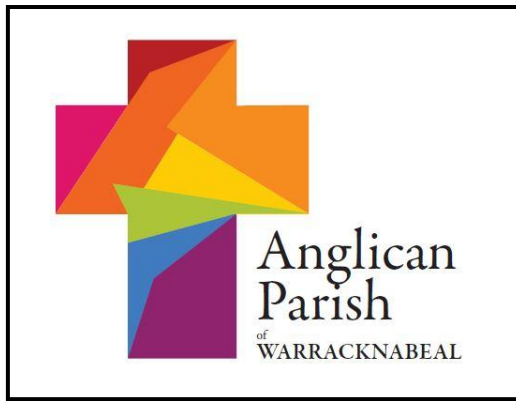




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 10

02 August 2026

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



Not to compete with +Scott in dNews, but - we had a 'family outing' to the Ballet in Horsham last night. I love the ballet - have done for many, many years and enjoyed performances for two pounds a ticket at the Royal Ballet in London when I was there in the 1990's. As a rural tour, The Australian Ballet were performing a couple of traditional pieces and a couple of contemporary pieces - and included seasoned dancers and some recent graduates from the Australian Ballet school.

The 'traditional' dances of course are the favourite because of the costumes, the story, the part that everyone plays in the 'dancing hierarchy' on stage ... and it was obvious last night that there is a lot of talent in the dance corps. What the dancers do with their bodies and how they move - WOW!

The 'contemporary' dances are more challenging to watch - not more difficult to watch nor may I add easier to dance - they challenge the core of our conventions (if we can even say that in our modern age) - how to tell a story with excessive and extravagant movement, or as was the case last night - minimal, disciplined movement that express an enormous amount of self-control. Not always appealing - it was this dance on reflection that 'captivated me the most' ... it's intensity (as the dance went on - probably a little too long), the vulnerability and strength of the four dancers present. There is no-where to hide on that stage - live!

We too are LIVE! Vulnerable. Strong! It makes me think of our faith community - the 'traditions' that nourish us and help us feel comfortable within our own skin, and the more contemporary challenges we face in our modern Christian expression and activities that will cast our future direction and outreach - that may take us out of our comfort zone - all for the glory of God.

In what ways does our faith life nourish you? In what ways does it make us feel vulnerable and exposed? It's worth taking these questions to Jesus.

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop;
- For our West Wimmera Deanery;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the people of the Middle East;
- For the people of the Pacific;
- 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: Evelyn GOVE (2016), Leonard PENDERGAST (2021), Mary JEFFRIES (1988), Gladys ROWNEY (2009), Coral BLOBEL (2019), Inez WITNEY (2018), Noel ARNOLD (2025), Charles SLEEP (1985), Gregory WELLINGTON (1989), Robert POHLNER (1990), Romeo ZAMMITT (1999), Audrey TAYLOR (2007), Peter WAALDYKE (2021), George TOWNSEND (1993), Hetty POWELL (1999), Dorothy WOOD (2003)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 10 – 02 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am Home Church Areegra

Monday 03rd August – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 11 – 09 August

10.30am Warracknabeal
12.00pm Parish Lunch

Pentecost 12 – 16 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
Ben Howes from TEARFUND at 9.30am

Pentecost 13 – 23 August

9.30am Warracknabeal / 5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 14 – 30 August

10.30am Warracknabeal
11.45am AGM with simple lunch

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.

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.' The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

17:1-7, 16

Response: *I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer*

1. Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry: listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips. Let judgement for me come forth from your presence: and let your eyes discern the right. **(R)**
2. Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time: though you try me by fire, you will find no

wickedness in me. My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others: for I have kept the word of your lips. **(R)**

3. My steps have held firm in the way of your commands: and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.
I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer: incline your ear to me, and hear my words. **(R)**
4. Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, O saviour of those who come to you for refuge: who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against them.
And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just: when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 9:1-8

A reading from the letter to the Romans

I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised! Amen. It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.' In other words, it is not the children by physical

descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered. 'Bring them here to me,' he said. And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

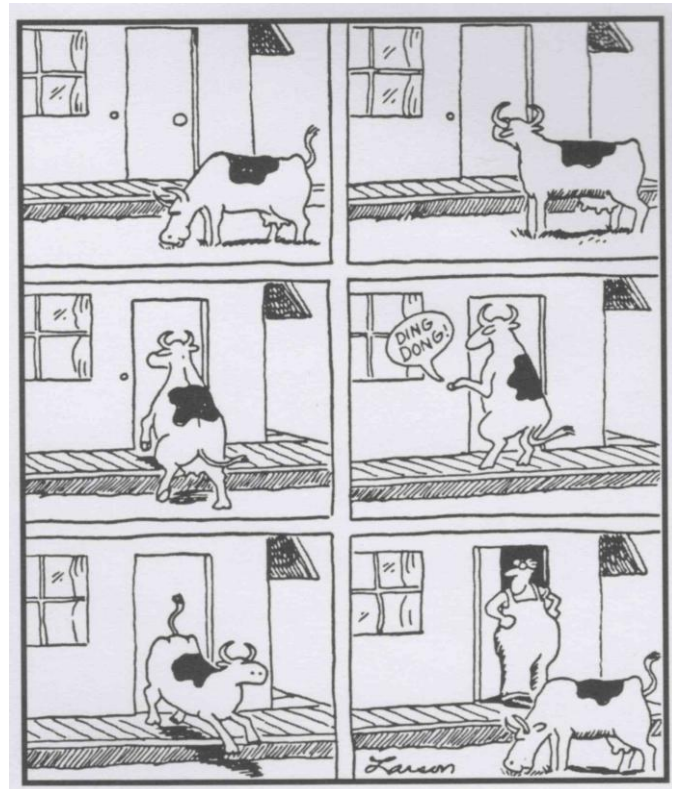
This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Collect: O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



TEARFUND Australia coming to visit

As you know I am a huge fan of TEARFUND Australia – and offer the Useful Gift Shop in the lead up to Easter and Christmas every year.

We will welcome Ben Howes to our parish on Sunday 16th August at 9.30am – who will explain more about TEAR and its operations and will be an opportunity to ask questions.