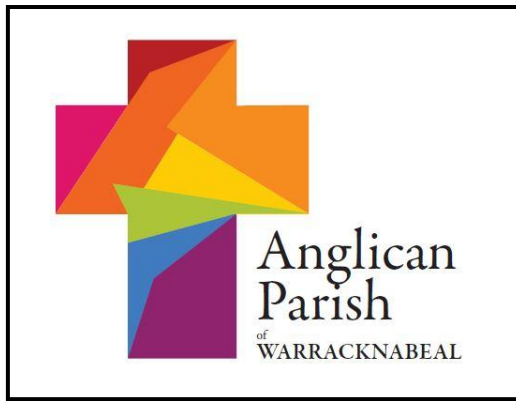




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 15
06 September 2026

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



Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM last Sunday. It was a positive occasion and the food was wonderful. Thank you to those who have been nominated to serve the parish and Diocese in their respective roles.

All reports were received unanimously and there were a few questions that helped clarify some minor matters within. The meeting decided that the Parish will donate \$500.00 to the Nepal Disaster Appeal through an Australian Government co-ordinated organisation. Parishioners are invited to make their own personal donations through their favourite charity or through [Emergency Action Alliance](#).

In the dNews, the Diocese are seeking gifts for +Garry as he lays down his Pastoral Staff on October 3rd. The meeting decided that people can make their own donations through the details provided in the dNews publication.

We have nine positions of Parish Council filled: Jill B., Brian C., Jill M., Fiona H., Suzanne P., Russell D., Andrew G., Scotty P., and Kate W. Rev James appointed Kate W. as the Rector's Warden.

Two Synod representatives: David H. and Serj H.

Safe Church Officer; David Holland.

We will distribute the Minutes of our meeting as soon as possible.

Christian Emergency Food Centre:

A heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone who contribute to the Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham with non-perishable goods. These goods are most welcome and there is now a list in the foyer of the most requested items - if you would like to know which items to purchase. I'll try to remember to send a file with this pew sheet for your own records and planning.

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- For the people of Nepal;
- +Garry; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop (the prayer for a bishop will reappear next week);
- For all who serve in our parish in a variety of ways – seen and unseen;
- 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 all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For those in our Aged Care Facilities;
- For our farmers and their families;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Robert TAYLOR (1987), Robert PETERSON (1999), Dr John (Jim) WATTS (2004), Winsome NEWELL (1990), Norman LIERSCH (1990), Margaret POWELL (2011), Monie FORSYTH (2018), Boyce HOLLAND (2024), Elsie HOLLAND (1989), Stanley FISHER (1989), Marie GRIFFITHS (2003), Noel PARSONS (2008), William HALLAM (1997), Russell HALLAM (1997), Kevin THOMPSON (2014), Rhonda TAYLOR (2016), Karen MENKERUD (2022), Walter DELAHOY (1987)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 15 – 06 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00 House Church Areegra

Monday 07th September – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 16 – 13 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal - HC

Pentecost 17 – 20 September

9.30am Warracknabeal - HC

Pentecost 18 – 27 September

9.30am Warracknabeal – Morning Prayer

Pentecost 19 – 04 October

9.30am Warracknabeal - HC

Pentecost 20 – 11 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00 House Church Areegra

Pentecost 21 – 18 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 22 – 25 October

9.30am / 5.00pm Café Church Warracknabeal

Laying Up of Pastoral Staff – 03 Oct

At Cathedral on Saturday 03 Oct - 11.00am. If anyone has the time and energy to attend. Gifts by personal choice - details in dNews.

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Garry retires on 03 Oct 2026

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese of Ballarat, a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire – with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. 'On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike

Egypt. 'This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord – a lasting ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **(R)**
2. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **(R)**
3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.". **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 13:1-10

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is

God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 18:10-20

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

'See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. 'What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did

not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. 'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself take up your cross and follow him.

Collect: O God, whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life; transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Nepal Disaster Appeal

Choose your own favourite charity or

[Emergency Action Alliance](#)

The Emergency Action Alliance is a coalition of 15 leading Australian aid charities that run joint, centralised appeals to deliver fast, effective humanitarian assistance.