



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 2

11 June 2023

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



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

Sunday Service Times:

At our last Parish Council meeting, we discussed our Parish Service times by request from some parishioners. We decided to keep service times as currently advertised - 9.30am HC and 5.00pm HC/Café Church in Warracknabeal and 11.00am Areegra on the First Sunday of the month. Strongly endorsed were a 10.30am service when we have a Mission Lunch, Special event or when the Sunday fell on the fifth weekend of the month.

A couple of things to explain:

- a) To change the Sunday morning service to 10.30am seemed 'too big a jump' at the moment - with Areegra, and other community events etc. However, it was recognised that 9.30am remains a difficult time for some especially during the winter season. (Note: Three 10.30am services planned for July!!)
- b) The 5.00pm service is not offered for the 'lazy' nor as a divisive tool to divide our faith community. The style, location (in Parish Centre) and time suit many parishioners who are very regular and consistent in their attendance. The 5.00pm service offers a different service that nourishes people's faith journey in legitimate and sustainable ways.
- c) It is my personal belief that diversity is the key to a sustainable future, and actually enhances our faith community rather than diminishing it.
- d) No matter what we do, or how we do it - discipleship of others is paramount to a viable and fulfilling future for our church faith life together.
- e) I believe we need to be bold in our outreach and gentle in our proclamation of the Gospel, and through prayer and faithfulness - God will guide our endeavours to growth. NOT IN NUMBERS! - but in hearts full of God's Spirit.

Maybe you can begin to think of ideas and ways to grow our faith community and those we would like to reach, and bring them to our AGM. Or talk to Rev today!

Every blessing, Rev!



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For the Ministry Development Committee and their initiatives;
- 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 rain and sunshine; for our world of wonder and delight;
- For those experiencing tragedy & grief;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all our small business operators and their staff;
- 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: Those we love who have passed to their rest in God's Presence

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

Services – June/July

Pentecost 2 – 11 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
12.00pm Lunch at Creekside

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



Wood Raffles at IGA

The Wood Raffle raised \$927.
Thank you to our volunteer Raffle
Ticket sellers!
BRILLIANT effort. Praise God!

Lunch at The Creekside – Today!

Join us for fellowship at
12.00pm Sunday 11th June.

TODAY'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading :

1 Samuel 8:4-20

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵ and said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷ and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸ Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹ Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." ¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, ¹² and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵ He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your

flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you on that day."¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! We are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart*

1. I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; **(R)**
2. For you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. **(R)**
3. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. **(R)**
4. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. **(R)**
5. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. **(R)**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised Jesus^[a] will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵ Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

[5] For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 3:20-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²² And the scribes who came down

from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³ And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸ “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰ for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” ³³ And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

Collect: Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Warracknabeal Market - Next Saturday - 17th June - Rev has a stall - selling a variety of hand-made timber products - Come and say 'Hello!'