



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 7
24 July 2022

This Sunday: 9.30am - Christ Church
5.00pm - Café Church



Hello Everyone!

It seems that the dreaded lurgy COVID-19 (latest variant) is stalking our community once again, and I encourage everyone to stay safe and positive. Having avoided the COVID experience thus far, I imagine it is only a matter of time before I too will pick up the bug from someone, somewhere, at sometime. I'm not looking to do so - I have to add, but will deal with that when the time comes.

If you are anxious, worried or suffering - know that there are people willing to help. I urge anyone who wants to talk about it - **TO DO SO!** Either with myself, or find a friend who is willing to listen and help support your needs.

Loneliness is difficult to bear at the best of times. And to add the COVID circumstances in with the mix - I fear is just pushing our 'return to normal' hopes and dreams a little too far. I feel that our COVID Safe Protocols have served us well over the last couple of years and I thank our COVIDSafe Officer for her guidance and patience; our volunteers who have faithfully cleaned the church; and congregational members who have followed our guidelines - that have helped to eliminate the risk of spreading the virus within our faith community.

I would still encourage people to participate in the life of our community as fully as possible. With Coffee Van returning this week, and our AGM approaching - I feel that if we maintain our good hand hygiene and appropriate distancing etc - we can continue to share fellowship and support each other in these uncertain times. I understand that for whatever reason - you choose not to participate - this is not a problem. I would ask - if I can be so bold - that you let me know, as I would like to keep track for pastoral reasons - to ensure that you remain 'connected' to our faith life together, and can receive the support you require without fuss.

"Take courage. Do not be afraid!"

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For all currently coping with COVID circumstances;
- For all the people of Spain; United Kingdom; other burning parts of Europe;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of Sri Lanka;
- For the people of West Papua;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all those in hospital; for all facing surgery and recovery;
- For all grieving loved ones;
- For seasonal weather;
- For our AGM preparations;
- For our friends, families, and our neighbours; for those who make our lives uncomfortable and difficult;
- For our COFFEE VAN and all who volunteer in her – for warm coffee and warmer hearts; for our volunteers;
- For concreters, builders and architects who can make buildings happen;
- For Benjamin Holland – who is at Alpine School for whole of Term 3;
- For warm socks; warm homes; warm pets; warm (fill in your own);

Years Mind: *Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Services – July/August

Pentecost 7 – 24 July

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

8.30am COFFEE Van returns – YAY!

Pentecost 8– 31 July

10.30am Warracknabeal

11.30 Soup & Sandwich AGM

Pentecost 9 – 07 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Pentecost 10 – 14 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30pm – Coffee Van

Pentecost 11 – 21 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 12 – 28 August

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm – Café Church

8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

Christian Emergency Food Centre- Horsham

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

to everyone who makes a contribution to the Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is most appreciated.

These donations are gratefully received in these winter months.

Why do we support the CEFC?

Because we can!

Because I believe it is our baptismal responsibility to do so!

Because it is necessary!

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 7

First Reading:

Hosea 1:2-10

A reading from the prophet Hosea

²When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the LORD." ³So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel." ⁶She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen." ⁸When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God." ¹⁰Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Prayer for the Restoration of God's Favour.

Response: Restore us again, O God of our salvation:

¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. **(R)**

³ You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. **(R)**

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶ Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? **(R)**

⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. **(R)**

⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. **(R)**

¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. ¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Colossians 2:6-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Fullness of Life in Christ

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles

of the world, and not according to Christ.
⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone

indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Propers

Sentence: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Collect: Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**