

# TRINITY NEWS

## Sharing Jesus for Life

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 11 May Mothers Day

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

10.30am Contemporary Service with Kids' Groups followed by morning tea

#### Monday 12 May

5.30pm Bell Practice

7pm Monday Evening Fellowship Group

#### Tuesday 13 May

10am Prayer Group

1pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

7.30pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship Groups

#### Wednesday 14 May

7am Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship Group

9.30-11am Playgroup

10.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

7pm/7.30pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Groups

#### Thursday 15 May

7am Thursday Early Morning Ladies' Fellowship Group

10am Thursday Morning Ladies' Fellowship Group

5-6.30pm Kids' Club

7pm Thursday Evening Fellowship Group

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Saturday 24 May

Safe Ministry Training at Holy Trinity

#### Sunday 25 May

Welcome to the Chois - Bring & Share Lunch 12noon

#### Saturday 7 June

Diocesan Youth Day at Lake Canobolas

#### Saturday 14 June

Ladies' High Tea

### From Andy's Desk...

Life can be exhausting. Different stages of life have their different challenges, but there is always something to tire us out. As many families celebrate Mothers' Day today, I suspect that many of the mum's going out to lunch, or having afternoon tea with their kids find being a mum exhausting!

What tires you out at the moment? Family demands or expectations? Work? Health? Appointments? Chores? Life?

Or is it your Christian faith? Church life can feel very busy at times, and we feel like we are running from one thing to another. Or is it that your very relationship with Jesus feels like burden? That you feel God demands so much of you that you can't keep up? Jesus certainly rebuked the Pharisees for loading people with burdens that they couldn't carry (Matthew 23:2-4) - are we guilty of doing the same? All the other major religions present a list of demands, things to do in order for us to be right with God, and most people think Christianity is the same. But it could not be more different.

Look at Jesus' lovely invitation: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* Matthew 11:28-30.

If our Christian faith feels like a burden that tires us out, then we've missed something really important about Jesus. He doesn't say, get yourself sorted first by doing this that and the other, then come to me when you're looking a little better. He says, Come to me and I will give you rest. Come with your burdens and your weariness and let me take them from you. Are you feeling tired? Then come to Jesus. Are you feeling as though life is too hard? Then come to Jesus. In contrast to all the world's religions, Jesus doesn't say "Do this! Do that!" He says "It is done." (See John 19:30). All that God required in order for us to be at peace with him was accomplished by Jesus on the cross. And so Jesus says come and rest.

We must be careful here at church that we are not loading people down with burdens to carry, demands to fulfil. As Christ's people in the world, he continues to offer that invitation through us. Our church should be a place for the weary, the broken, the helpless; we are not a social club for those who have it together. We are a hospital not a hotel, a lifeboat not a cruise ship.

Paul Dale, our speaker today, mentions in his sermon a sign outside a church - maybe we need one like it!

"To those who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God even cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a saviour — this church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus."

With love in Christ,  
Andy Martin  
Rector



**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES**

**One Day Women's Conference - Saturday 17 May 9.30am-3pm**

Join with other women from around central NSW for a great day of fellowship, singing and talks by Bec Thompson from John 17. Tickets now available \$55 per person - see Bec Choi for more details, for help booking a ticket or organising a lift. Bookings close TODAY Sunday 11 May.

**Safe Ministry Training - Saturday 24 May in the Hall**

As part of the Bathurst Diocese's commitment to keeping everyone safe at church, all volunteers over 18 years involved in serving at church must do Safe Ministry Training (Note: teen helpers aged 13 -17 have a separate online training). The next in-person training session will be held here at Holy Trinity - refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. If you can't make this date, it is possible to do the training online. See Louise Wythes in the church office for more details.

9.15 Arrive

9.30-11.30am *Safe Ministry Essentials (for ALL volunteers) or*

9.30am-1.30pm *Safe Ministry with Children (for everyone involved in Children's & Youth ministry)*

2-4pm *Safe Ministry Implementation (Clergy, Wardens, Children's & Youth Coordinators, PSMCs)*

**Welcome to the Chois - Bring & Share Church Family Lunch - Sunday 25 May 12noon in the Hall**

Join us to welcome the Choi family, for delicious food and time to chat as we enjoy getting to know each other better. See Amanda Martin for more details.

**Ladies' High Tea - Saturday 14 June 2-4pm**

Invite a friend to join you for a relaxed afternoon enjoying delicious food, a short talk and interviews from ladies about how Jesus has impacted their lives. See Karen Willis or Amanda Martin for more details.



**MISSION NEWS**

Anglicare's Mission: serving people in need, enriching lives, sharing the love of Jesus. Anglicare exists to share the love of Jesus and value all people as made in the image of the living God. Pray for our local team in Orange as they work and minister in our area - Claire, Scott and Dallas - especially for Scott's family as they move to Orange soon.

**PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: Wednesday 4 June**

Rector: Andy Martin. Wardens: Lynne Middleton, Garry West, Steve White  
Councillors: John Bosanquet, Elyse Gilbert, Heather Morgan, Steve Price, Daniel Willis

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

**GIVING FOR THE GOSPEL**

If you would like to give financially to support the work at Holy Trinity of Sharing Jesus for Life, please take a copy of our **Giving** leaflet and prayerfully consider how you might contribute.

Gifts can be placed in the baskets or gift-box at church, or given online:

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church Orange - NAB - BSB 082 774 - Account 391-842-618**

**SAFE MINISTRY**

At Holy Trinity Orange we are committed to Safe Ministry and have zero tolerance for any kind of abuse. We adhere to the NSW Child Safe Standards (see posters on noticeboards and in office for more details). If you need to speak to someone about a concern please contact Andy Martin (Rector) or our Safe Ministry Coordinator, Heather Morgan ([safeministry@holytrinityorange.org.au](mailto:safeministry@holytrinityorange.org.au)). Alternatively, you can directly contact the Bathurst Diocesan Office ([louise@bathurstanglican.org.au](mailto:louise@bathurstanglican.org.au)).

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