



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 10

14 August 2022

Hello Everyone! From the Mother's Union archives:

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two;
If He came unexpected, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give the nicest room to such an honoured guest.
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there;
That serving Him within your home is Joy beyond compare.
But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly visitor?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,
Or hide some glossy magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you hide your worldly music, and put some hymn books out;
Could you let Jesus walk right in or would you rush about?
And I wonder if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing all the things you always do.
Would you go right on saying the things you always say,
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?
Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace.
And would you find it hard each day to say a table Grace?
Would you sing the songs you always sing, and the read the books you read,
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you planned to go,
Or maybe would you change your plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to let Him meet your very closest friends,
Or hope that they would stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever, on and on,
Or would you sigh with great relief when at last He had to go?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do,
If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you. [P.F.C. George Wiley, ABV.]

"Take courage. Do not be afraid!"

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For all currently coping with COVID circumstances; for those not well with flu or other ailments;
- For all facing the consequences of natural disaster and climate change;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of Afghanistan – especially women and girls, those who are not allowed to work, for those going hungry;
- For the people of Taiwan – for bravery and commitment to vision of independence;
- For all who seek justice and peace;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all those in hospital; for all facing surgery and recovery;
- For our Parish Council;
- For our friends, families, and our neighbours; for those who make our lives easier to bear;
- For Coffee Van & volunteers;
- For the Boys' Shed Project – our mentors, participants and supporters;
- For Benjamin Holland;

Years Mind: Brenda Cousins, Christina Sands, Winifred Shalders

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

Services – Aug/Sept

Pentecost 10 – 14 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
8.30-12.30pm – Coffee Van

Pentecost 11 – 21 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 12 – 28 August

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm – Café Church

8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

Pentecost 13 – 04 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra

Pentecost 14 – 11 September

9.30am Warracknabeal
8.30-12.30pm – Coffee Van

Other Events:

Soup, Sandwich & Sweets Luncheon

11th September at 12.00pm
\$15 per person

Anglican Treasures Auction

21st October 2022

Synod

21st-22nd October in Ballarat

Project REGENERATE

COFFEE VAN This Sunday:

8.30am-12.30pm

Warracknabeal Visitor's Centre

Woodbine Stall as well!

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 10

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: my loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. 'Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.' The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 116

Response: *Lord, come to my aid!*

1. I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me. **(R)**
2. The LORD heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps. **(R)**

3. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD. **(R)**
4. Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the LORD thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back! **(R)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days. By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – the world was not worthy of them. They wandered

in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 12:49-59

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

'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising

in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? 'Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right? As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled on the way, or your adversary may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Propers

Sentence: 'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

Collect: Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**It is not that hard to be
kind. You just have to
keep the mean stuff
to yourself.**