



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 6
09 July 2023

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



Hello Everyone! I hope that I find you well and in good spirits.

I often hear people say - I wish life was less complicated. The ancient art of simplification is no easy feat - and it is often quite a complicated process to get there. That is the 'first' step. The next is maintaining simplicity - when so much of life is either not in our control or way beyond our control. Let alone the actions of others, responsibilities perceived or real, a sense of duty to self and others, fear ... and the list can go on.

"Come to me!" Jesus says - suggesting that 'surrender' is the first step of prayer or faith or trust - that great leap of risk - that leads us to simplicity, "...and I will give you rest." What does that word 'rest' mean for you?

Is it 'Honesty' - that releases a concern or another from our thinking and thought processes? Is it 'courage' - as we face the 'dragons and demons' of our shadows? Is it 'freedom' - from the things that bind us - the stumbling blocks to genuine growth and moving forward? Is it something to strive for or do we need to rely on God's Grace alone? Something else?

Every blessing, Rev!

Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday 16th July at 12.00pm
(following the 10.30am service)

Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Soup - will be provided.

Please bring sandwiches to share.

*Reports will be available on July 9th.
Please contact Rev or Sarah-Jayne
for more copies should you need
them.*

Mission Lunch – 23rd July

Proceeds from our Mission Lunch on 23rd July will be directed to the ABM **Community Development Project in Papua New Guinea.**

You can check out the project on p32 of the project book at the back of the church. At our meeting in June, the Parish Council agreed to fund this project to \$1,500.00 – so whatever shortfall from the Mission Lunch will be fulfilled from General Account finances.

Services – July

Pentecost 6 – 09 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
12.00 Lunch at Creekside

Pentecost 7 – 16 July

10.30am Warracknabeal
12.00pm AGM – Sandwich & Soup

Pentecost 8 – 23 July

10.30am Warracknabeal
12.00pm Mission Lunch
5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 9 – 30 July

10.30am Warracknabeal



**Thank you to everyone who
volunteered to sell Wood Raffle
tickets on Friday 30th & Sat 01st
last week.**

Raffle total was \$761.15

The Propers

Sentence: ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For those who hunger for food;
- For those who thirst for clean water;
- For those who seek peace amidst war & violence and abuse;
- For United Nations, NATO, World Health Organization;
- For the people of Ukraine;
- For the people in the Middle East;
- For those experiencing tragedy & grief;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those we know who are unwell – in mind, body or heart;
- For our friends and families – near and far away;
- For those who are fighting depression, anxiety, isolation and alienation;
- For those travelling; for those on school holidays;
- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and milestones;
- For our neighbour;
- Thanks for rain and sunshine;

Years Mind: Sheila Fisher, James Thomas, Dolly Carter, Alwyn Manzel, Campbell Jones, Betty Johnson

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

TODAY'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading : Genesis: 24:34-28, 42-49, 58-67

A reading from the book of Genesis

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, "You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son." 'When I came to the spring today, I said, " Lord , God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar,' and if she says to me, 'Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too,' let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son." 'Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, "Please give me a drink." 'She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, "Drink, and I'll water your camels too." So I drank, and she watered the camels also. 'I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" 'She said, "The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him." 'Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, and I bowed down and worshipped the Lord . I praised the Lord , the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.'

So they called Rebekah and asked her, 'Will you go with this man?' 'I will go,' she said. So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.' Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, 'Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?' 'He is my master,' the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

45:11-17

Response: *Listen to me daughter, see and bend your ear*

1. Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house. So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord, and you must worship him. **(R)**
2. All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters; her raiment is threaded with spun gold. In embroidered apparel she is borne in to the king;

behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you. (R)

3. They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king. The place of your fathers your sons shall have; you shall make them princes through all the land. (R)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Romans

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 11:15-19, 25-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever has ears, let them hear. 'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others : "We played the pipe for you , and you did not dance ; we sang a dirge , and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Mission Lunch - 23rd July: Contact: Sandra 0408 991 235

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