



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Epiphany 6
16 February 2025

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal



Hello Everyone! I hope that your week has gone well.

How do you broker 'Peace'?

Do you think you would make a good or decent 'peace broker'? What are the elements needed for a good and wholesome 'peace deal'?

With several 'peace conversations' happening in various parts of the world at the moment - I fear that not everyone is going to be happy with whatever deal is on the table. I have a suspicion that 'trust' is essential to the 'peace deal process' - and without it I imagine there will essentially be no peace at all. Trust = EVERYTHING!

I have been thinking about whether it is easier to broker peace 'within' myself, or easier to broker peace on behalf of others. Are the same skills used or do they vary depending on the situation and the persons/parties involved. If one hand is tied behind your back - do you still have the same 'power' or authority to bring to the conversation? Does 'peace' go to the most able? Or is 'peace' more necessary for the underdog?

Is compromise an aspect of wholesome peace - or another dynamic altogether?

Luke's 'Beatitudes' (*BE - attitudes*) in this week's Gospel challenge our deepest understanding of what it means to be human-being, and ultimately what are the things necessary to build a stronger community. Narcissism and Megalomania - while seeming necessary attributes to negotiate the modern global world in which we live - do not make it onto Jesus' list. It takes an integrated and transformed human being to be able to fulfill Jesus' mandate. It's a tough call, but ultimately one that leads to genuine engagement with those less fortunate than ourselves and brings the peace that 'passes all understanding' in our relationship with God. Which BE-attitude will you bring to the 'negotiating table' this week?

Every blessing, Rev James

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for our Parish Council;
- For those in WA facing Cyclone Zelia;
for those in QLD facing flood damage;
- For Daryl French – critically unwell in
Royal Melbourne;
- For those brokering peace in various
parts of our world;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with
influence to act for the Common Good;
- For all who are experiencing difficulty –
relationships, faith, circumstances;
- For those who hunger for food;
- For those who thirst for water;
- For those seeking shelter;
- For all who are grieving;
- For all known to us in hospital and our
Residential Care Facilities;
- For those known to us who are unwell;
- For God's Light that dispels darkness;
for God's Life that deters death and
despair; for God's Love that confronts
fear and hatred;
- For all our plumbers;
- For completion of The Shed Project;
- For all our school teachers and ES staff,
our school Principals, for all students;
- For all heading to University over the
next week or two;
- For all our families & friends.

Years Mind: Evelyn McGEE (2018), Lila MOYSEY (1987), Clarence HARMER (1990), Alice MARSHALL (2002), Robert TAYLOR (2009), Joyce WITNEY (2019)

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

Service Times Feb/March

Epiphany 6 – 16 February 2025

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal

Tuesday 18th February – Parish Council

7.00pm Refreshments

7.30pm Meeting

Epiphany 7 – 23 February 2025

9.30am – Warracknabeal & ‘Fancy’ morning tea

5.00pm Café church

Transfiguration – 02 March 2025

9.30am - Warracknabeal

11.00am - St Mark's Areegra

Ash Wednesday – 05 March

8.00am HC & Imposition of Ashes

Lent 1 – 09 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Lent 2 – 16 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Lent 3 – 23 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Lent 4 – 30 March

9.30am Warracknabeal & 5.00pm Café Church

World Day of Prayer 07 March 2025

THE COOK ISLANDS

This year the World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday 7th March, 2025 at St Mary's Church, Anderson St Warracknabeal. The service will begin at 2.00pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you can assist with a plate for Afternoon Tea that would be appreciated.

More info: contact St Mary's Ladies Club President Francis Casey or Maureen Farrall 0428 627 563

TODAY'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 1

Response: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night. **(R)**
2. He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers. **(R)**
3. Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: 6:17-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed

THE PROPER

Sentence: Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Collect: Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday 23rd February

9.30am Service of Commitment

(or something like it - can't actually find a better name at this stage)

An opportunity to cover James & Vikki with our blessing and goodwill for their marriage on Thurs 27th in Penola.

This is an open invitation to anyone in town to partake in a simple service with a fancy morning tea to follow.

Please bring a plate and a friend!

STRICKLY NO GIFTS please.

James and Vikki have ENOUGH stuff to fill several households!

If this feels awkward for you, please empower another person through the microloan organisation instead = KIVA.

Go to - Kiva.org

CDS Vic West – Recycling plastic & glass bottles and cans

We are now registered as a charity with the CDS Vic West Recycling System.

Name: Anglican Church Boys Shed

In order to be able to donate your recycling items towards our cause:

Step 1:

- Download the CDS Vic West App on your phone;
- Search our 'name' above;
- Select as the 'PAYOUT' when prompted.

Step 2: (at recycling)

- Open app, and scan barcode FIRST;
- Deposit containers;
- Follow prompts on your phone.
(Do not use touch screen on the machine)

If you have any troubles – see the staff at Bentley's. They are really helpful.