



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 10
09th August 2020

Hello everyone!

Well, nothing seems to stay the same for long these days. How are you coping?

Somewhere in the depth of our being we had a sense that this was going to happen - didn't we? The reality of long-term restrictions in one form or another has both 'got me down' and 'energized' me this week. First, the reality that these enforced restrictions significantly affect our faith community and our ability to gather together - is something that has concerned me. As you know I have been intentionally conservative in our approach to dealing with COVID - and this seems justified. With Parish Council members - we feel that we have made decisions for the wellbeing of ALL parishioners.

Secondly, I feel energized by the reality of having to 'GET ON WITH IT.' As you know I have taken a creative approach to our circumstances - through ZOOM and YouTube videos. It is time to extend ourselves once more. To this end we will explore a **SUNDAY ZOOM Gathering at 10.30am every week**. This will not be an 'Online Service'. There are many opportunities for you to access other churches who may be doing this. **HOWEVER**, there will be liturgical elements dispersed through our gathering - a chance for reflection, to hear God's Word and to talk with others about the issues that arise and find ways to respond with concrete Gospel action in our immediate families and community.

If you have not been 'inducted' into ZOOM-world - IT IS TIME! should you wish to join us. Of course, you do not have to! However, I suggest that this will become our 'new normal' for some time yet (and maybe well into 2021).

So, a) it is time to get a computer, an iPad or whatever; b) download ZOOM App etc onto your device; c) Rev will send a link each week via email or pew sheet - click on it and 'Bob's your uncle'.

There is a small team of people who can provide technical support - as an essential service for your wellbeing etc - who will follow COVID protocols and etiquette.

Get in touch! Get into this wonderful technology - and enjoy some fellowship!

That's all for now. With every blessing, Rev James

Coffee by ZOOM!

9.30am on Tuesday mornings – join a few people to chew the fat and solve the problems of the world. It's fun!



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; people nominated to Parish Council; AGM preparations; safety in mind, heart and soul; all those who face genuine poverty and disadvantage; for faith that leads to ACTION!; the people of Japan & Beirut.

Community: Front-line health care workers; ZOOM first-timers; coping with COVID restrictions; for patience and persistence in all our endeavours under current situation.

Years Mind: Ellen Saunders, Jean Hobson

[Pentecost 10 youTube from Rev:](#)

'Take Courage. Do not be afraid.'

https://youtu.be/fsOQO_16Hfc

[Bishop Garry's youTube message:](#)

Name Changers

<https://youtu.be/xwAMLQX9AP4>



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Rev's REVOLUTION – as part of Project REGENERATE started last weekend – the wheels are rolling!

[Latest 'Rev's Revolution' youTube video:](#)

Rev's Revolution - 'The First Hundred' <https://youtu.be/10uCrDEUhNQ>

You can also follow Rev on *Instagram* - [revsrevolution2020](#)

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Sunday Morning ZOOM - 10.30am

Due to recent COVID restrictions & with encouragement from various and sundry ... we will be having a 'ZOOM-IN' on Sunday Mornings at 10.30am. You are welcome to attend! Initially, this will not be a 'service' - but will include liturgical elements that I hope will nourish your faith.

Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9687959206?pwd=VzZOR3dIWwB4dTFZY1hQVTJjR3dKdz09>

If you have a device and are connected to the internet - we have trainers available to help you connect if your family are unable to assist. Get in touch. Please give Rev a call ... and we'll sort something out!

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A Simple Service – for Pentecost 10

Hymn: Trust and Obey

**When we walk with the Lord in the light
of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with
us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.***

**Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the
skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.
*Trust and obey, ...***

**But we never can prove the delights of his
love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favour he shows, and the joy he
bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey:
*Trust and obey, ...***

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His
feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends
we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.
*Trust and obey, ...***

John H Sammis

Reflection:

- a) *What was your favourite moment
this week?*
- b) *What would you like to ask God for
this week?*

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:

Videos: +Garry and/or Rev

Reflection:

- a) What was the phrase that 'jumped out' at you this morning?
- b) What word or image would best describe who God is for you from the readings and your reflections?

Prayer:

Praise. Petition. Intercession. Thanksgiving.
(or follow your own discipline.)
The Lord's Prayer.
Collect for the Day.

Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warmly on your face.
May the rain fall softly on your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you, and those you love,
in the palm of God's hand. Amen.
[Old Irish Saying]

Song: Firmly I Believe

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**

**Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.**

**Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

John Henry Newman

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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 10

First Reading : Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, 'As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them.' 'Very well,' he replied. So he said to him, 'Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me.' Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, 'What are you looking for?' He replied, 'I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?' 'They have moved on from here,' the man answered. 'I heard them say, "Let's go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. 'Here

comes that dreamer!' they said to each other. 'Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams.' When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. 'Let's not take his life,' he said. 'Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him.' Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe – the ornate robe he was wearing – and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. Judah said to his brothers, 'What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.' His brothers agreed. So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD--for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. **(R)**
2. Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. **(R)**
3. The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 10:4-15

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: 'The person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that is by faith says: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the deep?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, 'Anyone

who believes in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-36

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on

the water and came towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognised Jesus, they

sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all who were ill to him and begged him to let those who were ill just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

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

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Sentence: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Collect: O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sustainable Development Goals – (for your information)

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being at all ages is essential to sustainable development. Currently, the world is facing a [global health crisis](#) unlike any other — COVID-19 is spreading human suffering, destabilizing the global economy and upending the lives of billions of people around the globe.

Before the pandemic, major progress was made in [improving the health of millions of people](#). Significant strides were made in increasing life expectancy and reducing some of the common killers associated with child and maternal mortality. But more efforts are needed to fully eradicate a wide range of diseases and address many different persistent and emerging health issues. By focusing on providing more efficient funding of health systems, improved sanitation and hygiene, and increased access to physicians, significant progress can be made in helping to save the lives of millions.

Health emergencies such as COVID-19 pose a global risk and have shown the critical need for preparedness. The United Nations Development Programme highlighted huge disparities in [countries' abilities to cope with and recover from the COVID-19 crisis](#). The pandemic provides a watershed moment for health emergency preparedness and for investment in critical 21st century public services.

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BEFORE COVID-19

PROGRESS IN MANY HEALTH AREAS CONTINUED, BUT **NEEDS ACCELERATION**



THE PANDEMIC HAS INTERRUPTED CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMMES IN AROUND 70 COUNTRIES



COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

HEALTHCARE DISRUPTIONS COULD **REVERSE DECADES OF IMPROVEMENTS**



HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL UNDER-5 DEATHS MAY BE EXPECTED IN 2020

ILLNESS AND DEATHS FROM COMMUNICABLE DISEASES WILL SPIKE



SERVICE CANCELLATIONS WILL LEAD TO **100% INCREASE IN MALARIA DEATHS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

LESS THAN HALF OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION



IS COVERED BY **ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES** [2017]



ACCESS MORE DATA AND INFORMATION ON THE INDICATORS AT [HTTPS://UNSTATS.UN.ORG/SDGS/REPORT/2020/](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Parish AGM – 23rd August 2020 – 11.30am

Change of PLAN

- We will not be meeting in the Parish Centre or church as planned.
- AGM Documents will be sent out this weekend.
- Please follow instructions provided within AGM documents - in order for us to conduct our business and address any issues that we may have about the life, operation and wellbeing of our parish.
- COVID – will NOT stop us from dealing with important issues etc
- I know it is different! But let's do the best we can.
- We are going to try and avoid a ZOOM meeting – however, should circumstances arise – this will be arranged separately from the Sunday Morning ZOOM gathering.
- Please direct ALL question to Rev James.
- He will ensure that there is a written response in the following pew sheet and/or get expertise from others depending on where the question is directed. Questions can be emailed; posted; or asked over the phone. This procedure we would follow in our normal meeting format – therefore, all questions will be published as asked and with name of the person/s asking the question.
- Nominations are still open for Parish Council positions – 12 in total – until the ‘close of play’ on Sunday 9th August. Nomination forms must be signed etc or they will not be accepted. Be creative under the COVID restrictions!
- I hope that you have some ‘fun’ reading the Compiled Reports and Project Regenerate Buisness Plan. (Remember - the only stupid question is the one that isn't asked). *All the best, Rev*

Wood Raffle – Thanks for your generosity

A big thank you to all those who supported us with the wood raffle last week and especially those who so willingly gave up their time to sell tickets. We were able to raise \$939 which was a great effort and a great start to our Regenerate program.

Thank you, Sandra

Please remember that if you need to have a chat about anything -

Rev James is NOT TOO BUSY.

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