



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Sunday After Ascension

21 May 2023

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



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

A friend recently sent me a billboard sign that read: "Give me coffee to change the things I can; and wine to accept those that I cannot." Of course, I would never suggest that 'coffee' and 'wine' alone are the answer to life's predicaments and complexities. Even so, how do you and I negotiate the 'rich tapestry' we call life - those things we can influence and determine through our own strength and faith - and more importantly those things that are well beyond the reach of our 'control' and 'influence' and determination.

I wish tragedy was not part of our earthly reality. If we were expecting a 'random truck' (or other vehicle) to mow us down and completely change the course of our lives every time we left the house - would you willingly do so? If - tomorrow - a debilitating disease took hold of our body - would we want to wake up and embrace it? Death, pain, circumstances ... can challenge the very core of our being and our understanding of how the 'world is supposed to work.'

I am afraid that as humorous as the above 'meme' is - I do not think that coffee and wine would satisfy the 135 million people displaced from their homes around the world at the moment? I am partially satisfied that the Nations of Europe are beginning to place more 'open' pressure on the injustice of the war in Ukraine. How about the small 'wars' and 'injustices' that are present in our own small community of Warracknabeal. There are people hurting here too! Coffee and wine - a foolish suggestion? What can we offer as a faith community to those in need, to those who are genuinely suffering because of the circumstances placed in their laps, or to those friends and family 'toughing it out' in our connected 'tapestry of life'.

Is it time? Is it a healing balm of an empathic heart? Is it to gently challenge the 'status quo'? Is it to really take Jesus' challenge of mission and ministry to heart and 'join him on the way'?

More questions than answers - must be time for a

Every blessing, Rev!



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for the Registry & Staff;
- For the ALL of Creation; for our care and responsibility of it; for 'Communion Forest' initiatives through our Diocese;
- For those who hunger for food; for those who thirst for water; for those who seek peace; for those brokering JUSTICE;
- For the people of the Sudan;
- For the people of Myanmar;
- For the people of Central America;
- For the people of Ukraine;
- For those experiencing tragedy & grief;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all our Plastic Surgeons, and all who deal with trauma in our hospitals;
- For those we know who are unwell – in mind, body or heart;
- For our friends and families;
- For our teachers and all who support them; for open minds and willing spirits;
- For our Christian witness in our daily lives; for conviction and compassion;
- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and milestones;

Years Mind: Mary Ridoutt, Olive Gregson, John (Taz) Clark

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

Services – May/June

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9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

PENTECOST – 28 May

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Trinity – 04 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Areegra

Pentecost 2 – 11 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 3 – 18 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 4 – 25 June

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church



Parish Council Meeting – 23rd May

You are welcome to join us at our next Parish Council meeting in Rectory:
7.00pm refreshments,
7.30pm meeting start.

Talk to any of our Parish Councilors about issues you would like to raise at the meeting. Want more info - get in touch with Serj (secretary) or Rev.

On the Agenda: Parish Service times, Parish defibrillator, AGM date.

Mission!

Start here.

Start small. Start now.

TODAY'S READINGS

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

First Reading : Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. O clap your hands, all you peoples: and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared: he is a great king over all the earth. **(R)**
2. God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing: and the Lord to the blast of the horn.
O sing praises, sing praises to God: O sing praises, sing praises to our king. **(R)**
3. For God is the king of all the earth: O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.
God has become the king of the nations: he has taken his seat upon his holy throne. **(R)**
4. The princes of the peoples are gathered together: with the people of the God of Abraham.
For the mighty ones of the earth are become the servants of God: and he is greatly exalted. **(R)**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you,

the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: 'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'

Collect: God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WHY YOU SHOULD
BE KIND TO PEOPLE

SOMEONE'S LIFE

WHAT YOU
KNOW ABOUT IT