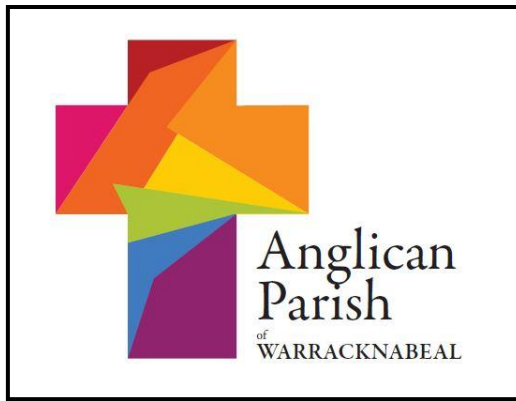




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 7

12 July 2026

Hello Everybody! I hope that you've had a good week!



NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK - 50 Years of Deadly (from the website)

For five decades, NAIDOC Week has celebrated the voices of our communities — steady, unapologetic, and proud. Each year, its themes have called for truth, celebrated culture, honoured resistance, and reminded the nation of who we are.

Fifty Years of Deadly marks a milestone. It's a tribute to the people who built this movement, the Elders who stood firm, the organisers who made space, the artists who turned resistance into expression, and the communities who keep showing up, year after year. NAIDOC has always been more than a week — it's a platform, a protest, a celebration, and a statement of survival.

This moment is about looking back at the stories, the marches, the languages, the art, the leadership. At the strength it took to get here. It's about recognising how far we've come, not by chance, but because generations of people refused to be silenced. It's also about the here and now, who we are today. Grounded in culture. Strong in our identity. Leading change across every field, from health and education to media, business, and the arts. We're telling our own stories, in our own way, on our own terms.

And it's about the future. The next 50 years. The young ones growing up proud. The return of language. The return to Country. The fight for justice continuing with new tools, new voices, and the same fire. [National NAIDOC Theme | NAIDOC]

I encourage us to open our hearts this week to our Indigenous brothers and sisters across our Great Southern Land. No matter your political or social opinion, our First Nations Peoples still have a difficult time getting appropriate healthcare where needed, legitimate advocacy for the wellbeing of all, and seem staggeringly over-represented in our penal institutions. There are many causes which are beyond our control (and knowledge) - we are one Nation, one human race. Let's act like it!
Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for Rev Fiona & family;
Diocese of North Zambia;
- For the 'Board of Electors' Committee
as they prepare the process of electing
our new Bishop;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and
seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the people of the Venezuela;
- For the Leaders of all Nations;
- For those of leadership and influence to
act for the common good;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood,
fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For those in our Aged Care Facilities;
- For those we know whom are unwell;
- For our farmers and their families;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Winnie FARRALL (1990),
Phillip MANNING (1993), Edna WELCH
(1995), Shiela FISHER (2005), Ruth
SCHILLING (1996), James THOMAS
(2000), Dolly CARTER (2015), Gordon
SCOTT (1978), Lillian KOSLOF (1982),
Alwyn MENZEL (2008), Campbell JONES
(2015), Florence HALLAM (1989), Caesar
FISH (1976), Elsie MACKET (1996), Susan
AFFORD (1998), Edward HALL (1985),
Mary McROSS (1987), Doreen TAYLOR
(2022)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 7 – 12 July

9.30am – Warracknabeal

Monday 13th July – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 8 – 19 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Monday 20th July – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 9 – 26 July

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Parish Council – 28th July

7.00pm refreshments/ 7.30pm meeting

Parish Lunch – Sunday 9th August

Our next Parish Lunch will be on
Sunday 09th August at 12.00pm.

Donations of Casseroles please!

Place your name on the sheets at the
back of the church & Parish Centre.

Proceeds to be determined.

Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday 30th August at 11.45pm
(following the 10.30am service)
for a Soup & Sandwich Lunch.

Soup - will be provided.

Please bring sandwiches to share.

Reports to Rev by 25th July please.

***Nomination forms will be made available
early August for:***

12 Parish Council positions

3 Synod positions (plus reserve)

Safe Church Officer

***Our intention is to have reports ready
for early August.***

TODAY'S READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

Genesis 25:19-34

A reading from the book of Genesis

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, 'Why is this happening to me?' So she went to enquire of the Lord. The Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the elder will serve the younger.' When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, 'Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!' (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, 'First sell me your birthright.' 'Look, I am about to die,' Esau said. 'What good is the birthright to me?' But Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some

bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

119:105-112

Response: *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

1. You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain. **(R)**
2. Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, softening it with showers, blessing its yield. **(R)**
3. You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; the untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. **(R)**
4. The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 8:1-11

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their

minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever. **Alleluia**

Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among

thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.' 'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Propers

Sentence: The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

Collect: Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, only God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Rev Fiona is going to be welcoming
anyone interested in a coffee and a
chat at Peppercorn Café on Monday
mornings: 9.00-10.30am. All Welcome!*