



Anglican
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WARRACKNABEAL

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Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Epiphany 7
20 February 2022

Hello Everyone!

This week's Gospel is very challenging.

Jesus' message to those who had gathered to hear him, be healed by him, to receive 'Salvation' (*a return to wholeness*) - DID NOT expect the clarity and forthright instruction for how God was to exercise "Project - Hospitality of God" in the 'modern world' of the time. What about our modern world?

One of the biggest criticisms of the church that I hear from 'people in the street' - is its/our 'lack of relevance' to where modern people are at - young, old and anywhere in-between. What do you think?

Relevance /'reləv(ə)ns/

noun: the quality or state of being closely connected or appropriate.

How do we rate do you think within the Warracknabeal region?

How would we rate with our friends? Or our families?

Is it Jesus' commission that has 'ostracized' our influence or capacity to meet the need of our community? Or has our beloved institution become self-absorbed like the rest of society - as we also seek to make meaning of the changing social milieu of our time? Is this too harsh? Am I being unreasonable?

I'm not trying to be negative. I want us to think - and think boldly about our faith community's place in OUR context in OUR time. Yesterday has gone! I would like us to ACT - and act boldly as we seek to make the Gospel word like 'living water', a 'refreshing stream', a 'healing balm', a 'rock of salvation', an 'oasis in the desert', a 'gentle whisper of faith, hope and love' (*please find your own metaphor*).

SHINE Youth Group begins Sunday night. Know a young person who would benefit? Coffee Van starts up again next Sunday: 8.30-12.30pm. Get it into you!

Café Church is ON - next Sunday at 5.00pm. Check it out!

If anyone is feeling a bit under the weather - due to COVID, anxiety, illness - get in touch for a chat. Chat to someone - make your day and theirs!

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Fr Michael Davies & Family;
- For all the people of Tonga; Myanmar; Ecuador; Yemen; Iceland;
- For our families in isolation; for those in other States;
- For those recovering from illness; for those in hospital;
- For our Parish Council;
- For those in distress; for those less fortunate; for our neighbour;
- For those coping with self-isolation and COVID quarantine;
- For SHINE; Coffee Van Team;

Community:

- For all frontline workers;
- For all facing hardship;
- For our teachers, Educational Support, Kindergarten staff, School Councils;
- For our local SHIRE workers;
- For vision and insight in building a stronger community;
- Boys' Shed Building Permit Application;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;

Years Mind: Leslie Seipolt, Sasha Overall, Micah O'Loughlin, Roma Willsher

HORSHAM Emergency Food Centre

All your donations are gratefully received and appreciated. Small acts of kindness and generosity GO A LONG WAY!

The collection basket will be located at
The Font.

Let's keep the generosity flowing.

Service Times Feb/March

Epiphany 7 – 20 Feb 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Transfiguration – 27 Feb 2022

9.30am Christ Church
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van
5.00pm Café Church

Ash Wednesday – 02 March 2022

5.30pm Liturgy
Simple meal in Rectory to follow

Lent 1 – 06 March 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra

6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Wednesday - 09 March 2022

5.30pm Evening Prayer – Rectory
6.00pm Meal and Lenten Exploration

Lent 2 – 13 March 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

Wednesday - 16 March 2022

5.30pm Evening Prayer – Rectory
6.00pm Meal and Lenten Exploration

Lent 3 – 20 March 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 22nd February
7.00pm Refreshments
7.30pm Meeting

All are welcome to join us.
Parish Council minutes - or at least a summary, will be distributed with pew sheet & on notice board.

TODAY'S READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

First Reading:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A reading from the book of Genesis

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." 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:

Response: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord

1. Trust in the LORD and do good, that you may dwell in the land and be fed in security.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will grant you your heart's requests. (R)

2. The LORD watches over the lives of the wholehearted; their inheritance lasts forever. They are not put to shame in an evil time; in days of famine they have plenty. (R)

3. Turn from evil and do good, that you may abide forever; For the LORD loves what is right, and forsakes not his faithful ones. (R)

4. The salvation of the just is from the LORD; he is their refuge in time of distress. And the LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.(R)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?' How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. Not all flesh is the same: people have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendour of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendour of the earthly bodies is another. The sun has one kind of splendour, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendour. So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonour, it is

raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: ‘The first man Adam became a living being’; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

‘But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. ‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those

who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.’

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERs

Sentence: Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Collect: God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Sanctuary Plan Discussion

All Welcome!

**An informal meeting after
worship in Christ Church on
20th February at 10.30am.**