



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

**Epiphany 6**  
**15 February 2026**

**Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal**



Hello everyone! Hope you've had a good week.

***"The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays."*** Soren Kierkegaard

Jesus and three disciples go up a mountain to pray. BOOM! So much going on - and I wonder if you can imagine how you would react to the events and dialogue that followed.

I do love walking up mountains. I think I've told you about a couple of my adventures before. There is always a 'surprise' - whether it is the weather, or a vista or just the experience of the effort and energy needed to accomplish 'the peak'. My favourite Australian mountain is Mt. Townsend, which is only 8m shorter than Mt. Kosciuszko - and right next door. On the approach from the north along the ridge - there is the most pristine lake that seems like the best place in the world to live - on a good day. When the weather is wild, cold and brutal - it would probably be one of the worst - exposed, lashed by horizontal rain or sleet ... certainly not a place for the faint-hearted.

Mountains are there to 'humble' us - just like the metaphorical mountains of our daily lives. God invites us to be present. Be courageous. Be generous. Be changed by the Spirit's invitation to the 'surprises' of life. Have a BRILL week. *Peace, Rev James*

Extracts of Letters of  
**Reverend Frederick  
Arthur Booth** –  
First Anglican Priest in  
Warracknabeal.

February 1890

*Page 4:* 'Round about Warracknabeal this year the wheat supply has been greater than anywhere in the colony and of a better sample. The creek here is always lived now with empty wheat wagons with their owners camping for the night. The roads have about 2-3 inches depth of dust in the great traffic caused by wheat carting.

*Page 7:* Travelled 58 miles. Sheep Hills & Bangerang Harvest Thanksgiving festivals. Wesleyans bought  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre near church. (sold it to them for 15 pounds if they allowed us to buy the  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre adjoining the church) Parrot getting along famously. Need to shift house as the boarding house apparently doesn't pay sufficiently well.



## **Prayer in the Parish**

### **In the Parish & Beyond:**

- +Garry; +Scott; Southern Deanery;
- For Rev Ian, Allison and James Howarth, and the people of Horsham;
- 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 United Nations;
- For the people of Palestine, West Bank & East Jerusalem;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For all returning to school, University and work;
- For the wellbeing for all in our region;
- For our neighbours;
- For Project REGENERATE; for our 140yr celebrations in 2026;
- For The Shed Project;
- For Lions Market Day at CC – February 21st;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care facilities;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

**Years Mind:** Evelyn McGEE (2018), Lila MOYSEY (1987), Clarence HARMER (1990), Patricia WALTON, Alice MARSHALL (2002), Robert TAYLOR (2009), Joyce WITNEY (2019)

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

## **Services - 2026**

### **Transfiguration – 15 February 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Ash Wednesday – 18<sup>th</sup> February**

5.00pm – Service and Imposition of Ashes

### **Market Day at Christ Church – 21 February**

#### **Lent 1 – 22 February 2026**

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

#### **Tuesday – 24 February 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

7.00pm for 7.30pm Parish Council

#### **Lent 2 – 01 March 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

#### ***RSVP – High Tea Tickets***

#### **Tuesday – 03 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

#### **Lent 3 – 08 March 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

#### **Lent 4 – 15 February 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **140year High Tea – Saturday 21 March**

3.00 for 3.30pm in Parish Centre

(Tickets are ESSENTIAL)

#### **Sunday 22 March – Lent 5**

**10.30am 140year Liturgical Celebration**

**& BBQ Lunch**

**(No 5.00pm)**

#### **Palm/Passion – 29 March 2026**

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

#### **Working Bee at Parish Centre**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** from

9.30am to clean windows etc in

readiness for LIONS Market Day on

21<sup>st</sup> Feb on church grounds.

**ALL WELCOME!**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

First Reading:

Exodus 24:12-18

### ***A reading from the book of Exodus***

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.' Then Moses set out with Joshua his assistant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, 'Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.' When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

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### ***Response: Happy are all who take refuge in the Lord***

1. Why are the nations in tumult: and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together: against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, 'Let us break their bonds asunder: let us throw off their chains from us.' (R)

2. He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: the Lord will hold them in derision. Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury:

'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.' (R)

3. I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken: 'You are my son, this day have I begotten you. 'Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance: the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession. 'You may break them with a rod of iron: and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' (R)

4. Now therefore be wise, O kings: be advised, you that are judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling: lest he be angry, and you perish in your course. For his wrath is quickly kindled: Blessed are those that turn to him for refuge. (R)

Second Reading:

2 Peter 1:16-21

### ***A reading from the second book of Peter***

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The word of God is living and infective; discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart. **Alleluia**

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

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

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **The Propers**

**Sentence:** Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'

**Collect:** O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children: make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**The Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal  
invite you to join us for**

## *High Tea*

**at Anglican Parish Centre,  
Warracknabeal to celebrate 140 years  
of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation in  
the Wimmera.**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 3.00 for 3.30pm  
\$15.00 per person**

**RSVP 01 March, 2026**

**To book tickets (essential):  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIJPI>**



## Lent 2026

I've ordered a couple of different 'studies' from ABM to use for reflection during this year's Lenten journey.

I haven't worked out completely how I'm going to share content, HOWEVER, I am inviting parishioners and their friends to join us every Tuesday night in Lent:

**5.00pm Eucharist** at Christ Church - simple service (*approx 30-40 mins*)

**6.00pm Pot-luck dinner** in Parish Centre to follow (*usually finish 7.30pm*)

The 'Pot-luck Dinner' – please bring a plate to share. BYO refreshments. Tea and Coffee will be available.

The evening won't be a 'study group' per se, but I would like to include simple discussion points and maybe a time for reflection that suits the group who has gathered. I have also invited our Uniting sisters and brothers to join us and I know that a few people have responded positively to the invitation. ALL are WELCOME!

### Dates include:

*18th February - ASH Wednesday Service 5.00pm [NO dinner]*

*24th February - 5.00pm & dinner will have to finish by 7.15pm (Parish Council at 7.30pm)*

*03rd March - 5.00pm & 6.00pm Dinner*

*10th March - 5.00pm & 6.00pm Dinner*

*17th March - 5.00pm & 6.00pm Dinner*

*24th March - 5.00pm & dinner will have to finish by 7.15pm (Parish Council at 7.30pm)*

*31st March - Holy Week 5.00pm service only*

*03 April - Good Friday Reflections at the Cross - 9.30am-10.30am*

*05 April - Easter Day - 6.00am Lighting of the New Fire & simple breakfast  
9.30am Celebration*

*Any questions - get in touch.*

*Regards*

*Rev James*



# The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



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JAMES	DAYS	APPEARED	MOUNTAIN	HIGH