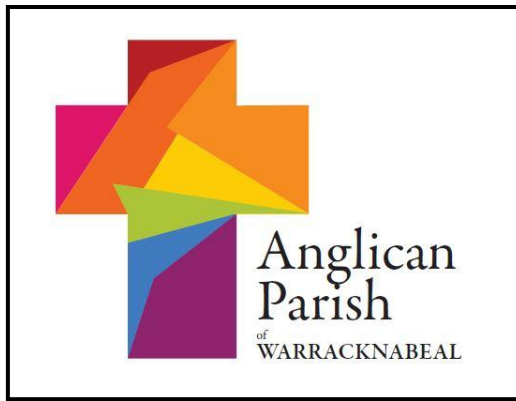




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 12

16 August 2026

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



There is an adage which I am sure you are aware that says; "Give a person a fish, and you feed them for a Day. Teach a person to fish, and you feed them for a lifetime."

I am sure that Ben will have his own metaphors to explain TEARFUND Australia on Sunday morning, however, the above adage sums up their ethos and mission since I have been involved for the last 30 years in one way and another. It is my understanding that the 'Useful Gift Shop' was unique when it began - which many charity organisations now adopt in similar ways to raise much needed funds. My main reason for being such an advocate of TEARFUND - is they do not run their own programs or projects where funds are needed. Their focus and energy goes into empowering local people and communities to address the needs specific to their region and direct responsibility.

TEARFUND's new CEO, Bec Oates has been bringing new energy and vision to a well established charity organisation in difficult times over the last eighteen months, and I am proud to welcome Ben within our midst this weekend.

I invite you to bring an open heart and some good questions to Sunday morning and trust that you will be enriched by the stories and endeavours of God's people doing God's important work around the world.

Every blessing, Rev James

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 are available!

Nomination forms are also available:

12 Parish Council positions

3 Synod positions (plus reserve)

Safe Church Officer

Get in touch with Rev James or Rev Fiona if you have an issue or clarification for the meeting.



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 (the prayer for a bishop will reappear next week);
- For our Parish AGM;
- For TEARFUND Australia;
- For all who seek Justice, Mercy and right relationship with God;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the people of Japan;
- For the people of Colombia;
- 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: Michael COSGRAVE (2005), Harold BLACKMAN (1984), Valerie BRYCE (1997), Iris THOMAS (1997), Alan SHERWIN (1995), Jean HOBSON (2016), Vida GLARE (1986), Lucy LANG (1992), Louisa WALDER (1994), Doreen KEMP (1992), Brenda COUSINS (2012)

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

Services - 2026

Monday 10th August – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 12 – 16 August

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

Monday 17th August – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 13 – 23 August

9.30am Warracknabeal / 5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 14 – 30 August

10.30am Warracknabeal
11.45am AGM with simple lunch

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 this Sunday at 9.30am

who will explain more about TEARFUND and its mission and vision.

If you'd like a sneak peak go to:

[Tearfund Australia | Christian Charity](#)
[Fighting Injustice](#)

THE PROPERs

Sentence: Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

Collect: God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, 'Make everyone leave my presence!' So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph! Is my father still living?' But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come close to me.' When they had done so, he said, 'I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no ploughing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 'So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, "This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me – you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute." 'You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honour accorded me in Egypt and

about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.' Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterwards his brothers talked with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *O God let all the nations praise you!*

1. Let God be gracious to us and bless us: and make his face shine upon us, That your ways may be known on earth: your liberating power among all nations. **(R)**
2. Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing: for you judge the peoples with integrity, and govern the nations upon earth. **(R)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you. Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness: and God, our God, will bless us. God shall bless us. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 11:13-32

A reading from the letter to the Romans

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is

holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, 'Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.' Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: 'The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.' As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their

disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them 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

Gospel:

Matthew 15:21-28

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

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.' Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.' The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said. He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