

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 9
02nd August 2020

Hello everyone!

I hope that I find you and your loved ones well.

As COVID slowly creeps across the State - the inevitable reality is that we will have to find ways to live with this virus - rather than conquering it! We will have to find ways to adapt - rather than 'it' disappearing from our lives. We will - willingly, kicking or screaming have to accept that our lives have changed. AND, this 'new normal' that everyone talks about - will be with us for a considerable amount of time. Even I have thought we might escape a long-term imposition, but alas I sense (as experts have predicted) that we are going to have to be creative about how we nurture our faith - individually and as a 'faith community.'

At Parish Council on Tuesday night we had a discussion about the options before us. To maintain the health and safety of everyone in the immediate future - we have decided to keep our church doors closed. HOWEVER:

1. Developing a 'Roster System' to enable people to gather safely in our church and/or parish centre was not discounted. We considered that at the current time this may create more confusion than clarity.

Further, returning to church does NOT MEAN that our liturgy would take the format we were accustomed to. There is much that would need to change in order to comply with COVID protocols.

2. Rev is going to explore the reality of a regular ZOOM Sunday meeting.
 - a) This will not be a 'service' per se, but rather a chance to meet online with elements of our liturgical tradition dispersed throughout.
 - b) It will require that if you would like to attend - you will need to purchase / cajole / convince family or friends to gather the necessary technology and 'training' in order to enable this to happen.
 - c) Setting up a 'ZOOM Church' - does not mean you will be obliged to attend. It does mean there will be another way for you to nurture your faith and adapt to the circumstances beyond our control as a result of COVID.

I know that people probably won't get back to me, but what do you think?

That's all for now. With every blessing, Rev James

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Coffee at PEPPERCORN Café – change of day!
Coffee at the Peppercorn Cafe will resume every week at
9.00-10.00am ON TUESDAYS.

*Wood Raffle proceeds from last week = \$939
Thank you to ALL involved - most appreciated!*



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; gratitude for our Parish Council; AGM preparations; other denominations in town/region; that faith leads to ACTION!

Community: Front-line health care workers; our Yarriambiack Council workers and Admin; those battling COVID; our schools – students, teachers & support staff.

Years Mind: Dorothy Wood, Shirley Jones, Valerie McFarline, Dot Powell, Valerie Hewitt, Stanley Peters

Pentecost 9 youTube from Rev:

'The Extravagance of God'
<https://youtu.be/VhbIprj35Vg>

Bishop Garry's youTube message:

'Pearl'

<https://youtu.be/owLrePRplns>



Kilometres travelled

0.0

Funds raised

\$0.00

**Rev's REVOLUTION – as part of Project REGENERATE
Started this weekend – 01 August 2020**

Latest 'Rev's Revolution youTube videos:

Rev's Revolution - 'Jump' <https://youtu.be/QKdf0Np8Mfw> (1.43)

Rev's Revolution - 'Rationale' https://youtu.be/i2CTr_NO9dg (4.12)

You can also follow Rev on *Instagram* - [revsrevolution2020](https://www.instagram.com/revsrevolution2020)

DONATE: via details on our website - warrackanglican.org.au

(we have joined a fundraising site to manage donations - and we are still working on the technical aspect of that over the weekend, so 'justgiving.com' is not operational just yet.

If your loved ones are 'desperate to donate' - then get in contact with Rev James directly through parish contacts and they'll be given details of how to transfer funds.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you.)

A Simple Service – for Pentecost 9

Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou ...

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living water flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

William Williams.

Reflection:

- a) *What was your favourite moment this week?*
- b) *What would you like to ask God for this week?*

Prayer of Preparation:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:

Videos: +Garry and/or Rev

Reflection:

What words or phrases give evidence to:
Loving nature of God,
Tricky nature of God,
Extravagant nature of God,
Creative nature of God,
Challenging nature of God?

Prayer:

Praise. Petition. Intercession. Thanksgiving.
(or follow your own discipline.)
The Lord's Prayer.
Collect for the Day.

