



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

## Epiphany 2 18 January 2026

Sunday Services: 9.30am Warracknabeal



Hello everyone! Hope you've had a good week.

*Do NOT speak out! Do NOT speak up for anyone or anything! Do NOT speak! It seems ...*

We are heading into dangerous territory within our society if we cannot call out injustice, oppression or even 'evil' - the consequence seems to suggest that free speech is only allowed when 'we' reinforce the perceived 'predominant' power.

The phrase '*don't upset the apple cart*' - comes to mind. Creating 'chaos' just for the sake of it serves no purpose at all - however, being able to voice an opinion or advocate for others where harm is being done ... I believe that is not just a responsibility as a human being - but also a Gospel imperative as we follow the footsteps of Jesus.

*'Speaking truth to power'* - as an alternative to violence - is one of the most empowering attributes we can exercise as global citizens - with respect, dignity, empathy and courage. It is an important aspect of developing a 'healthy village', a robust community - that is able to deal with issues and concerns for the betterment of ALL. **SPEAK OUT!**

It is as simple and as complicated as that!

I invite us to pray for all community leaders around the globe, and especially our elected or appointed leaders to advocate for ALL people - no matter colour, creed or status. *Peace, Rev.*

### Extracts of Letters of **Reverend Frederick Arthur Booth** -

First Anglican Priest in  
Warracknabeal.

#### January 1888

Page 6: Assistance to parishioner whose husband is having a drunken bout - ("*pillar of the church.*")

Page 7: '*A fine day*' for farmers (pouring rain - not fine by my standards - '*the farmers are a fine lot!*')

Page 8: The organist is a grumpy man (ten pounds a year) Splendid services today with schoolrooms being crowded morning and afternoon.

#### June 1888

Page 10: Misses good concerts - "*Here we have to be contented with Town Hall Band which plays hideously out of time and with the Salvation Army Band which is enough to drive one crazy.*"



## **Prayer in the Parish**

### **In the Parish & Beyond:**

- +Garry; Registry; Wimmera Deanery;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the Leaders of all Nations; for those of influence to act for the common good; for United Nations;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For all on holidays, travelling and visiting this Holiday Season;
- For all visitors to our town; for those experiencing new circumstances this New Year; for those travelling or living many miles from 'home';
- For our neighbours;
- For our local businesses;
- For Project REGENERATE; for our 140yr celebrations in 2026;
- For a fresh chances to set goals and cast a vision for 2026;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care facilities;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

**Years Mind:** Sarah DANIELS (1996), Pamela Hewitt (2024), Alissa KRAUS (2010), Hild ENTWISLE (1990), Ethel ASHFIELD (1986), David CLYDE (2023), Frederick TAYLOR (1999), Ruth Neylan (2022), Mary GOVE (2001)

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

## **Services - 2026**

### **Epiphany 2 – 18 January 2026**

9.30am Warracknabeal

### **Epiphany 3 – 25 January 2026**

10.30am Warracknabeal (with Baptism)

12.00 Simple Parish Lunch

### **Epiphany 4 – 01 February 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

### **Sat 07 Feb – Safe Church Training: 12.00pm**

### **Epiphany 5 – 08 February 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Transfiguration – 15 February 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Ash Wednesday – 18<sup>th</sup> February**

5.00pm – Service and Imposition of Ashes

### **Market Day at Christ Church – 21 February**

### **Lent 1 – 22 February 2026**

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

### **Lent 2 – 01 March 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

### ***RSVP – High Tea Tickets***

### **Lent 3 – 08 March 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Lent 4 – 15 February 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **140year High Tea – Saturday 21 March**

3.00 for 3.30pm in Parish Centre

(Tickets are ESSENTIAL)

### **Sunday 22 March – Lent 5**

**10.30am 140year Liturgical Celebration**

**& BBQ Lunch**

**(No 5.00pm)**

### **Palm/Passion – 29 March 2026**

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

# TODAY'S READINGS

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:1-7

### ***A reading from the prophet Isaiah***

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due to me is in the Lord's hand, and my reward is with my God.' And now the Lord says – he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength – he says: 'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.' This is what the Lord says – the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel – to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: 'Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalms:** 40:2, 4, 7-10

**Response:** *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

1. I have waited, waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped toward me and  
heard my cry.  
And he put a new song into my  
mouth, a hymn to our God. (R)

2. Sacrifice or offering you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you  
gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you  
sought not; then said I, "Behold I  
come." (R)
3. "In the written scroll it is prescribed  
for me, to do your will, O my God, is  
my delight,  
And your law is within my heart!" (R)
4. I announced your justice in the vast  
assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O  
LORD, know. (R)

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

### ***A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians***

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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:

John 1:29-42

### ***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John***

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.' Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit." I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.' The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!' When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?' They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?' 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We

have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal  
invite you to join us for

## *High Tea*

at Anglican Parish Centre,  
Warracknabeal to celebrate 140 years  
of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation in  
the Wimmera.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 3.00 for 3.30pm  
\$15.00 per person

RSVP 01 March, 2026

**To book tickets (essential):**

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIJPI>



## **The Propers**

**Sentence:** God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**