

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 3

18 June 2023

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



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

A few people commented on the 'speel' about service times last week. I appreciate your feedback and insights into an important aspect in our parish life together. I continue to be grateful for those who are willing to adapt and be flexible for the 'common good' even though some decisions do not meet their own personal needs or preferences.

I also encourage everyone to put the AGM date in your diary - 16th July! As has become our custom, we will be offering attendees a Soup & Sandwich lunch and therefore our AGM is an opportunity for fellowship as well as conducting the business required by the Parochial Government Act 1961. Very simply - as my mother used to say - the energy you put into something is the energy you will get out of it! You all know how I l-o-v-e the mechanics of the Parochial Government Act and I will be embracing its quirks and particularities as always.

In the meantime - I invite you to pray for those who are willing to nominate for Parish Council. I have already encouraged our 11 councillors to re-nominate, but no-one is pressured to serve another term. Should they all be willing - there is still another legitimate place for a member of our congregations to join Parish Council (12 positions in total). If you are unsure or potentially interested in doing so, I encourage you to talk with me. 2024 will be an exciting year to engage in the parish as we will be beginning to plan for our 140 year celebrations that I envisage launching in Easter 2025. There are no concrete plans of course, but this will be a major focus for the next couple of years as part of our Project Regenerate vision.

As you may have picked up in the pew sheet two weeks ago, I will be taking some Long Service Leave in September. Next week I will be explaining why Sabbath is important to me personally, and why it is important as part of any ministry calling. This includes all of us who are called to follow Christ in faithful service.

Every blessing, Rev!



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- 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 Ukraine;
- For the people of Middle East;
- For World Cup participants and their smooth travel to Australia & New Zealand; for the organizers and those in authority;
- 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;
- For those who are lonely;
- For those who are caring and kind;
- For our Christian witness in our daily lives; for understanding and openness;
- For our worship and faith life together – that we may speak, think and act with love, hope and joy,
- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and milestones;

Years Mind: Richard Forsyth, Mick McMaster, Inez Kelly, Loena Hansberry, Jean Manning, Patsy Dempsey

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

Services – June/July

Pentecost 3 – 18 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 4 – 25 June

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 5 – 02 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Pentecost 6 – 09 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

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



THE PROPER

Sentence: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

Collect: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory: increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading :

Genesis 18:1-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, 'If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way – now that you have come to your servant.' 'Very well,' they answered, 'do as you say.' So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. 'Quick,' he said, 'get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.' Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'There, in the tent,' he said. Then one of them said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.' Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, 'After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?' Then the Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say, "Will I really have a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too hard for the Lord ?

I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.' Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, 'I did not laugh.' But he said, 'Yes, you did laugh.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm:

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Response: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

1. I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication; Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him. **(R)**
2. How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me? I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord. **(R)**
3. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people. Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones. **(R)**
4. Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord. **(R)**
5. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord. **(R)**

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Your words, Lord are spirit and life,
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

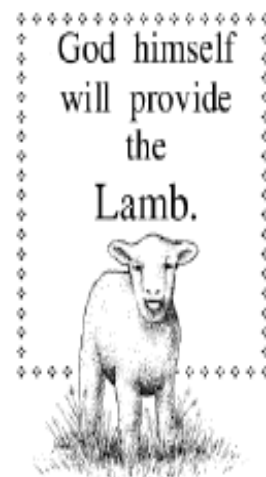
This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Based on Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)



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RAM	THICKET	SERVANTS	ALTAR	BURNT
ISAAC	OFFERING	KNIFE	LOVE	SON
HORNS	HAND	WOOD	FEAR	LAMB
SACRIFICE	ABRAHAM	WORSHIP	FIRE	DONKEY

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 16th July, 2023

TIME Immediately following the 10.30am Service

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 2nd day of July, 2023

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 16 July 2023 at 12.00pm

Including Sandwich and Soup Lunch

The Parish Council of Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal cordially invite all parishioners and interested friends to our

Annual General Meeting

on 16th July 2023 at 12.00pm in the Anglican Parish Centre
after the morning worship service at 10.30am (one service only).

A Soup and Sandwich lunch will be provided and I encourage you to bring any refreshments. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

A few things to note:

- a) *All 12 positions to Parish Council will be made vacant.*
- b) *Nomination Forms (found at the back of the church) can be filled in and returned to Sarah-Jayne Holland - no later than: 2nd July 2023.*
- c) ***All people responsible for reports must be written and submitted to Sarah-Jayne Holland by 2nd July so that we are able to distribute Reports throughout the Parish by 9th July.***
- d) *I encourage everyone to foreshadow any questions in advance, and address them to myself (Rev) or a Parish Councillor before the meeting so we can prepare suitable and appropriate answers. Questions will be taken from the floor.*
- e) *The Parish Council will be preparing a Budget document at our next meeting on 27th June - and if you have any suggestions please come forward so we can consider them at the meeting.*

I strongly encourage you to put this event in your diaries and engage in important parish matters. Meetings don't always have to be dull.