Blessing:

“The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon
you, And give you peace;
this day and always” Amen.
[Numbers 6:24-26]

Song: Bread Is Blessed

**Bread is blessed and broken,
wine is blessed and poured:
take this and remember
Christ the Lord.**

**Share the food of heaven
earth cannot afford.**

**Here is grace in essence –
Christ the Lord.**

**Know yourself forgiven,
find yourself restored,
meet a friend for ever –
Christ the Lord.**

**God has kept his promise
sealed by sign and word:
here, for those who want him –
Christ the Lord.**

John L. Bell

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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 9

First Reading : Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the Book of Genesis

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.' The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm: 17:1-7, 16

Response: *I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer*

1. Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry: listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.

Let judgement for me come forth from your presence: and let your eyes discern the right. **(R)**

2. Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time: though you try me by fire, you will find no wickedness in me.
My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others: for I have kept the word of your lips. **(R)**
3. My steps have held firm in the way of your commands: and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.
I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer: incline your ear to me, and hear my words. **(R)**
4. Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, O saviour of those who come to you for refuge: who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against them.
And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just: when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied. **(R)**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-8

A reading from the letter to the Romans

I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple

worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised! Amen. It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.' In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 14:13-21

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

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus

landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered. 'Bring them here to me,' he said. And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Collect: O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Project REGENERATE.

Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE.

“Where there is no vision: the people perish.” Proverbs 29:8

Vision:

To regenerate the faith community of the Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal over next 5 years.

Mission:

Continue to create an environment within our church community that is inclusive and purposeful. Re-imagine the role and influence of the church and its importance in the local community.

To raise \$250,000 to fund our dreams and maintain healthy ministry to Warracknabeal region.

Project REGENERATE seeks to **RENEW PEOPLE** - no matter age, skin colour, gender, social background or status. Renewal is at the heart of the Easter Mystery - God's last word is LIFE not death.

Project REGENERATE seeks to **REVIVE PROJECTS** - ministry initiatives and activities that build the welfare and wellbeing of people who cross our threshold - AND those who don't!

Project REGENERATE seeks to **RESTORE PLACE** - whether the church fabric, parish centre revamp or other development that would serve the people in our region - to provide spiritual health, hospitality, opportunity for future wellbeing.

The Sustainable Development Goals – (for your information)

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. The 17 Goals are all interconnected, and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve them all by 2030.

Goal 2: Zero Hunger

After decades of steady decline, the number of people who suffer from hunger – as measured by the prevalence of undernourishment – began to slowly increase again in 2015. Current estimates show that nearly 690 million people are hungry, or 8.9 percent of the world population – up by 10 million people in one year and by nearly 60 million in five years. **The world is not on track to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030.** If recent trends continue, the number of people affected by hunger would surpass 840 million by 2030.

According to the World Food Programme, 135 million suffer from acute hunger largely due to man-made conflicts, climate change and economic downturns. The COVID-19 pandemic could now double that number, putting an additional 130 million people at risk of suffering acute hunger by the end of 2020. With more than a quarter of a billion people potentially at the brink of starvation, swift action needs to be taken to provide food and humanitarian relief to the most at-risk regions.

At the same time, a profound change of the global food and agriculture system is needed if we are to nourish the more than 690 million people who are hungry today – and the additional 2 billion people the world will have by 2050. Increasing agricultural productivity and sustainable food production are crucial to help alleviate the perils of hunger.

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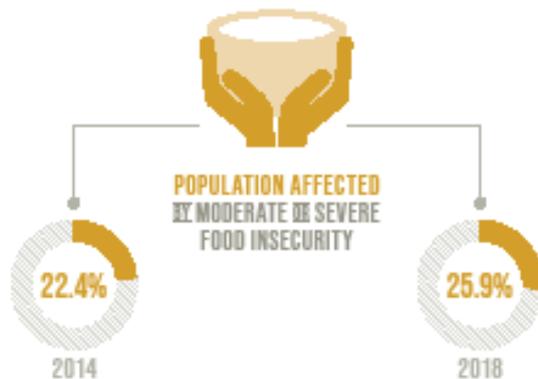
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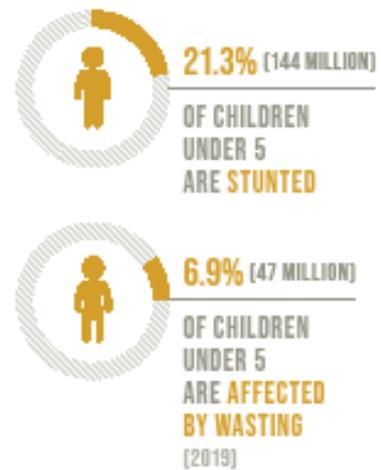
END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

