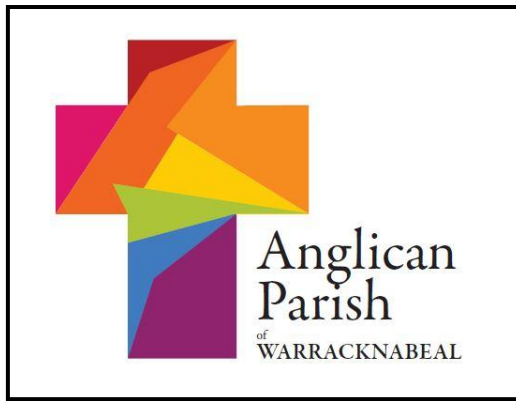




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 22
09 November 2025

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal



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

Just as the rain in the last week has softened the earth and filled out any grain on the stalks within our region, I hope that the Holy Spirit has visited your saintly hearts and minds in all your endeavours.

We had an interesting discussion at 5.00pm last week - which reminded me that we all have people in our lives that inspire us, have mentored us through the years (and maybe continue to do so), and who give us the energy needed to 'keep going' even when we feel stressed, stretched or out of our depth. I trust that you will continue to seek the guidance of those who have gone before us and who walk beside us in our daily service and walk of faith.

There is A LOT going on! I look at our 'dairy' over the page, and our liturgical rhythm has many changes ahead as we negotiate Diocesan celebrations, our Grand Shed Opening and Advent journey in preparation for Christmas. A shout-out to our regulars at 5.00pm congregation - who due to various community commitments and events over the next eight weeks will miss out on our regular worship in the Parish Centre. I recognise that it is not everyone's preferred style of worship. However, for those of us who are nourished and engaged by our 5.00pm Service - it pains me that we will only meet twice in the lead up to Christmas. I appreciate their understanding and flexibility.

A couple of things to note: Sunday 16th November: Grand Shed Opening - 10.30am with BBQ & Salad lunch. Fr Michael O'Brien will be representing the Bishop at this celebration. We will be gathering in the Shed for a simple liturgy and 'official' opening. This is not intended to be a 'trick' for our visitors on the day. It is an acknowledgement that while the Shed Project is not a proselytising activity, it is facilitated by US, and our faith community! **Donations of salads needed please!**

On Sunday 23rd November: 9.30am Morning Prayer with communion in one kind - thanks to Fiona. There will be six people representing the Parish in Hamilton.

I hope you have a belter of a week. *Blessings, Rev James*



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Diocesan 150yr celebrations;
- For all Yr12 students during their exams; for all preparing to leave school;
- For all who lend a 'listening ear';
- For sustainable peace in Middle East;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For our neighbours;
- People of Palestine, GAZA, Philippines, Yemen, Syria, Haiti, Ukraine and all in the Caribbean;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and homeless or displaced;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, famine;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care Facilities;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For Shed Project activities this week; Grand Shed Opening - 16th Nov;
- For those who are grieving;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Maurice HALL (2008), Bruce KENNEDY (2017), Malcolm SCOTT (1985), Rilda POHLNER (1992), Jean SPICER (1996), Henry (Alvis) MERCER (2003), Thomas FIMMEL (2003) Erica SHALDERS (1966), Nancy HUMPREYS (2003), Glayds ISON (2006), Margaret (Joan) BOSCHEN (2007)

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

Service Times Nov/Dec

Pentecost 22 – 09 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 23 – 16 November

10.30am Grand Shed Opening

Christ the King – 23 November

9.30am Morning Prayer with HC
11.00am Hamilton – Diocesan 150years

Advent 1 – 30 November

10.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm Prelude to Christmas

Advent 2 – 07 December

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Advent 3 – 14 December

9.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm(?) Warracknabeal Community Carols

Advent 4 – 21 December

9.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm Areegra – Café Carols

Christmas Eve – 24 December

8.00pm refreshments / 10.00pm Celebration

Christmas Day – 25 December

9.30am Celebration

Creator God of love,

All time and every place is
your gift.

We thank you that you have
blessed our Diocese for the last 150 years,
even when we have failed in our high calling
to herald your kingdom.

Your forgiveness, love and peace sustained
generations of our forebears,

And we rejoice that you still bless us and
invite us to work with you to build justice,
hope and love in Western Victoria.

Inspire us with a new vision and new energy
as we face the future, and help us to trust and
commit to the humble serving path of Jesus,
guided by your Holy Spirit. Amen.



TODAY'S READINGS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

A reading from the book of Haggai

On the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month. In the second year of King Darius, on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 'Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, "Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel," declares the Lord. "Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land," declares the Lord, "and work. For I am with you," declares the Lord Almighty. "This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear." 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: "In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory," says the Lord Almighty. "The silver is mine and the gold is mine," declares the Lord Almighty. "The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house," says the Lord Almighty. "And in this place I will grant peace," declares the Lord Almighty.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

145:1-5, 17-21

Response: *The Lord is good and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.*

1. I will exalt you, O God my king: I will bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you: and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and wonderfully worthy to be praised: his greatness is past searching out. **(R)**

2. One generation shall praise your works to another: and declare your mighty acts. As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendour of your majesty: I will tell the story of your marvellous works. **(R)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways: and faithful in all his dealings. The Lord is near to all who call upon him: to all who call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of those that fear him: he will hear their cry, and save them. **(R)**
4. The Lord preserves all those that love him: but the wicked he will utterly destroy. My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name, for ever and ever. **(R)**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us – whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter – asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming

himself to be God. Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first-fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 20:27-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. 'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven

were married to her?' Jesus replied, 'The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord "the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob". He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.' Some of the teachers of the law responded, 'Well said, teacher!' And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sentence: 'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Collect: God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise of life which death itself cannot destroy: in the strength of this unshakeable promise, give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.