

TRINITY NEWS

Sharing Jesus for Life

EASTER

Friday 18 April

9am Good Friday Service

Sunday 20 April

8.30am Easter Sunday
Traditional Service

9.30am Easter Family Craft &
Morning Tea in the Hall

10.30am Easter Sunday
All-Age Family Service

ANZAC DAY Friday 25 April

8-10am Holy Trinity Memorial
Tower open

Sunday 27 April

8:30 Traditional Service
followed by morning tea

10.30 All-Age Family Service
followed by morning tea

12noon Bring & Share Church
Family Lunch in the Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 3 May 9am-1pm

Kids' Ministry Team Training in
Trinity Centre

Sunday 4 May

The Rev'd Bec Choi's
Commissioning & Welcome
Morning Tea

1-2pm Youth Leaders Meeting

3-4pm Fellowship Group
Leaders Meeting

Saturday 24 May

Safe Ministry Training at Holy
Trinity

Sunday 25 May

Welcome Lunch for the Choirs

Saturday 7 June

Diocesan Youth Day at Lake
Canobolas

NOTE:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
FRI 18 - SUN 27 APRIL
RE-OPENING MONDAY 28
APRIL

From Andy's Desk...

One of Jesus' early followers, Paul, a man whose life was turned upside down by Jesus, wrote this in a letter to a church in Corinth (you can read this letter in the New Testament):

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep." (1 Cor. 15:3-8)

Read Paul's words again and notice how much this gospel matters to Paul and these early Christians. It is the most important thing about being a Christian - that's why Paul says it is of *first importance*.

A common misunderstanding about Christianity is that it is about believing in God and trying to do good. But that is not it!

Any committed Christian can tell you straight away that a Christian is someone who follows *Christ* - the clue's in the name! A Christian believes that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and rose again three days later. It is following Jesus Christ that makes a person a Christian, not simply believing in God.

Why is Jesus the key, and why did he have to go through all that stuff on the cross? Paul also wrote in his letter to Corinth:

"Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you have received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise you have believed in vain." (1 Cor. 15:1-2)

Do you see what Paul said so long ago? *"By this gospel you are saved."* Gospel means *good news*. As we look around the world it is clear there are all sorts of problems that need a solution. The bible is clear that all the mess around us, the brokenness and pain we see, comes from human rebellion against God, what the bible calls 'sin'. Simply trying to good won't change anything either - none of us can meet God's standards. The right punishment for our rebellion against our maker, the giver of life and light and love, is to receive death and darkness and disconnection. This is what we need saving from, and Paul's good news is the message that Jesus, God's eternal Son, saves us by entering into our pit of darkness and death, dies in our place and is then raised back to life to lift us out of death back to life with God for ever. Without Jesus we deserve eternal death; but with Jesus, when we trust in him, we receive eternal life.

Do you see why it matters that you are clear on who Jesus is and why he came? Don't dismiss Jesus, and so miss out on the only one who can provide the salvation you and I both need.

With love in Christ
Andy Martin,
Rector



PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES**Easter Family Craft & Morning Tea - Sunday 20 April at 9.30am in the Hall**

Join us for a fun morning of Easter Story crafts and delicious Easter treats in the Hall, followed by an Easter All-Age Family Service in Church.

HOPE25 - May 2025

Starting Sunday 27 April we will join in the nationwide campaign to share the message of HOPE. In each of our Sunday services we will present a clear explanation of the hope we have in Jesus. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to hear the good news of Jesus. Please be praying for events and for people you can invite. See Andy Martin for more details.

**Bring & Share Church Family Lunch - Sunday 27 April 12noon in the Hall**

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

Ministries in Recess for Easter Holidays

Sunday Kids' Group, Playgroup, Kids' Club, Fellowship Groups and the Wednesday Service are all in recess over the Easter break. Resume week of 28 April.

Commissioning & Welcome for the Rev'd Bec Choi - Sunday 4 May 8.30am & 10.30am

We look forward to welcoming Bec, Yooie and their family to Holy Trinity, with a commissioning for Bec in each service, followed by welcome morning teas.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - FRIDAY 18 TO SUNDAY 27 APRIL - REOPENING MONDAY 28 APRIL**MISSION NEWS**

Please pray for the coordinators, volunteer teachers and helpers who to teach the children in Orange public and secondary schools about Jesus. Pray also for the new full-time secondary SRE teacher, Ian Gilbert, starting after the Easter holidays.

PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: TBC

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 holytrinityorangesec@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:

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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). Alternatively, you can directly contact the Bathurst Diocesan Office (louise@bathurstanglican.org.au).

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