



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Epiphany 4 01 February 2026

**Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am St Mark's Areegra**



Hello everyone! Hope you've had a good week.

Thank you to the Catering Team who raised over \$800 from our simple Parish lunch last week. Thank you also to Rotary who donated \$400 from proceeds of Australia Day breakfast last Monday.

The upcoming Safe Church Training = Sat 07 Feb, is mandatory for all who exercise a role within our church life together. For those who cannot attend, online modules are offered. For any Parish representatives - the training is FREE! Parish Council agreed last year to ensure that no-one would have to pay (normally \$35.00).

For those not in parish roles - you too can join us, as it is a helpful way to improve safety for all who attend our congregations and activities within the parish.

When: Saturday 07 Feb: 12.00-3.00pm

Where: Anglican Parish Centre

BYO Lunch - tea/coffee and water available.

Conducted by Diocesan Safe Guarding Officer

RSVP: 06 Feb 2026: David Holland 0429.699.229

And, this month's LIONS Market Day - Sat 21 Feb, will be on church grounds - with regular stalls, Coffee Van and Car Boot Sale. Contact Heather to book your place: 0428.535.558

Have a BRILL week ahead.

Peace, Rev James

Extracts of Letters of
**Reverend Frederick
Arthur Booth** –
First Anglican Priest in
Warracknabeal.

April 1889

Page 11: Archdeacon asks him to complete 5 years in W'beal (has done 4 already).

Page 12: Trip to Lake Borung with the Government rabbit inspector. Collected subscriptions for the Rector's stipend. Stopped at Rosebery en route home and collected there. (Raised 13 pounds) This week will canvas Willenabrina. Slept at Manager of Borung Station and went duck shooting. "Lake is teeming with ducks, swans and pelicans."

Sept 1889

Shift to new house – suggested name 'Boxoth' – names of Booth & Boyes. 96 baptisms and 13 marriages since arrived.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; +Scott; Archdeacons & Dean;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the Leaders of all Nations; for those of leadership and influence to act for the common good; for United Nations;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For all returning to school, University and work;
- For the wellbeing for all in our region;
- For our neighbours;
- For Project REGENERATE; for our 140yr celebrations in 2026;
- For Lions Market Day at CC – February 21st;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care facilities;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Thelma GARBETT (1991), Agatha CHONG (2004), Lorna GRANT (2006), Florence KENYON (2005), Leslie SHERWELL (2006), Jack (John) PICKERING (2015), Roy MILBOURNE (1991), Adeline VALLANCE (2008), Val SCHULZ (2016), Walter BINNS (1988), Gwyneth PICKERING (2005), Gordon LIERSCH (2015), Albert SNELL (1999), Ronald BRYANT (2011), Leslie SMITH (2011), Roma WILLISHER (2014)

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

Services - 2026

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Sat 07 Feb – Safe Church Training: 12.00pm

Epiphany 5 – 08 February 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Transfiguration – 15 February 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Ash Wednesday – 18th February

5.00pm – Service and Imposition of Ashes

Market Day at Christ Church – 21 February

Lent 1 – 22 February 2026

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Tuesday – 24 February 2026

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

7.00pm for 7.30pm Parish Council

Lent 2 – 01 March 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

RSVP – High Tea Tickets

Tuesday – 03 March 2026

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

Lent 3 – 08 March 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Lent 4 – 15 February 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

140year High Tea – Saturday 21 March

3.00 for 3.30pm in Parish Centre

(Tickets are ESSENTIAL)

Sunday 22 March – Lent 5

10.30am 140year Liturgical Celebration

& BBQ Lunch

(No 5.00pm)

Palm/Passion – 29 March 2026

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

TODAY'S READINGS

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

First Reading:

Micah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Micah

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.' ⁶ 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle: or who may dwell upon your holy hill?*

¹ Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle: or who may dwell upon your holy hill? Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right: who

speaks the truth from the heart, and has not slandered with the tongue; **R**

² Who has done no evil to a friend: nor vented abuse against a neighbour; In whose eyes the worthless have no honour: but who makes much of those that fear the Lord; **R**

³ Whoever has sworn to a neighbour: and will not go back on that oath; Who has not put money to usury: nor taken a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things: shall never be overthrown. **R**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose

what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 5:1-12

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

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he

The Propers

Sentence: Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

(1 Corinthians 13.14)

Collect: Righteous God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart: give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal
invite you to join us for

High Tea

at Anglican Parish Centre,
Warracknabeal to celebrate 140 years
of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation in
the Wimmera.

Saturday 21st March: 3.00 for 3.30pm
\$15.00 per person

RSVP 01 March, 2026

To book tickets (essential):

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIJPI>