BEFORE COVID-19

FOOD INSECURITY WAS ALREADY ON THE RISE

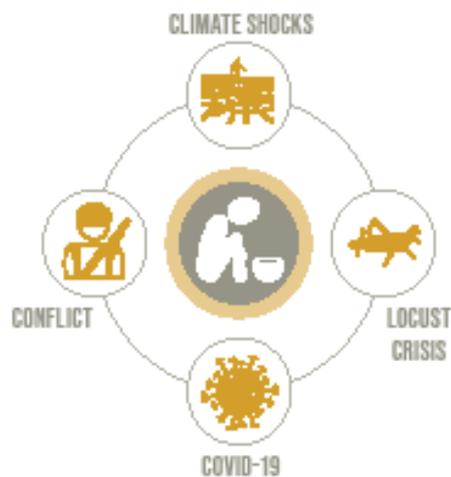


STUNTING AND WASTING AMONG CHILDREN ARE LIKELY TO WORSEN



COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

THE PANDEMIC IS AN ADDITIONAL THREAT TO FOOD SYSTEMS



SMALL-SCALE FOOD PRODUCERS ARE HIT HARD BY THE CRISIS



COMPRISING 40%-85% OF ALL FOOD PRODUCERS IN DEVELOPING REGIONS



ACCESS MORE DATA AND INFORMATION ON THE INDICATORS AT [HTTPS://UNSTATS.UN.ORG/SDGS/REPORT/2020/](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Parish AGM – 23rd August 2020 – 11.30am

You are invited!

Despite COVID-19 conditions and restrictions – we must still hold our AGM to comply with Canon Law and the Parochial Government Act. In the pages following you will see:

- Notice that would normally be placed on the door of the church.
- Nomination Form for Election to Parish Council
- ‘Blah, blah, blah’ - from Rev!

Reports:

- a) All reports are to be submitted to Sarah-Jayne Holland (Parish Secretary) by 2nd August 2020.
- b) ALL reports will be distributed to parishioners on the weekend 9th August 2020.
- c) Parishioners will be encouraged to read, mark and inwardly digest ‘matters of consequence’ and preferably pre-ask questions that we may have regarding matters and issues in the parish (as the way we will gather will differ a little this year).
- d) Remember that Rev meets at Peppercorn Cafe every Tuesday morning from 9.00-10.00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask, engage and chat about ‘stuff’. (Sometimes it is helpful for Rev to know if you plan to attend – only because there is a restriction of 6 persons at one table. Normally there is always room – but you know ...)

Attendance:

- a) All interested parishioners wanting to attend the AGM - **MUST REGISTER WITH REV JAMES by 16th August 2020.** I am sorry – that no ‘late’ requests will be allowed this year and therefore to avoid embarrassment I suggest you get in touch with Rev sooner than later. **(This is to ensure that we are able to clean the appropriate space for all to attend safely).**
- b) We will meet in the Parish Centre – max 20 persons.
- c) If there are more than 20 registrations for the meeting (*and I hope this may be the case – as you would like to know more about what is happening in the parish etc*), there will be an overflow in the church (max 20 persons) – and we will ensure that technology will enable all to participate as fully as possible.
- d) Unfortunately there will be NO tea/coffee fellowship – it’s pretty annoying but that’s the deal at the moment everyone. Bring your own refreshment if you would like!

