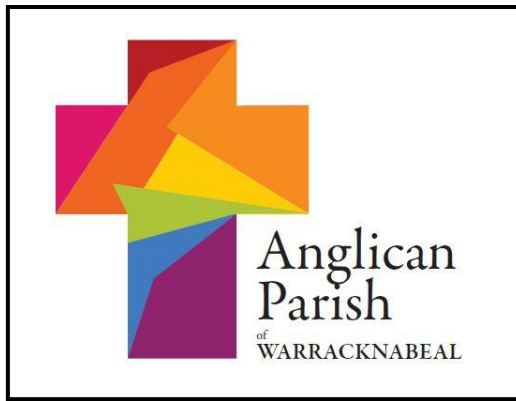




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 20
26 October 2025

Sunday Services: 9.30am Warracknabeal & 5.00pm Café Church



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

This week, our 'Blue Tree' was installed by WSC Yr11 students as part of a collaborative process with the parish. With it's 'trinitarian' form and bold blue colour - it really stands out on the corner. Thanks to the Parish Council who endorsed the idea and who continue to promote Mental Health awareness and potential outreach within our community. I think it looks GREAT!



WSC Yr11 students installing our 'Blue Tree'

"Blue Tree Project' is a mental health charity that began in 2019 after the tragic loss of Jayden Whyte, a much-loved son, brother and friend to suicide in 2018. Blue Tree Project began as a grassroots initiative in regional Western Australia which has grown into a widely recognised and impactful global charity. These striking symbols of hope have resonated deeply, sparking open and meaningful conversations, positively transforming attitudes towards mental health." [[Home - Blue Tree Project](#)]

I trust that you and I can be advocates for a 'return to wholeness' in whatever situations we find ourselves in. It could be a phone call, a simple encounter in the supermarket, or a kind word in a work meeting - you never know what effect our small words, and actions can have on those around us. *Blessings, Rev James*



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Diocesan 150yr celebrations;
- For Rev Adriaan – rehab & recovery;
- For all who face the ‘Black Dog’; for all living with depression; for the Blue Tree Movement;
- 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 and Ukraine;
- 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 Anglicare Victoria;
- For those who are grieving;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Beatrice JOHNSON (1988), Winifred KIDMAN (1989), Ronald NEILL (1994), Cheryl LIERSCH (1985), Alfred MILLARD (2008), Dorothy O’BRIEN (1987), Myrtle AITKEN (1998), Robert AITKEN (1998), Kevin RADFORD (2007), Raymond FERGUSON (2022)

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

Service Times Oct/Nov

Pentecost 20 – 26 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 21 – 02 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.30am St Mark’s Areegra

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

11.30am St Mark’s Areegra

Advent 3 – 14 December

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Advent 4 – 21 December

9.30am Warracknabeal

6.00pm Areegra – Café Carols

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: Joel 2:23-32

A reading from the book of Joel

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing-floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. 'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten – the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm – my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. 'And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 119:97-104

Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

1. Thou visitest the earth and waterest it, thou greatly enriches it; the river of God, is full of water; thou providest their grain. **(R)**
2. For thou hast prepared it. Thou waterest its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. **(R)**
3. Thou crownest the year with thy bounty; the tracks of thy chariot drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip, the hills gird themselves with joy. **(R)**
4. The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, They shout and sing together for joy. **(R)**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from

every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 18:15-30

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

People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' A certain ruler asked him, 'Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother."' 'All these I have kept since I was a boy,' he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

Those who heard this asked, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with man is possible with God.' Peter said to him, 'We have left all we had to follow you!' 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus said to them, 'no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sentence: Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Collect: O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner: grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly, we may refrain from judging our neighbour but rely solely upon your saving grace. We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

