

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 22
24 October 2021

Hello Everyone! I hope that I find you well and in good spirits.

I have just had a ZOOM meeting with the Bishop (*Thurs afternoon*) regarding the requirements to 'move forward' with what the Anglican Province of Victoria has decided to implement to comply with Government directives etc.

I feel angry. I am deeply affronted by what will become our 'normal' for a few months until we get to whatever landmark the 'powers that be' determine that things can change again. I feel exhausted by it ALL! Despite my discomfort and remonstrations - which the Bishop understands and empathises with - our humble little parish will need to comply with the following.

9.30am HC Service - fully vaccinated church service (30 people max)

Participants must:

- provide evidence of their fully vaccinated status;
- follow ALL COVID protocols deemed necessary to keep people safe;
- understand that non-compliance means that they will be turned away.

5.00pm HC Service - vaccination status not required in Parish Centre (20 people max) - and advertised as such:

Participants understand that they:

- will be made aware that their vaccination status is not required for entry;
- can be vaccinated or have chosen not to do so or have chosen not to reveal their vaccination status - which does not exclude them from this worship service;
- must follow ALL COVID protocols already in place for safety and wellbeing.

Despite the fact that my whole being cries "NOOOOOO!", I have reassured the Bishop that I will exercise leadership expressed in his directives above to:

- ensure we are not fined or legally compromised in the parish;
- to bring security to those who want to feel secure and safe in church; and,
- to provide, "*clarity: without making it impossible for others to attend church.*"
- Comply with Victorian Province good practise and governance.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with +Garry or myself. See you soon! Rev



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; the people of God in our Diocese – the true backbone!
- For the people of Haiti;
- Project Regenerate – Coffee Van birthday celebrations this Sunday;
- For the people and heritage of St Mark’s Areegra – pending celebration of 101 years old – 07 November
- Daily outreach to friend, family and neighbour;

Community:

- For seasonal weather;
- For all returning to school; teachers and all Education support personnel;
- For all those feeling exhausted by the changing quicksand of ‘road map’ out of COVID;
- All facing natural disaster and disease;
- All COVID consequences;

Years Mind: Alfred Millard, Kelvin Radford, Ivy Hall, Sally Chapman, Stanley Peters

Service Times October

Pentecost 22 – 24 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Christ Church
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van Birthday

Pentecost 23 – 31 October

10.30am & 5.00pm Christ Church

All Saints – 07 November

9.30am – Morning Prayer Christ Church

11.00am – Areegra – 101 (years old) in 2021 celebrations

6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Pentecost 25 – 14 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Christ Church

8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

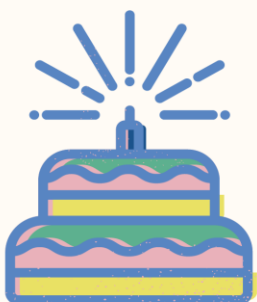
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of our Anglican Parish, and
Project REGENERATE vision
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THANK YOU!

**HAPPY 1ST
BIRTHDAY!**



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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 22

First Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

A reading from the Prophet Job

Then Job replied to the Lord : 'I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, "Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?" Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. 'You said, "Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me." My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.' After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so Job died, an old man and full of years.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm: 34:1-8

Response: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

1. When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing. **(R)**
2. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. **(R)**
3. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. **(R)**
4. Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:21-28

A reading from a letter to the Hebrews

"...but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: 'The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest for ever."' Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives for ever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his

own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect for ever.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 10:46-52

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

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means 'son of Timaeus'), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.' So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him. The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.' 'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPER

Sentence: The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

Collect: O God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness: hear the cry of your people and lead us home to our true country, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Don't just learn, experience.
Don't just read, absorb.
Don't just change, transform.
Don't just relate, advocate.
Don't just promise, prove.
Don't just criticize, encourage.
Don't just think, ponder.
Don't just take, give.
Don't just see, feel.
Don't just dream, do.
Don't just hear, listen.
Don't just talk, act.
Don't just tell, show.
Don't just exist, live.

Roy T. Bennett

*It is with sadness that I inform you
that our beloved sister in Christ
Claire Jones returned to God's
Presence on Monday 18th October.*

*I have agreed to conduct the
funeral in Bendigo at a date yet to
be determined in a couple of weeks.
Please pray for all of Claire's family
at this time.*