



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost
19 May 2024

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



Hello Everyone! I hope your week has gone well for you.

Can you remember some of the dramatic events in your life - the circumstances and people who make for a really good story - true or slightly embellished (*which is allowed from time to time they tell me*) that remind us every now and again that LIFE herself surprises us?

It might be a story of survival; a story of resilience; a story of fortitude; a story of companionship in difficult circumstances; a story that was 'out of character'; a story that will go with you - wherever you go (*dead or alive!*).

Maybe it is a story of how you became a Christian. Maybe it is a story where you overcame the odds. Maybe it is a story from the sporting field in whichever discipline you chose. Maybe it is a story from a place of work ... or on a travel adventure with friends or loved ones.

This week, my stories include seeing the 'Southern Lights' with my own eyes ... I can strike that "Bucket List Item" off - and I don't have to travel to the North Pole which I was anticipating to have to do. It also includes catching up with friends from Queanbeyan during the week and spending time reminiscing about the 'good old days' and the extra-extraordinary tales of times now well and truly passed because our society has changed SO MUCH. (*By the way - they are planning to kidnap me and take me back to those hallowed hills and backstreets of Queanbeyan. So if I go missing - you'll know where I will be.*)

As we celebrate the Holy Spirit in our church life together this weekend - that sometimes elusive, sometimes challenging, sometimes comforting, sometimes understandable and mostly not, sometimes clear and LIFE-GIVING aspect of God that binds our stories and the stories of God together in a narrative of hope and human endeavour - I hope that there are things, circumstances and people you can be grateful for either through tears or laughter! Every blessing, Rev James

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry and swift recovery for ongoing health issues; for our sisters and brothers of faith in the West Wimmera Deanery;
- For Sherry Barber (Suzy Callaghan's sister) – battling cancer;
- For all who feel unsafe or threatened or oppressed;
- For bold stances against violence;
- For Light in the face of darkness; for Hope in the face of despair; for Love in the face of hatred and discord;
- For those displaced by war and ethnic prejudice;
- For those seeking refuge far from home;
- For a STOP to war around the globe; and for all brokering peace;
- For the people of Kenya; Tanzania; Burundi; India; Haiti; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands;
- For the people of Ukraine and Palestine;
- For those who hunger for food; for those who thirst for water; for those who seek peace from war, violence & exploitation;
- For our neighbour/s;
- For those known to us who are unwell;
- For seasonal weather and safe sowing season for our farmers in our region;
- For The Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham – for all who seek assistance for food, finances and shelter;
- For our own Neighbourhood House – their outreach and programs;
- For Peace in our hearts and homes;

Years Mind: Derek Close, Carl Adler, Thelma Hose, Mary Ridoutt

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

Service Times May/June

Pentecost – 19 May

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Trinity – 26 May

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 2 – 02 June

9.30am & 5.00pm

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Tuesday – 04 June

5.00pm – Healing Eucharist

Pentecost 3 – 09 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 4 – 16 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 5 – 23 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 3 – 30 June

10.30am Warracknabeal

(One service only)

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the
Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom."*

2 Corinthians 3:17

Café Church – Next Sunday

5.00pm – Bring a plate to share and a friend if you can manage it! All welcome!

**For anyone who is impacted by
domestic, family or sexual violence:**

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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.' Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will

prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, 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 glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

104: 1, 24, 29-31,34

Response: *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth*

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures. **(R)**
2. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**
3. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. **(R)**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

A reading from the gospel according to John

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, "Where are you going?" Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these

things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. 'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,' says the Lord God; 'I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**