

# TRINITY NEWS

## Sharing Jesus for Life

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 3 March

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

10.30am Contemporary Service followed by morning tea

#### Monday 4 March

7pm Monday Evening Fellowship Group

#### Tuesday 5 March

10-11am Monthly Prayer Gathering in the Church

1-2:30pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

#### Wednesday 6 March

7am Wednesday Morning Fellowship Group (men)

10.30am Traditional service followed by morning tea

5-6.30pm Monthly Prayer Gathering in the Hall

7-8:30pm Christianity Explored in the Hall

#### Thursday 7 March

10am-12pm Thursday Fellowship Group (ladies)

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 10 March

10.30am Combined Service followed by Lunch & Annual Meeting

#### 29-31 March

Easter Weekend

#### 7 April to 14 April

Easter Outreach in partnership with St Barnabas to share Jesus for life in Orange.

### From Andy's Desk...

What's wrong with the world? What do you think?

In 1905, in *The Daily News*, an old British newspaper, a well-known Christian author called G.K. Chesterton wrote this: 'The answer to the question "What is Wrong?" is, or should be, "I am wrong." Until someone can give that answer their idealism is only a hobby.'

Lots of people in our world today have very strong views on what is wrong with the world, and maybe you do too. However, for many people the problem is always other people. Other people think or behave in a certain way and that is the source of our problems. G.K. Chesterton said the problem was much closer to home. It is in each of us; none of us are exempt. And in this, Chesterton agrees with Jesus. In this short passage from Mark's gospel, Jesus is talking about what makes us "unclean" in God's eyes - "unclean" means spiritually dirty and unfit to be in God's presence.

*"For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person."* Mark 7:1-23

Jesus says that evil comes from the human heart. In the Bible, God says that we are all born with it - and I know that all of us who are being honest with ourselves know that it is true of us. I know it is true of me. As I look back at my life there are lots of things I'm very proud of, real achievements, strong relationships, real kindness; but there is a lot that I'm ashamed of and I wouldn't want any of you to know about!

What about you? Imagine that every part of your life was displayed in vivid colour on a cinema screen - every thought, every word, every action. How would you feel about that? Which bit would you want to cover up most?

People today tend to run away from the idea that they have a problem; maybe it seems easiest to ignore it and hope it goes away - it never does, of course, it only gets worse! We try to cover it up with fig leaves, so to speak; we present a good front and try to look as though we are good people, we give to charity, or volunteer (good things to do!), or join some religious group. But we can't solve the problem of our sin - not even with religion. No amount of effort can fix the problem of our hearts. Is it hopeless?

No, the Lord Jesus has the only solution: himself. Earlier in Mark's gospel, Jesus told us that he came to call sinners, and showed that he has authority to forgive sin. A bit later, he explained how:

*"The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* Mark 10:45

Jesus gave his life for us as a ransom. He lived the life we should have lived, and then died the death we deserved for our sin. In this way a wonderful swap takes place and we are set free from sin. Only Jesus can fix the problem of our sin - what a glorious message of good news.

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin  
Minister



**Monthly Prayer Gathering - Tuesday 5 March 10am in Church, Wednesday 6 March 5pm in the Hall**

Join with others from our church family to pray for our world, our city, our church family and planned events. See Andy for more details.

**Safe Ministry Training - Tue 5 March Level 1 on Zoom, Sat 9 March Levels 1+2 In Forbes**

All volunteers in Bathurst Diocese churches must complete Safe Ministry Training. See Andy for details.

**Annual Meeting - Sunday 10 March, 12noon for lunch, 1pm for Annual Meeting**

We will have one combined service at 10.30am followed by a Church Family lunch and our Annual Meeting. Please join us to celebrate what God has done at Holy Trinity and to hear about our plans for the future, and to choose our Parish Council members. Report booklets are now available from the office.

**Orange Easter Festival - Sunday 24 March 12-3pm in Robertson Park**

Orange churches are hosting a Family Easter Festival to share the great news of Jesus! See flyer for more details including how to get involved on the day.

**EASTER****Good Friday 29 March**

9am All-Age Service followed by morning tea

**Easter Sunday 31 March**

8.30am Traditional Service

9.30am Family Easter Craft & Morning Tea

10.30am Family All-Age Service

**EASTER OUTREACH****Sunday 7th to Sunday 14th April**

A week of joint activities with St Barney's to share the good news of Jesus with Orange

Playgroup - Kids' Club - Family Fun Day

Organ Recital (TBC) - Meal with Q&A

Dessert Evening with Talk - Parish Visiting

School Chapel & Assemblies

**Fellowship Groups**

Our midweek small groups are a great time to meet together over coffee to chat, study the bible, pray and encourage each other. If you'd like to join a group contact Andy Martin:

Monday 7pm - Tuesday 1pm & 7pm - Wednesday 7am (men) & 7pm - Thursday 10am (ladies)

**Church Directory**

We are currently looking into establishing an online Holy Trinity Directory for church family to use, which we hope to launch in the coming months.

**PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: Sunday 17 March, 3-5pm (TBC)**

Andy Martin - *Rector*, Garry West - *Rector's Warden*, Rod Wykes - *Warden & Treasurer*,  
Lynne Middleton - *Warden*, John Bosanquet, Lyn Atkins, Steve White, Daniel Willis  
Sandy Bosanquet - *Secretary*

If you have feedback, comments or questions for Parish Council please send an email to [holytrinityorangesec@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityorangesec@gmail.com) or leave your contact details with the office and a member of Parish Council will contact you. Minutes will be available to read afterwards, in the church office.

**GIVING**

If you would like to give financially to support the work at Holy Trinity of Sharing Jesus for Life, gifts can be placed in the baskets or gift-box at church or given online:

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