



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 10
28 July 2024

Sunday Services: 9.30am HC & 5.00pm Café Church



"Nearly all men (*sic*) can stand adversity, but if you really want to test a person's character, give them power."

Abraham Lincoln

As I remind you often - it is not our inadequacy that most frightens us, but our power. Our inherent and God-given power to work for 'the common good', to promote justice, to challenge inequality and to ensure that none go without need.

At the WSDS this morning (*Thursday*), I have done myself out of a job. The 'Explorers and Seekers' have been doing drumming with me for a number of years now, and there is one character who has become so comfortable; a) in his own skin, and b) in his relationships within the group - that he now leads the 'asking of the question' during a game called the 'Speaker's Chair'. Coupled with him being empowered to ask the question of the day - he was attentive in an unsolicited way to help a couple of his peers in the group. Suffice to say, a couple of staff were shedding a quiet tear of wonder and amazement at how tender and powerful was his 'outreach' and involvement. So much growth. So much compassionate and transforming power. *[From someone who many in society would consider incapable or unable to do so - not just because of their age but the myriad of diagnoses life has dealt him.]*

What is your action of power (or empowerment) going to be this week?

A couple of 'Thank you's'!

- We are grateful for the donation of new tablecloths for the parish centre from the Marshman Family.
- We are equally grateful for Suzy Callaghan being adept at making them fit to the new tables.
- Another parishioner (wasn't sure if they wanted to be named) made a significant donation toward the maintenance and fabric of the church plant.

I hope that you have a ripper week. I am looking forward to our AGM Sunday week, and hope that you can help make it a grand occasion by your presence. *Rev James.*

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for all those working in prisons and detention centres in Diocese; all school chaplains;
- For our First Nations Peoples – the Land, Air and Sea of our Great Southern Land;
- For all are in a state of transition – mind, place, work or other interest;
- For Light in the face of darkness; for Hope in the face of despair; for Love in the face of hatred and discord;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For our Boys' Shed Project – we are SO close to getting a Building Surveyor;
- 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 all grieving – through death, grief, disappointment, failed expectations;
- For our Warracknabeal District Band and all who 'sail in her'; for our Community Garden and all her volunteers;
- 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; for those known to us who are unwell;
- For our town and regions Interest groups and those who offer leadership;

Years Mind: Gladys Rowney, Inez Witney, Audrey Taylor, Dorothy Wood, Shirley Jones

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

Service Times July/August

Pentecost 10 – 28 July

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church – Parish Centre

Pentecost 11 – 04 August

10.30am Warracknabeal (One service only)

11.30am – AGM – Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Tuesday Healing Service – 06 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 12 – 11 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 13 – 18 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 14 – 25 August

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church – Parish Centre

Parish AGM – 04th August

10.30am Eucharist

**11.30am in Parish Centre:
Soup & sandwich lunch –
please bring a plate to
share!**

AGM Report now available.

**Nomination Forms for
Parish Council at back of
church.**

The Warracknabeal District Band and Warracknabeal Town Hall are hosting an event on Sunday 28th at 2.30pm - proceeds will go toward the Community Garden. Donations accepted at the concert.

TODAY'S READINGS

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

A reading from the second book of Samuel

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman washing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, 'She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent this word to Joab: 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent him to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house and wash your feet.' So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. David was told, 'Uriah did not go home.' So he asked Uriah, 'Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!' Then David said to him, 'Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah

remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, 'Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so that he will be struck down and die.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Response: *The Lord is near to all who call upon him.*

1. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. **(R)**
2. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all his people and compassionate toward all his works. **(R)**
3. The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. **(R)**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power,

together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 6:1-21

A reading from the gospel according to Mark

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!' Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.' So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,' says the Lord. 'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Collect: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth: grant that, believing in the one whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven and the food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honour for ever and ever. **Amen.**