

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 13

22 August 2021

Hello Everyone!

Good news: 'The VOICE' is still on the telly...

Nah - I won't put you through that again! I hope that I find you well and in good spirits.

I've had one of those weeks that I dream about from time to time. A man (or a woman if you are one) has a plan and elements of that plan come with clarity and coherence - and in the implementation of the plan - wonderful things happen! That's been my week.

It HASN'T been perfect - but that's the point.

One of the reasons I like 'The Voice' so much, is acknowledging - beyond the lights and the production and the *razamataz* - that when you have the microphone in your hand - you're only as good as that performance. Each time the contestants sing - it's a serious audition. Vulnerability is REAL - and how a person deals with that vulnerability is what 'turns a chair' or moves someone to tears. That's what makes theatre so enthralling - you're only as good as NOW! (No matter what you may have done in the past or what you hope for the future.)

I connect personally with this reality - that every time I walk in to the Secondary College, or the Primary School, or Hopetoun Kinder, or Dunmunkle Lodge, or WSDS, Christ Church on a Sunday morning, or the Boys' Shed on a Monday or Thursday afternoon - I'm only as good as NOW. Many of you may not realize how 'vulnerable' I feel. That's just the reality - like any live performance. My disclosure is not to enlist sympathy or 'special treatment' but rather to highlight how important these moments are - standing before real people, real lives, real stories - and my privileged position as an agent of change or encouragement or whatever I have to offer.

And then, I'm asking you to do the same – as a bearer of the Gospel, as a mentor in any of our ministry projects and liturgical services, as representatives of our faith community whether we are in the shop or at work or travelling (should we have that privilege) around the countryside.

As contestants on The Voice are constantly reminded – “we want you to be yourself, to make the song your own, we want to believe you when you sing that particular story”. It's pretty profound – don't you think?

God calls us to do the same – without the cameras and the glitz and the reward of recording contracts. Not just some of us – ALL of us: young, older, aged, infirm, employed, retired Therefore, the seeds of the 'good news' (Gospel) of Jesus that we are commissioned (no less) to plant and sow and nurture within our community, are vitally important!

Discipleship – by its very nature makes us feel vulnerable. Well, it should anyway ... but this 'vulnerability' is the essence of Good Friday, Easter morning, the woman at the well, the 'man' born blind, the commission to Peter, Mary Magdalene – the list goes on ... you and I! Now – this very moment. This is your performance – today. You won't get today again! The 'microphone' is in your hands.

Like I said, it's not about being perfect – because that's too hard!

It's about being a genuine human being engaging the world – and treating others with respect and dignity; and genuinely transforming our negativity so that we can reap a fruitful harvest; and trying to negotiate our way through COVID and all its consequences as it affects our lives like nothing before it; it may mean taking steps out of our comfort zone; or, having that difficult conversation; or saying sorry ...

I still sense that there is much COVID grief – some of it spills to the surface, but much remains hidden within the corners of our heart or mind. These are difficult times – no question. With all our restrictions – I am proud of how our parish has initiated AND continued ministry, been willing to reach out to others and continue to offer genuine places of faith-in-action to our local region and towns. Let's continue this in faith, hope and love.

Rev James.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; All Diocesan Chaplains and Deacons;
- For the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Algeria, California, Turkey;
- Peter & Dianne; Nola Browell;
- Project Regenerate; Zmorph participants; Coffee Van volunteers and mentors; Boys' Shed this week;
- Parish Council meeting - Tuesday;
- Daily outreach to friend, family and neighbour;

Community:

- For seasonal weather & all our farmers;
- For homemakers;
- For all those feeling disorientated, afraid, anxious, facing the 'Black Dog';
- All facing natural disaster and disease;
- All COVID consequences;

Years Mind: Mick Moysey, Elsie Johnson, Thelma Dunkley, Janice May, Elizabeth Morris, William Gleeson, Bradley Tree.

Service Times August/Sept

Pentecost 13 – 22 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

Pentecost 14 – 29 August

10.30am Warracknabeal

One Service Only

Pentecost 15 – 05 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11:00am Areegra

Pentecost 16 – 12 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van



COMPLETED!

Kilometres travelled

5,065

Pledged & Donated

\$20,085

[Target \$25,000]

Donations are still being accepted. Contact Rev for details. Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to Rev's Rev!

IGA – Thank you 'lap' = 11 Sept

Rev's YouTube message -

Pentecost 13

Stick to the Plan

<https://youtu.be/joSpjym2MU8>

Bishop Garry's YouTube message

Pentecost 12 – 'Mary, Mother of the Lord'

<https://youtu.be/IY4Ft4yl77A>

Rev's 'feel-good' video of the week:

The Egyptian Pyramids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6PbonHsqW0>

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th August in the Parish Centre: 7.00pm Refreshments followed by 7.30pm meeting.

We welcome our elected PC members for 2021-2022 & will nominate Office Bearers.

*Please pray for us –
as we pray for you!*

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 13

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

A reading from the first book of Kings

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands towards heaven and said: ' Lord , the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below – you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it – as it is today. 'Now Lord , the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, "You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done." And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true. 'But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. May your eyes be open towards this temple night and day, this place of which you said, "My Name shall be there," so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays towards this place. Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. 'As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name – for they will

hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm – when they come and pray towards this temple, then hear from heaven, your dwelling-place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

34:16-21

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad(**R**)
2. The LORD has eyes for the just,
and ears for their cry. The LORD
confronts the evildoers, to destroy
remembrance of them from the earth. (**R**)
3. When the just cry out, the LORD hears
them, and from all their distress he
rescues them. The is close to the
broken-hearted; and those who are
crushed in spirit he saves. (**R**)
4. Many are the troubles of the just one,
but out of them all the LORD delivers
him; he watches over all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken. (**R**)

Second Reading:

Ephesians 6:10-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,

but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 6:56-69

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna

and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.' He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?' Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.' From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: Jesus said, 'It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'

Collect: Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Couple of things regarding Sunday mornings at Christ Church

Liturgy:

I'm going to sound like 'Grandma' for a moment. Several months ago I invited people to volunteer for various roles for our Sunday morning services - only ONE person got back to me. (okay - Grandma is gone!)

