



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Baptism of Our Lord *10 January 2021*

Hello Everyone!

"And I said to the person who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And they replied: 'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the light.
And God led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East."

So heart, be still!

What need our little life,

Our human life, to know, if God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife of things both high and low

God hideth his intention."

(Mimmie Hoskins - Source unknown)

Would life be easier if we knew exactly what was going to happen tomorrow?

If we knew what was 'on the cards' for ourselves or our loved ones tomorrow - do you think we would act or respond differently? Make better choices? Or still be anxious and worry?

I often wonder whether I would procrastinate so much. I seem to find it difficult enough trying to work out what to do today - let alone add tomorrow in the mix. Finding the balance between the things and activities that bring light and life and fit in the 'chores' that need to be completed NOW!

One of the key elements of developing a resilient life - or so they tell me, is to set goals and make decisions about a 'direction forward'. It doesn't matter how big or small - just make them, write them down, start to take steps toward completion no matter how easy or difficult. Is this something that is within your inherent nature - or do you have to 'work on it' and be more intentional about what you would like to do today in order to enjoy whatever tomorrow brings.

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE

Whatever you preferred mode of operation - I wish you well as we all try and cast a vision for our own lives that will enhance our today and our tomorrow.

Let me know how you go! *With every blessing, Rev James*



NO COFFEE MORNING ON Tuesdays.

Will resume in February,
but I'm not sure what day just yet.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- Rest and renewal for ALL;
- Summer travel & holidays;
- for people in FIJI, Yemen, UK;
- Project REGENERATE – Stronger Communities Grant Application
- Project REGENERATE – Parish Revamp plans & discussion.
- Gratitude for Leith Charitable Trust.

Community:

- For those feeling isolated & confused;
- Goal setting and 2021 dreaming;
- for all those feeling unwell, in hospital, recovering from sickness;
- for those finding school holidays difficult & exhausting;
- All affected by COVID;
- Retailers and business owners.

Years Mind: Lorna Freeland, Alissa Kraus

Service Times January

Baptism of Jesus -10 January 2021

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Epiphany 2 – 17 January 2021

10.00am Warracknabeal

ONE SERVICE ONLY

Epiphany 3 – 24 January 2021

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

2.00pm Dunmunkle, Minyip

Epiphany 4 – 31 January 2021

10.30am - Warracknabeal

ONE Service only

This week's youTube from Rev

Heaven calls to earth

https://youtu.be/RjgPnd_iVa0

NEXT WEEK
One Service Only at
10.00am!
Spread the word



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TODAY'S READINGS

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

First Reading:

Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day', and the darkness he called 'night'. And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *The Lord will bless his people with peace*

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness. **(R)**
2. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters. The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. **(R)**
3. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. **(R)**

4. The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.' **(R)**

Second Reading:

Acts 19:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' They answered, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' So Paul asked, 'Then what baptism did you receive?' 'John's baptism,' they replied. Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The Word of God became a man and lived among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. **Alleluia**

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

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message:

'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPER

Sentence: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Collect: Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Project REGENERATE Update

During the week, we received word from the Leith Charitable Trust that we were successful in our Grant Application for funding towards the GLAD Project - which continues from last year, AND a new ZMorph Project which will begin in 2021. This news was accompanied by a cheque for \$22,000. We were also successful in being able to 'carry over' funds not spent in 2020 due to COVID restrictions - which were considerable.

The GLAD Project enables Rev James to conduct various programs in schools throughout the region - programs are booked for Term 1, 2 & 4 already.

The Zmorph Project - is an exciting new addition and extension to our current 'youth programs' that we have established in recent years within the parish, and will operate out of the Parish Centre - in a 'space' yet to be designated.

Praise the LORD! It is as simple and as complicated as that.