. They are held in different ways, told in different ways, but are essentially complementary. To really belong to this place, you've got to embrace the Songlines. They are the story of this land."*  
[Margot Neale]

I wonder how you would express your 'Songlines'? What are the circumstances, the events, the people and the cultures that make your story unique to you but also make up part of the community to which we belong? Have we - the West - mostly detached ourselves from our Songlines? Or do they run through our thoughts and actions in all we do? Give it a go! *Every blessing, Rev James*



## Prayer in the Parish

### In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For family of Fr Graeme Reynolds;
- For NAIDOC Week, and all those who 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!';
- For all our First Nations Peoples – for all who have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island heritage;
- For all the people of Japan;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan;
- For all refugees; for those displaced through violence, war, racism or creed;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all on school holidays; those travelling; those wishing to travel;
- For all those in hospital; for all facing surgery and recovery;
- For all grieving loved ones;
- For seasonal weather;
- For our AGM preparations;
- For all facing new challenges and experiences;
- For our friends, families, and our neighbours;
- For concreters, and building contractors;
- For Phase 1 construction;
- For Project Regenerate: resuming of projects this week;
- For all in our local community;
- For Benjamin Holland – who is off to Alpine School for whole of Term 3;

**Years Mind:** Alwyn Menzel, Lorna Freeland, Alissa Kraus

## Services – July

### Pentecost 5 – 10 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
11.00am St Mark's Areegra

### Pentecost 6 – 17 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

### Pentecost 7 – 24 July

9.30am Warracknabeal  
5.00pm Café Church  
8.30am COFFEE Van returns – YAY!

### Pentecost 8– 31 July

10.30am Warracknabeal  
**11.30 Soup & Sandwich AGM**



*As you will most probably be aware, two of our beloved sisters in Christ have returned to God's Presence recently:*

*Doreen Taylor & Margaret Thompson.*

*Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to all family members of Doreen & Margaret, and all their friends! We also open our hearts to each other in our parish as we wrestle with the shock and reality of death, and seek God's guidance and blessing as we prepare to say farewell.*

*Doreen – 14<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm  
Margaret – 18<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am*

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

# TODAY'S READINGS

## PENTECOST 5

First Reading:

Amos 7:7-14

### ***A reading from the prophet Amos***

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord asked me, 'What do you see, Amos?' 'A plumb-line,' I replied. Then the Lord said, 'Look, I am setting a plumb-line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. 'The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.' Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: 'Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. For this is what Amos is saying: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.'" Then Amaziah said to Amos, 'Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. Don't prophesy any more at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.' Amos answered Amaziah, 'I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." Now then, hear the word of the Lord . You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac." 'Therefore this is what the Lord says: "Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country.

And Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.'"

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

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**Response: *Rise up, O God, bring judgement to the earth.***

1. "Give justice to the weak and fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." (R)
2. I say, "you are Gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like men, and fall like any prince." (R)

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:1-14

### ***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians***

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people – the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world – just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our

behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

**Gospel:**

**Luke 10:25-37**

### ***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke***

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'What is written in the Law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?' He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself." 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do this and you will live.' But he wanted to justify

himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' In reply Jesus said:

'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have." 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?' The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **The Propers**

**Sentence:** Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

**Collect:** Eternal God, you have taught us through Christ that love is the fulfilment of the law: help us to love you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**