I am seeking willing volunteers once again:

	QR Code Steward/ Welcomer	First Reading	Gospel	Intercessions
22 August: 9.30am				
29 August: 10.30am				
05 Sept 9.30am				
12 Sept: 9.30am				
19 Sept: 10.30am				
26 Sept: 10.30am				

Please let me know as soon as you can whether you are willing to participate in any of the above. Phone: email: or leave this page at my back door.

Morning Tea after Christ Church Service:

Contrary to Diocesan recommendations, but in consultation with COVID Safe and Rector's Wardens, we are going to offer a simple cuppa and chance for fellowship after the morning service.

Grandma's back - there are very strict protocols that must be complied with!

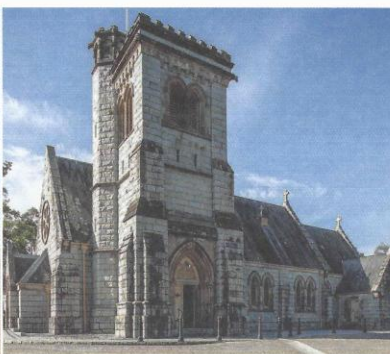
1. Only ONE person must pour from the Urn.
 2. NO SHARED FOOD under any circumstance.
 3. There will be NO ACCESS to the Parish Centre (toilets exempt - East doors).
 4. You will need to be seated when consuming beverage (in church).
 5. Please understand, that breaking protocols could incur a \$10,000 fine.
 6. We are offering this opportunity, knowing that extra cleaning and organization has been offered by willing individuals. Please respect that.
- (Grandma's gone!) Enjoy the fellowship!

Australian Anglican Church **CALANDAR** 2022

Order your calendar now = \$14.00 each OR let Rev know by 25th August and he'll get it to you for \$10.00. Do not delay to avoid disappointment.



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All Saint's, Bodalla, NSW



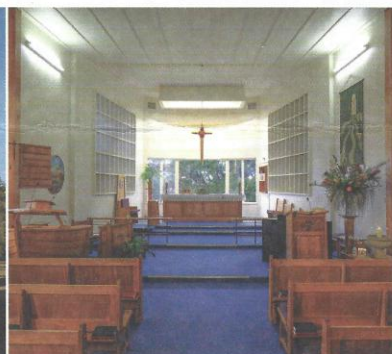
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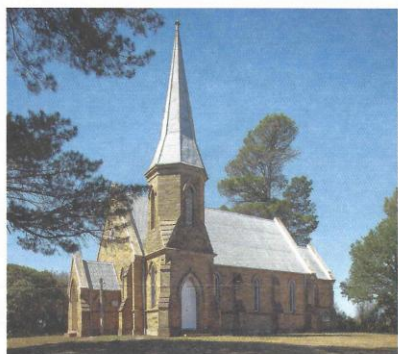
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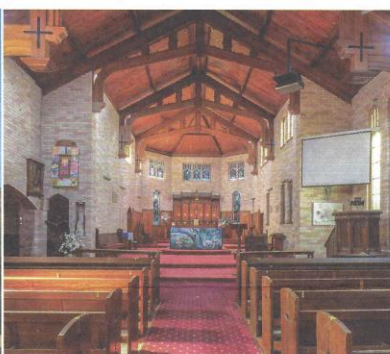
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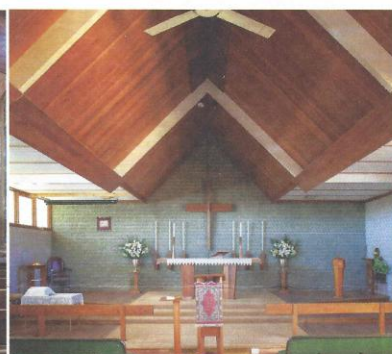
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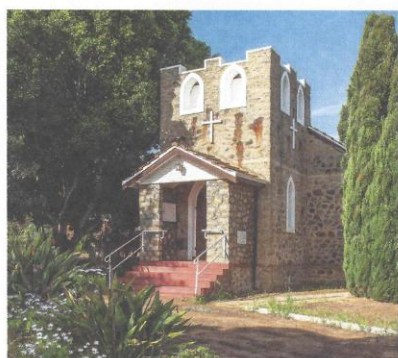
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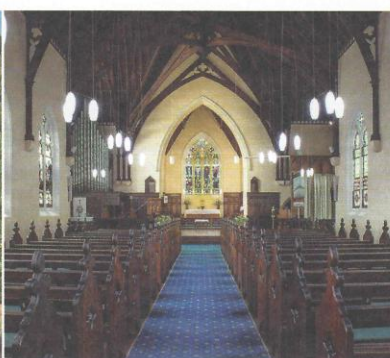
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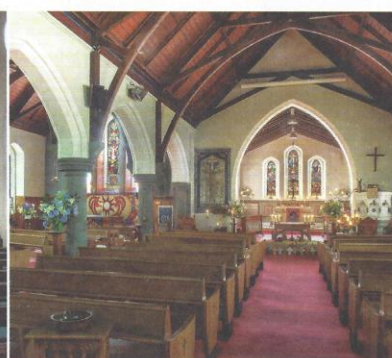
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St Andrew's, South Brisbane, QLD



Christ Church, Warrnambool, VIC