



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Pentecost 25**  
**14 November 2021**

## Hello Everyone!

We had a fantastic weekend at St Mark's last week to celebrate 101 years. A number of people had made a significant effort in organizing a festive atmosphere for which I am most grateful, and an unassuming plaque fitting for the humble church sits proudly on the gates marking the occasion. Parishioners from another era returned, and I reckon we had representatives from every demographic present and participating.

Areegra is a lovely spot to take a folding chair and a thermos - if you ever want a local 'quiet place' to ponder faith and meaning. Highly recommended with the Advent of the Christmas Season fast approaching.

### This Sunday

**Coffee Van Project** - 8.30am-early afternoon outside the Warrack Visitor's Centre. Come and enjoy a great cup of coffee and catch up with friends and soak up the atmosphere of 'shopping spree' weekend!

**Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** - 12.00pm at Parish Centre. (Bookings have closed) It is fantastic to have 30 people booked in! Enjoy the feast.

**Next weekend** 21 November - The Ven Michael O'Brien and his wife Kerry will be visiting Warracknabeal. Fr Michael is the Diocese's newest Archdeacon responsible for the Wimmera Deanery (among other responsibilities). He is interested to know more about what we get up to in the parish, and what we would like to achieve through Project Regenerate. I would encourage you to come and say hello and welcome him and Kerry to our parish on Sunday night or on Monday morning:

Sun 21 5.00pm - Worship service in Parish Centre

6.00pm (for 6.30) - Creekside Hotel for social dinner

Mon 22 9.00am - Parish Council and interested others - in the Rectory or PC.

Please let Rev know if there is anything specific you'd like raised with him.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch for any matters of consequence. *Thanks Rev.*



## Prayer in the Parish

### In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; the greater Wimmera Deanery!
- For the people of Sudan, Ethiopia;
- Project Regenerate – Coffee Van Project this Sunday ; new participants in Zmorph & Boys' Shed this week;
- For the joyful gathering at Areegra last weekend and all who organised it;
- For those grieving loved ones;

### Community:

- For truck drivers;
- For all who are employed in our regions' wheat bins; those who work far from home;
- For all those feeling weary, worried, over worked, worn out, wacked;
- All facing natural disaster and disease;
- All COVID consequences;

**Years Mind:** Jack Willsher, Hazel Liersch, Hazel McDonald, Bill Hand

### THE PROPERS

**Sentence:** The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.

**Collect:** O God, welcoming refuge for the outcast, and upholder of justice for the oppressed: maintain the hope of the poor, so that time may soon come when no one need want food and shelter; and all will learn to share freely following the example of your Son, who gave his every self; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Service Times November

### Pentecost 25 – 14 November

- 9.30am - Christ Church (Full Vacc)  
5.00pm – Parish Centre (non-Vacc status)  
8.30-early arvo Coffee Van

### Saturday 20 November

Youth Group Activity

### Christ the King – 21 November

- 9.30am - Christ Church (Full Vacc)  
5.00pm – Parish Centre (non-Vacc status)

*Visit of Archdeacon Michael & Kerry*

*6.00pm Creekside Hotel*

*9.00am – Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Rectory*

### Advent 1 – 28 November

- 9.30am - Christ Church (Full Vacc)  
5.00pm – Parish Centre (non-Vacc status)  
8.30am-12.30pm Coffee Van

### Advent 2 – 05 December

- 9.30am - Christ Church (Full Vacc)  
11.00am Areegra  
5.00pm – Parish Centre (non-Vacc status)  
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

### **A Prayer of Remembrance**

Lord God, help us this day to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACs, Australian and New Zealander, and the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace. Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their service. Help us to remember the widows, girlfriends, parents and orphans and all those who waited in vain for the return of a loved one. Help us to remember the mateship, agony, courage and compassion of war service, but save us from ever glorifying the horror and tragedy of war. Lord God, help us to remember. **Amen**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## PENTECOST 25

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

**A reading from the first book of Samuel**

Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb. Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah would say to her, 'Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?' Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.' As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, 'How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.' 'Not so, my lord,' Hannah replied, 'I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.'

Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.' She said, 'May your servant find favour in your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. Early the next morning they arose and worshipped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Song of Hannah

My heart exults in the Lord:  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies:  
because I rejoice in your salvation.  
**There is no Holy One like you, O Lord:  
nor any Rock like you, our God.  
For you are a God of knowledge:  
and by you our actions are weighed.**  
The bows of the mighty are broken:  
but the feeble gird on strength. Those who  
were full now search for bread: but those  
who were hungry are well fed.  
**The barren woman has borne  
sevenfold: but she who has many  
children is forlorn. Both the poor and  
the rich are of your making: you bring  
low and you also exalt.**  
You raise up the poor from the dust:  
and lift the needy from the ash heap.  
You make them sit with the rulers:  
and inherit a place of honour.  
**For the pillars of the earth are  
yours: and on them you have set  
the world.**

***A reading from a letter to the Hebrews***

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy. Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

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

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!’ ‘Do you see all these great buildings?’ replied Jesus. ‘Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.’ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?’ Jesus said to them: ‘Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, “I am he,” and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains. ‘You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**