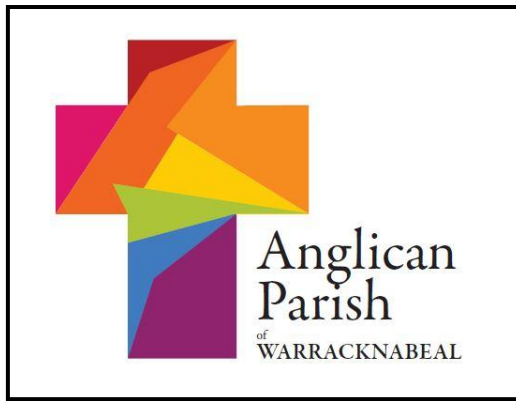




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 17
20 September 2026

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

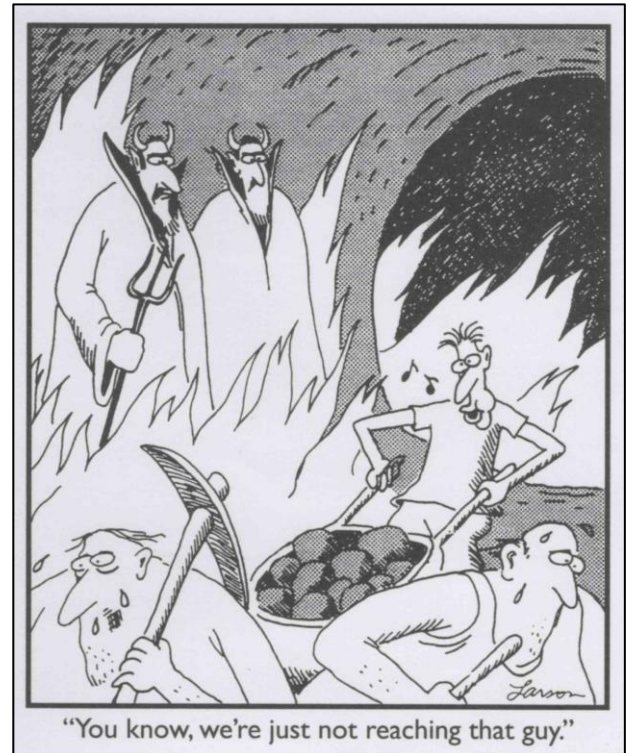


It's interesting, this deacon thing.

A wise man once said to me, when I asked him, "what would change if I became a deacon?" replied with, "everything will change but nothing will change." Said wise man also quoted, "Before enlightenment, I chop wood and cart water; after enlightenment, I chop wood and cart water."

Never a truer word has been spoken.

Nothing has changed in terms of the work I do. I am still teaching 3 days a week at St Mary's, teaching Music, Technology and Wellbeing. I am still leading services at Yarriambiack Lodge and have added some home communions to my load. I still visit people where I can and I still participate in Sunday services at Christ Church.



What has changed is the feeling inside I have - there's an interesting mix of feeling humbled and proud. Proud that I can represent and be a model for God in Warracknabeal but humbled that I have been so accepted by the community and parish as a Deacon. Don't be concerned that pride will take over though. I still have much to learn. There is enough wood to be chopped and water to be carted that it will keep me more than humbled.

May your week be blessed,
Rev. Fiona



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- For the people of Nepal;
- +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 all who serve in our parish in a variety of ways – seen and unseen;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- 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 our farmers and their families;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Kenneth ROSS (1987), Viola (Vi) TAYLOR (2011), William (Bill) NICHOLLS (2007), Cecil (Paddy) BICKLEY (1992), Revd. Peter CLARIDGE (2012), Barbara KILPATRICK (2014), Lesley MITCHELL (2002), Joy TICKNER (2022), William DUNCAN (1988), Zoe JACKSON (1991), Arnold DECKER (1998) Albert CLARKE (2002), Brent O'CALLAGHAN (1985)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 17 – 20 September

9.30am Warracknabeal – HC

Monday 21st September – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 18 – 27 September

9.30am Warracknabeal – Morning Prayer

Pentecost 19 – 04 October

9.30am Warracknabeal - HC

Pentecost 20 – 11 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00 House Church Areegra

Pentecost 21 – 18 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 22 – 25 October

9.30am / 5.00pm Café Church Warracknabeal

Nepal Disaster Appeal

**Choose your own favourite charity or
Emergency Action Alliance**

The Emergency Action Alliance is a coalition of 15 leading Australian aid charities that run joint, centralised appeals to deliver fast, effective humanitarian assistance during major overseas crises.

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Garry retires on 03 Oct 2026

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese of Ballarat, a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

Exodus 16:2-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat round pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?' Moses also said, 'You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.' Then Moses told Aaron, 'Say to the entire Israelite community, "Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling."'" While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked towards the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. The Lord said to Moses, 'I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, "At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'" That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning

there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

105:1-6,37-45

Response: *The Lord is near to all who call upon him.*

1. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. **(R)**
2. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. **(R)**
3. The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. Whatever happens,

conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16

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

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ‘About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ‘He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?” “Because no one has hired us,” they answered. ‘He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.” ‘When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired

and going on to the first.” ‘The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. “These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.” ‘But he answered one of them, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?” ‘So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Collect: Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first; liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**