



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 20
23 October 2022

Hello Everyone!

I hope you've had a good week!

It all feels a bit surreal - watching the news and preparing ourselves for whatever the weather will throw at us ... I am glad that there is no sense of panic. However, I wonder what lies beneath the surface of our 'philosophical exterior'? I urge anyone who is feeling anxious or worried about how life is treating them to find someone to talk to. Mental wellbeing is vital. Do not be too proud to share with someone you trust.

I want to say a huge thank you to Sandra and her team for the massive effort they have made to make the Anglican Treasure's Auction possible. It has been almost (if not more) a year of preparation, collation and *CLEANING* - to get everything sparkling and catalogued for the event. I look forward to informing you of how the evening unfolded, as part of our Project Regenerate Plan to Renew People: Revive Projects: & Restore Place.

This weekend - Friday & Saturday - myself and your Synod Reps: Sarah-Jayne, Fiona and Curl will be attending Synod in Ballarat. We have not met for three years, and there is quite a full agenda. Please pray for ALL representatives as we travel to and from the 'big smoke' - and uphold +Garry and the Registry team as they co-ordinate all the mechanics of the occasion. I trust that the debate will be less caustic but just as robust as what's happening in Westminster at the moment.

I had a few 'glorious' moments on Wednesday that will feed me for a very long time. As part of my ministry through the Leith Trust Grants - I have the privilege of working with the students of WSDS on Weds mornings. For term 3 & 4 we have been building Billy Carts - and if I'm honest I didn't set the bar too high.

Well - the first phase of competition began on Weds with the completed machines! And machines they were. Gob-smacking success and much laughter that proves that "teamwork can make the dream work". It was SO MUCH FUN - I wish more people could have been there! How lucky was I.

Hope your week ahead is a belter.

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for Synod;
- For our Farmers;
- For all in distress;
- For all the women of Iran;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For all who seek justice and peace;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all those in hospital; for all facing surgery and recovery;
- For our friends, families, and our neighbours; for those who make us proud; for those we treasure;
- For those grieving;
- For faithfulness, forgiveness and mercy;
- For those working to keep our town safe; for our Shire Council;
- For those isolated and alienated;
- For those less fortunate;
- For those who face the 'Black Dog' every day;
- For wellington boots;
- For Project Regenerate initiatives;
- For our Parish Council;
- For our Auction next Friday – for generosity and appreciation;

Years Mind: Alfred Millard, Kelvin Radford, Ivy Hall, Sally Chapman, Stan Peters

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

Services – Oct/Nov

Pentecost 20 – 23 October

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 21 – 30 October

10.30am Warracknabeal

One Service Only

Pentecost 22 – 06 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Areegra

6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Pentecost 23 – 13 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 Coffee Van

Christ the King – 20 November

To be decided: Warracknabeal

Advent 1 – 27 November

9.30am Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 Coffee Van

**6.00pm Prelude to Christmas at
Uniting Church**

Parish Council meets

Tuesday 25th October

7.00pm refreshments

7.30pm meeting at Rectory

Please pray for us - as we pray for you.

On the agenda:

Auction debrief

Finances

Christ the King celebration

Project Regenerate 2023

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 20

First Reading:

Joel 2:23-32

A reading from the prophet Joel

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing-floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. 'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten – the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm – my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. 'And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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

1. You tend the earth and water it: you make it rich and fertile. The river of God is full of water: and so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all **(R)**
2. You drench its furrows, you level ridges in between: you soften it with showers and bless its early growth. **(R)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness; and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness run over: and the hills are girded with joy. **(R)**
4. The meadows clothed with sheep: and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing. **(R)**

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 18:15-30

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

People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' A certain ruler asked him, 'Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother."' "

'All these I have kept since I was a boy,' he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' Those who heard this asked, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with man is possible with God.' Peter said to him, 'We have left all we had to follow you!' 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus said to them, 'no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Propers

Sentence: Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Collect: O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner: grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly, we may refrain from judging our neighbour but rely solely upon your saving grace. We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.