

TRINITY NEWS

Sharing Jesus for Life

THIS WEEK

Sunday 11 February

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

10.30am Contemporary Service followed by morning tea

Monday 12 February

7pm Monday Evening Fellowship Group

Tuesday 13 February

10-11am Prayer Group

1-2:30pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

7-8:30pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship Group

Wednesday 14 February

7am Wednesday Morning Fellowship Group (men)

10.30am Ash Wednesday service followed by morning tea

7-8:30pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Group

7-8:30pm Christianity Explored in the Hall

Thursday 15 February

10am-12pm Thursday Fellowship Group (ladies)

Friday 16 February

10am Third Friday Morning Tea in the Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 25 February

12-2pm Welcome Lunch for Newcomers in the Hall

Sunday 10 March

10.30am Combined Service followed by Lunch & AGM

From Andy's Desk...

This year we have said goodbye to a few dear members of the church family, Leigh Knight and David Hartnett. And some members of our church family have lost people they love dearly.

Death is an inescapable part of our life here on earth and it is vital for us to think clearly about it as Christians.

Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14:

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."

We believe in the God of life and death. God proved that he had power to give life to the dead when he raised Jesus from death three days after his crucifixion. And he promises to give life to all who trust in Jesus.

We see that in the extraordinary account where Jesus meets a distressed father with a daughter at the point of death, and a woman with a chronic illness. What can he do in the face of death?

As with the last two episodes of the storm and the demon-possessed man, both situations appear helpless: the woman has spent all she has on doctors who are powerless to help; her sickness leaves her isolated and unclean in the eyes of the Jewish people. She cannot help herself and no one else can help her. As for the dad, he comes to Jesus because his 12 year old daughter is dying, and while they are on the way messengers come with news his daughter has died. Surely all hope is lost!

What does Jesus do? In the first instance, he doesn't really 'do' anything. The woman reaches out and touches the edge of his robe - and is instantly healed. Jesus' power over sickness is so complete that this incurable sickness is swept away and the woman's health restored.

The second case is much harder, isn't it? A dead girl is surely too much even for Jesus. But no, Jesus walks into her room and takes her by the hand. Just two words in Aramaic: "Little girl, get up." And as easily as you and I might wake a sleeping child, Jesus raises her back to life.

The lesson is clear, Jesus has supreme power and authority over sickness and death. If we belong to Jesus, we have nothing to fear! How do we belong to Jesus? By faith. Jesus says to Jairus, the father: "Don't be afraid, just trust me." And we can too!

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin
Minister



Sunday 10.30am Service 1st Birthday!

A year ago we began a second Sunday service with a Kids' Group - praise God for a wonderful year!

Christianity Explored - continues Wednesday 14 February at 7pm

Over 7 weeks, using Mark's biography of Jesus in the Bible, we explore who Jesus is, why he came to earth, and what it means to follow him. Contact Andy Martin for more details.

Welcome Lunch for Newcomers - Sunday 25 February 12-2pm in the Hall

If you've recently joined us at Holy Trinity we'd love you welcome you to join us for a lunch - a great chance to get to know each other better, enjoy delicious food and to hear more about what goes on in the life of Holy Trinity. See Andy and Amanda Martin for more details.

Third Friday Morning Tea - Friday 16th February at 10am

Join us in the Hall for unlimited tea, coffee, delicious home baking and good company, \$7 per person.

Orange Christian Men's Breakfast - Saturday 17 February 6.50-8.20am at Dundryleague

\$20 per person. See Mike Middleton 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 SMT. See Andy for more details.

New Term Card

Pick up a copy to see what's happening this term and for key dates for 2024.

Fellowship Groups

Our midweek small groups have resumed for the new year. These 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, please contact Andy Martin for more details:

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

Musicians for Sunday 10.30am Contemporary Service

We are looking for more musicians to grow our 10.30am Contemporary Service music group. Please speak to Heather Morgan or Andy Martin if you would like to get involved.

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: Monday 19 February

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 or leave your contact details with the office and a member of Parish Council will contact you. Minutes will be available to read in the church office afterwards.

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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