Nominations to Parish Council:

- a) At Parish Council – 23rd June 2020, it was moved and accepted that membership to Parish Council can be increased to 12 persons.
- b) Therefore, we have three more positions on PC if parishioners would like to get involved in the governance and ensure the wellbeing of the parish for the future.
- c) A councillor serves a one year term.

d) Therefore, there are 8 elected positions, and Rev has the capacity to choose 4 other persons (to comply with the Parochial Government Act). At the moment, it is my understanding that all of our current parish council members are willing to stand again for the following year – which delights me a great deal. HOWEVER, this should not deter any member of the parish who wishes to exercise leadership within the parish to be nominated. (*I am not anticipating a huge rush of new nominations – however, if you would like more information on what serving on parish council means and whether you feel that God is calling you to something new etc – PLEASE CONTACT REV IMMEDIATELY*).

e) Rev has a ‘personal policy’ to choose a different Rector’s Warden every year ... so there is space for everyone to serve our beloved parish - and there is a heap of ‘work’ to do over the next year – how exciting. (*well, I’m excited!*)

Process for Nomination:

- a) Seek God’s guidance.
- b) If the spirit is willing, or the Spirit has prompted – fill in the form at the ‘back’ of this pew sheet.
- c) Find someone to ‘Nominate’ and a ‘Secunder’.
- d) Sign the form.
- e) Deliver to Rev by 09th August!
- f) Do all of the above in the safest way possible under COVID conditions.
- g) See Rev smile!

Remember – the building may be closed – BUT THE CHURCH IS OPEN!

You will notice that our commitment to Project REGENERATE is a mandate for ALL MEMBERS of the Parish to represent our beloved institution and uphold all that we stand for as followers of Jesus in our town and its region. It is also an opportunity for us to engage the wider community to make it stronger and ‘connected’ in these troubled times.

As well as reports next week, you will also receive a copy of ‘Project REGENERATE Business Plan’. This document is a ‘work in progress’ – as any business is, and we will not let COVID stall us any further in moving as methodically and as boldly as we would have to do without it. We are having to ‘re-imagine’ what our church will look like in the immediate future – let alone its sustainability well into the next decade.

Let us pray – for God’s guidance, and the fortitude to *‘Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith’* – as instructed in our Baptism ceremony.

Thanks for listening! Rev James Wood (*on behalf of Parish Council*)

Please remember that if you need to have a chat about anything -

Rev James is NOT TOO BUSY.

He would be most upset if someone thought that. Life is FULL - true, but due to COVID, there are extra pressures and demands on our wellbeing and faithfulness to God. Use the phone! Leave a message if he happens to be 'out' or otherwise occupied. He will get back to you. If not him, ring someone else!

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SCHEDULE B

(Sec. 50)

The Anglican Church of Australia

DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Electors of

..... Christ Church, Warracknabeal

(Name of Church or Congregation)

in the Parish of WARRACKNABEAL

will be held according to the following arrangements :-

VENUE Christ Church, Warracknabeal

DATE 23rd AUGUST, 2020

TIME 11.30am

FOR THE PURPOSES OF ELECTING one Guardian for this Church,

.....12..... Parish Councillors and ~~..... Members of the Church Committee~~

and for other purposes of an Annual Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Parochial Government Act. Nominations in accordance with the provisions of the Act are required to be in the hands of the Clergyman in Charge on or

before the 9th day of August, 2020

Those wishing to vote must be enrolled as Electors within the Parish.

SCHEDULE C

FORM OF NOMINATION TO OFFICE IN A PARISH

(Sections 67(a), 69 & 70 - Parochial Government Act)

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

Name of Person to be nominated:

Name of the Office:

For the Church or Congregation of:

In the Parish/Parochial District of:

Signature of Nominator 1: Date: / /

Print name:

Signature of Nominator 2: Date: / /

Print name:

ASSENT OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED

I assent to the above nomination.

Signature of Person Nominated: Date: / /

DECLARATION OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED

I declare that:

1. I am a communicant member of the Anglican Church having had communion at least three times in the last year of which one was during Easter;
2. I am not enrolled anywhere else in the Diocese;
3. I have received communion at least three times at where I seek to be nominated;
4. I have attained the age of eighteen years; and
5. Upon taking office I will faithfully perform all the duties of my office and do my utmost to secure due conformity with the Acts of Synod relating thereto.

Signature of Declarant: Date: / /