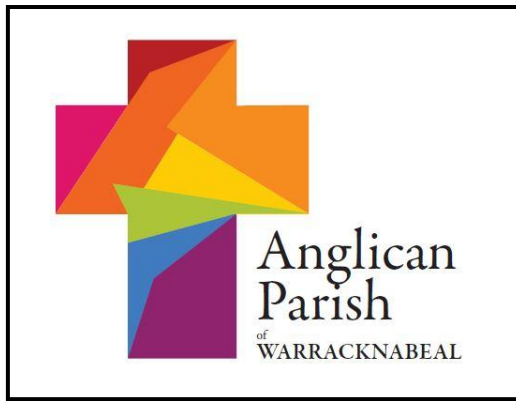




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Christ the King **23 November 2025**

Sunday Services: 9.30am Morning Prayer & HC



Hello Everybody! I hope that you've had a good week.

"A society grows great when old men plant trees, the shade of which they know they will never sit in. An ounce of practise is worth more than tons of preaching."

Mahatma Gandhi

That's all I want to say this week.

I am tired of the world destroying itself. I am tired of selfish people who think the world revolves around only them. I am tired of bad behaviour that goes unchecked and unaccounted for. I am tired of self-absorbed religion that judges and points the finger and can't even see the 'log'. I am tired of many of our contemporary institutions that do not fulfill the simple vision they profess.

I include myself in the above.

I am grateful for ALL the people involved in our Shed Opening last week. I am grateful for ALL your generosity. What a fantastic event and celebration of our commitment to making our community a stronger place.

I am grateful for ALL your efforts at 'planting trees' within our community and its region, our places of work, our families and those around us. Please keep planting!

I am grateful once again to Fiona for leading our liturgy on Sunday to allow a few of us travel to Hamilton for the Diocesan 150yr celebration. I am grateful for those who continue to offer gifts for the Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham. There is SO MUCH NEED. I appreciate what you are able to contribute.

I am grateful for what Jesus did on the cross for each and every one of us - to open the gate of God's presence for us all, to put death to flight, and to show us what it is to be one of God's children on earth. May this season bring healing and a return to wholeness. I hope you have a belter of a week. *Blessings, Rev James*



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Diocesan 150yr celebrations; for our Parish Council;
- For all our Diocesan sisters and brothers of faith; all in the Wimmera Deanery;
- For sustainable peace in Middle East;
- For our farmers and their families;
- People of Palestine, GAZA, Philippines, Yemen, Syria, Haiti, Ukraine and all in the Caribbean;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care facilities;
- For Project Regenerate:
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those who are grieving; for those who are lonely; for those confused;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Barbara FOOT (1996), Hazel LIERSCH/WERNER (2005), Hazel MDONALD (2013), Loraine CROSER (2012), Richie WHYTE (1975), Douglas CASLEY (1993), Basil (Bill) HAND (2004), Evelyn CREERFUL (2014), Michael VERBER (2016), Beverley KAAL (2016), Agnes HILTON (1997), Donald MERRITT (2008)

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

Service Times Nov/Dec

Christ the King – 23 November

9.30am Morning Prayer with HC
11.00am Hamilton – Diocesan 150years

Advent 1 – 30 November

10.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm Prelude to Christmas

Advent 2 – 07 December

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

Advent 3 – 14 December

9.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm Warracknabeal Community Carols

Advent 4 – 21 December

9.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm Areegra – Café Carols

Christmas Eve – 24 December

8.00pm refreshments / 10.00pm Celebration

Christmas Day – 25 December

9.30am Celebration

Christmas 1 – 28 December

9.30am Warracknabeal

Creator God of love,

All time and every place is
your gift.

We thank you that you have
blessed our Diocese for the last 150 years,
even when we have failed in our high calling
to herald your kingdom.

Your forgiveness, love and peace sustained
generations of our forebears,

And we rejoice that you still bless us and
invite us to work with you to build justice,
hope and love in Western Victoria.

Inspire us with a new vision and new energy
as we face the future, and help us to trust and
commit to the humble serving path of Jesus,
guided by your Holy Spirit. Amen.



TODAY'S READINGS

CHRIST THE KING

First Reading:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!' declares the Lord. Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: 'Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,' declares the Lord. 'I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,' declares the Lord. 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalms:

The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

**To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the
days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of
salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in
darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.**

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

May God's Spirit fill you, 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. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all

things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fulness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 23:33-43

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

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews . One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other criminal

rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PROPER

Sentence: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Collect: Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; 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**



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