

# TRINITY NEWS

## Sharing Jesus for Life

### SUMMER SERVICES

#### Sunday 12 January

10.30am Combined All-Age Service followed by morning tea

#### Sunday 19 January

10.30am Combined All-Age Service followed by morning tea

#### Sunday 26 January

10.30am Combined All-Age Service followed by morning tea

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Fellowship Group Leaders Meeting

Wednesday 29 January  
7pm in Trinity Centre

#### Sunday 2 February

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea in the Hall

10.30am Contemporary Service with Kids' Group, followed by morning tea

#### Kids' Ministry Team Training

Sunday 2 February 2-4pm in Trinity Centre

#### Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Sunday 9 February 3pm in Trinity Centre

#### Diocesan Day

Saturday 22 March in Dubbo

### From Andy's Desk...

What do you think are the most pressing issues facing our world today? There seem to be so many big and damaging problems that appear to have no obvious solution: conflict, poverty, homelessness, addiction... what would you add to the list?

Here in Orange we have a whole host of issues that could and should occupy our thoughts, and about which we should be praying, and for which we want to be part of the solution. I love seeing the different ways that church family members volunteer their time and energy to care for and support the vulnerable in our community. But none of these issues will take centre stage in the life of our church family; something else sets the agenda.

In 1st century Israel, all these issues and more were present, and much more acutely so than in the 21st century West with its health care and welfare programmes. Yet as we read through Luke's biography of Jesus, we see again and again on the lips of Jesus and of other characters, that the most devastating problem facing our world, and the problem for which Christians alone have the answer, is the problem of human sin, and God's entirely just and right punishment of sinners.

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*John went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (3:3).*

And here is how John addressed his hearers:

*"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" (3:7)*

He is pretty confronting! John hadn't come to talk about salvation from the Romans, but from human sin and from the righteous judgement of God which we deserve. John freely admitted that he couldn't wash away their sin with his baptism in the water, *"but one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."* John's message was that God himself was coming to wash us clean from sin and rescue us from His own judgment.

This good news is at the heart of our faith, and it is the message of forgiveness of sin through Jesus that sets the agenda for our church family as we plan for the year ahead.

It is right for many of us to be involved in ministering to the poor, the lonely, the refugee, the addicted and the homeless; these are wonderful ways of demonstrating God's love. But these good things must not distract us from the greatest thing of sharing Jesus for life. Our prayer for everyone we meet and care for must be that they come to know Jesus, the Saviour and Lord of all.

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin,  
Rector



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

### 3-2-1 Course in February

We will be running this course over 4 evenings, looking at who Jesus is, why Jesus came and what this means for us. Contact Andy Martin for more details and to sign up.

### Summer Sunday Services - Sunday 29 December to Sunday 26 January at 10.30am

In the quieter weeks over the Summer we will be combining all our services into one all-age service on Sundays at 10.30am, followed by morning tea in the Trinity Centre.

### Ministries in Recess

Our midweek Playgroup, Kids' Club & Fellowship groups are resuming in February 2025.

### Finance Update

Thank you for giving to the gospel work here at Holy Trinity in 2024! With the growth in our church family and the resulting increased giving from many, we are currently keeping on a par with our budget. Monthly Giving: \$20.5k; Other Income: \$6k; Average Monthly expenses: \$23.5k. As we would like to be able to appoint another church staff member in the year ahead, please continue to give generously as you are able.

### Brainfood and Fellowship - beginning 14 January

Paul Meeth will be hosting several Bible seminars over the summer. For more details, contact Paul on 0401 963144.



### MISSION NEWS

Give thanks for the outreach and care that Anglicare offer to those in our community who need emergency relief. To support Anglicare Emergency Relief this December please go to [www.anglicare.org.au/ways-to-give.central-west](http://www.anglicare.org.au/ways-to-give.central-west)



### PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: 19 January 2025

Andy Martin - Rector, Garry West - Rector's Warden, Rod Wykes - Warden & Treasurer  
Lynne Middleton - Warden, Sandy Bosanquet - Secretary  
John Bosanquet, Charles Jones, Elyse Gilbert, Steve White, 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 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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