



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Christmas**  
**December 2021**

On behalf of the clergy and Parish Council of the Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a fulfilling and fruitful 2022.

May the graciousness of God, and the gentleness of the Holy Spirit be born in your hearts and homes this Christmas Season as we welcome the divinity and humanity of Jesus in our lives once more.



*Just as God extended an invitation to the people least expected to receive the first gift of Christmas in a personal and profound experience of God's love and radical action in our world just over two thousand years ago - God's same Spirit invites you deeper into a relationship with the source of light, life and love in our world.*

*Much of what stops us in delving deeper into the 'divine' is quite simple - fear: fear that I will lose control, fear that others will judge me, fear that I will have to do something I really don't want to do, fear that I don't actually know myself or trust myself ... facing our fears - is considered one of the most important human endeavours.*

*Another important human endeavour - is gratitude!*

*I believe it is the simplest path towards deep peace - a peace that surpasses all understanding! Let's give thanks for all that we have, for all that has passed (if possible) and for all that lies before us. May the Peace of God dwell in you - and those you love this Christmas season.*

Merry Christmas everyone!

Rev James



## Prayer in the Parish

### In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- Family, friends and invited guests at our tables, in our homes and our hearts;
- For the un-invited surprises that remind us of the generosity of God;
- For all who are way from family;
- the people of Haiti; Philippines; Nepal;
- For the 82.4 million displaced people in the world; for the 26.4 million refugees in our world; for all asylum seekers;
- For those in hospital;
- Max Young
- For those grieving loved ones;
- Horsham Emergency Food Centre; for all those less fortunate in our region;
- Our neighbours; those we find difficult;
- For those in pain – emotional, physical and spiritual – for a ‘return to wholeness; for those who are thankful;

### Community:

- For our agricultural industries and those who support them;
- For all safe travel; for visitors to our town; for those lost; for those away from home and security;
- For all those feeling overwhelmed; under pressure; lonely; isolated;
- For all those feeling excited; peaceful; content; satisfied;
- For those experiencing tragedy; for front line care workers; for first responders;

**Years Mind:** Myrtle Russell, Clive Castleman, Bessie Smith, Nancy Lewis, Keith Skelton, Robert Percy, Beverly Boyle

## Service Times Christmas

### Lessons & Carols – Areegra

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 6.00pm

### Christmas Eve – 24 Dec

8.30pm Refreshments & fellowship

10.00pm – Lessons & Carols & HC

### Christmas Day – 25 Dec

9.30am – Christmas Celebration & HC

### Christmas 1 – 26 Dec

10.30am – Carols & HC

### Epiphany – 02 Jan 2022

10.30am – HC

### Baptism of Our Lord – 09 Jan 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Areegra

### Epiphany 2 – 16 Jan 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Remember, Christmas isn't about how big the tree is, or what's under it.

It is about who is around it.



Want to give a grain of wheat - to produce a harvest opportunity within our parish? Donations of grain - of any quantity can be made using the

Church's NGR number:

**NGR 12439740**

A message from the Christian Emergency Food Centre – Horsham:

*“Dear James and fellow congregation members, Thank you so much for your support for the Christian Emergency Food Centre and the clients we help through your recent donation of groceries.*

*Over the past year we have been able to continue to operate throughout the COVID lockdowns ... It has been such a trial for many but we remain able to support those who are struggling thanks to all our faithful volunteers and generous community support like yours. Please be assured your donation will go directly to putting food on the table for those in need this Christmas and beyond. Yours in Christ, Bev Miatke”*

CHRISTMAS  
TO-DO-LIST

~~BE~~  
~~buy~~ presents

~~wrap~~ gifts ~~SOMEONE~~  
IN A HUG

~~Send~~ gifts ~~PEACE~~

~~DONATE~~  
~~shop~~ for food

Christmas Riddles - (Answers back page)

- A) What happens if you eat the Christmas decorations?
- B) Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs?
- C) How do Christmas trees keep their breath fresh?
- D) What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month?
- E) What do you get if you cross a duck with some mistletoe?



**“Don't you just love a red cordial at Christmas?”**

# MEGA CHRISTMAS

## WORD-SEARCH



C	a	M	b	W	R	A	P	P	I	N	G
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H	I	J	K	L	J	O	Y	M	N	E	H
B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	O	P	T

Christmas	Jesus	Saviour	Shepherds	Inn
Mary	Joseph	Bethlehem	Nazareth	Donkey
Census	Wisemen	Gold	Francinsence	Myrrh
Carols	Mother	Child	Swathling	Sheep
Straw	Star	Herod	Peace	Love
David	King	Stable	Angels	Joy
Present	Wrapping	Prayer	Candle	Thanksgiving

Riddle Answers: A) Tinselitis; ; B) Santa Paws; C) Orna-mint; D) 'D'; E) A Christmas Quacker