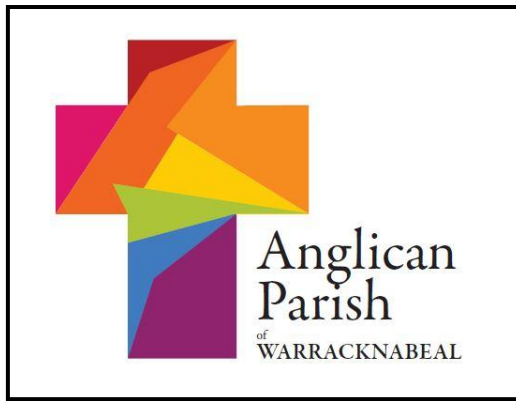




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 8

19 July 2026

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



First, many thanks to Rev Fiona and David for their ministry last weekend while I took some Annual Leave. It's always good to know that we have very capable and thoughtful people to lead us in the 'matters of consequence' in our lives.

I would like to remind you that Rev Fiona is available for a coffee and a chat every Monday morning at Café Peppercorn from 9.00-10.30am. I invite you to join her as Fiona finds her feet and 'newish' role within the parish.

The megalomaniacs of the world continue their shenanigans and blatantly erode International Law and common decency. It almost feels like we've returned to the dark middle ages - where no-one was trusted and words meant nothing! I invite us to fervently pray for many, many ordinary people on the ground in Iran who already were suffering from 10 years of corruption and politicking and who face further distress and disadvantages because of where they were born - and have no desire to disrupt or destroy 'the West.'

We are also called by Jesus to pray and find ways to empower those who seek genuine peace - that often go unrecognised by media and sensationalist press conferences. The world desperately needs people of peace and courage. Will you be willing to open your heart to God this week - and make the 'room in your heart a little bit larger' for those much less fortunate than ourselves. I hope so.

Like the 'weeds of the world' - the weeds in my own garden are incorrigible. I often ask myself, do weeds (like mosquitoes or fleas for instance) have their rightful place in the created order of things? As much as they are a nuisance - I wonder if they can teach us something about who we are and the place we have to serve on this fragile and tender earth. Jesus has much to say in the Gospel this week about 'weeds' - and it reminds me that while life is short and fragile and tender - how do I treat 'the weeds' of my own life - the regrets, the mistakes, the things I am not proud of. Bring on God's angels! *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 all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the people of the Venezuela;
- 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: Betty JOHNSON (2001), Dorothy LIVINGSTONE (2012), Herbert SULLIVAN (1992), Margaret THOMPSON (2022), June THORGOOD (1996), Edna RICHARDSON (1997)

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

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.

Proceeds to be determined.

Services - 2026

Pentecost 8 – 19 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Monday 20th July – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 9 – 26 July

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Parish Council – 28th July

7.00pm refreshments/ 7.30pm meeting

Pentecost 10 – 02 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Home Church Areegra

Pentecost 11 – 09 August

10.30am Warracknabeal

12.00pm Parish Lunch

Pentecost 12 – 16 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

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 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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19

A reading from the book of Genesis

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: 'I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.' He was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.' Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 139:1-11,23-24

Response: See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

1. O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern

my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. **(R)**

2. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. **(R)**
3. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. **(R)**
4. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," **(R)**
5. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. **(R)**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present

sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" "An enemy did

this," he replied. 'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."' Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.' He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Collect: O God, You alone can order our unruly wills and affections: Teach us to love what you command, And desire what you promise, That among the changes and chances of this world, Our hearts may surely there be fixed Where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.