



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 14
11 September 2022

Hello Everyone!

I hope you've had a good week!

I know that I shouldn't necessarily be surprised by the wonder of Spring.

But I AM! Barren 'sticks' in pots of soil that have been dormant, are slowly coming to life - with the smallest of buds, and the promise of colour and new life. The wave of buds and flowers that take their own time and in their own way - rather than 'all budding together' gives a man (and a woman if you are one) time to treasure each journey of each plant - I find it incredible.

For me, it's like a definition of strength - to reveal one's vulnerability slowly and surely - true to its deepest nature and yet expose itself to the elements of heat and cold and wind and rain etc

It all starts with the roots - the unseen wonder of the whole process: in the cold dark earth lies the promise of living; in the cold dark earth where nutrients and goodness ultimately shape the colour, health and beauty of the plant; it all starts in the unseen place below the surface - that's where the real miracle takes place?

It is so different for you and I?

In the darkest places of our soul; in the warmth and struggles of our hearts; in the living memories of our lives etched in the recesses of our brains - that's where beauty really begins. What we show to the world and how we interact with each other is ultimately formed deep within - rather than how we look.

What nourishes that deepest part of your being? What are the nutrients you need this Spring season to nurture and help grow the person you want to be? What are the memories and the experiences that give you confidence to face the world afresh and with confidence - knowing that who you are is more important than what you do?

It's like going on a quest ... I hope that you find exactly what you need this Spring season to help fulfil the promises you have for yourself and those around you.

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For our Deanery: Parishes of West Wimmera, Horsham, Stawell, Ararat & Warracknabeal;
- For all the people of Pakistan – for prompt food aid and immediate sanitation systems to protect the vulnerable and displaced;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For all people affected by 911 attacks and all those who confront the ‘terror’ throughout our world;
- For victims of abuse – physical, emotional, financial, spiritual;
- For all who seek justice and peace;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all those in hospital; for all facing surgery and recovery;
- For our friends, families, and our neighbours; for those who make us proud; for those we treasure;
- For those grieving;
- For all supermarket workers and their families;
- For courage, conviction & compassion;
- For Benjamin Holland;

Years Mind: Vi Taylor

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

Services – Sept/Oct

Pentecost 14 – 11 September

10.30am Warracknabeal
12.00pm – Luncheon

Pentecost 15 – 18 September

9.30am HC Warracknabeal

Pentecost 16 – 25 September

10.30am Cafe Church Warracknabeal

Pentecost 17 – 02 October

9.30am Morning Prayer Warracknabeal

11.30am Morning Prayer Areegra

Pentecost 18 – 09 October

9.30 HC Warracknabeal
8.30-12.30pm COFFEE Van –
2nd Year Birthday Party

Pentecost 19 – 16 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 20 – 23 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
8.30-12.30 Coffee Van

Other Events:

Soup, Sandwich & Sweets Luncheon

11th September at 12.00pm
\$15 per person

Anglican Treasures Auction

21st October 2022

Synod

21st-22nd October in Ballarat

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 14

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

At that time this people and Jerusalem will be told, 'A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows towards my people, but not to winnow or cleanse; a wind too strong for that comes from me. Now I pronounce my judgments against them.' 'My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good.' I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. This is what the Lord says: 'The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely. Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 51:1-10

Response: *Create a clean heart in me, O God*

1. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me. **(R)**

2. Restore to me the joy and thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee. **(R)**

3. For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou woudst not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-19a

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected

and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

If anyone loves me, they will hold to my words, And my Father will love them, and they will come to him.

Alleluia

Gospel:

Luke 15:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.' Then Jesus told them this parable: 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent. 'Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Propers

Sentence: I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Collect: O God, without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anglican Treasures Auction

21 October 2022

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Anglican Parish Centre

There are quite a number of items up for sale – small to large; matt to shiny; wood to brass; and a few pews, chairs and other church furniture no longer required or desired.

Catalogues are available in hard copy, or via email.

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to register your interest.