

# TRINITY NEWS

## Sharing Jesus for Life

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 20 October

8.30am Traditional Service followed by MT

10.30am Contemporary Service with Kids' Group followed by MT

#### Monday 21 October

7pm Monday Evening Fellowship Group

5.30 - 6.30 pm Monday Evening Bell Tower practice is held.

#### Tuesday 22 October

10am Prayer Group

1pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

7pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship Groups

#### Wednesday 23 October

7am Wednesday Morning Fellowship Group (men)

9.30-11am Trinity Playgroup in HALL

10.30am Traditional Service followed by MT

7pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Groups

#### Thursday 24 October

10am Thursday Fellowship Group (ladies)

5pm Kids' Club resumes

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Saturday 26 October

**Dubbo** Diocesan Safe Ministry Training Levels 1-3.

**Orange** HT Working Bee 8:30 am - 12noon

#### Sunday 27 October

Church Family lunch

#### Sunday 8 December

Grand Organ Concert

### From Andy's Desk...

Why is there something and not nothing? What are we here for? Where are we going? Is there a God and what does He want from me? What does a good life look like? Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Is there purpose or meaning to life? Why is there so much beauty **and** so much horror?

These are just some of the big questions that thoughtful people wonder about, and many people find themselves confused about. They are the big questions that different worldviews and religions provide answers to. Sometimes the confusion we feel comes from the fact that there are so many different answers to these question and we don't know who to trust.

The good news is that God Himself has provided the answers to many of these questions in the Bible. We are going to spend a few weeks at the very beginning of the Bible to see what our God says about where everything came from, why he made us and what He wants from us; questions that get to the heart of our identity and purpose!

The Bible begins in the beginning, which is a very good place to start. You may remember that the Bible shows us that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are eternal: they alone were not created, but everything came from them. They have always existed in an eternal, loving, joyful relationship. God created everything else out of a desire to share that eternal love with creation and, specifically, people whom he made in his image.

So Genesis 1 begins when nothing existed except God. We see very clearly that God made everything. Now, I know that Christians disagree over whether God made everything in seven 24-hour days, or over a long period of time; Christians also disagree on whether God used the process of evolution to create. I don't want to get caught up in that discussion here. Genesis 1 seems to me to allow both possibilities and you can ask me more if you like. What Genesis 1 makes absolutely clear is that God made everything by speaking it into being. When God speaks everything bursts into existence; as God continues to speak everything takes it's shape and he produces order and beauty: a world fit for living creatures. God separates out different realms, so to speak, earth, sky and sea; then God fills these realms with living creatures. It is so vibrant, so joyful, so beautiful. Genesis reveals a world under God's authority, a world that is His, a world to which God gives life and light, a world God loves from the very start.

Genesis 1 also shows us that each person of the Holy Trinity is involved. The Father speaks to create, and you may remember that in John 1 Jesus is called the Word of God through whom everything is made. The Spirit of God is 'hovering over the waters in 1:3. Father and Son and Spirit create as one.

So why is there something and not nothing? Because our loving, life-giving, glorious God made everything.

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin  
Rector



**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES****Church Family Lunch - Sunday 27 October**

Please join the church family for lunch after the services next week.

**Kids' Club Resumes - Thursday 24 October 5-6.30pm in the Hall**

For kids in school years 2-6, \$3 per child. Games, Bible Talk, Activities and Dinner. Pick up a leaflet for more information or contact Caitlyn White.

**HSC in Trinity Centre - Friday 11 October - Friday 8 November**

Orange Anglican Grammar School will be using the Trinity Centre for their HSC Exams. Please do not access the building during these dates, and please keep noise to a minimum when near the building.

**Trinity Playgroup in the HALL - Wednesdays 23 Oct, 30 Oct, 6 Nov**

While the HSC is being held in the Parish Centre, Playgroup will meet in the HALL. Contact Elyse Gilbert or Amanda Martin for more details.

**Fellowship Groups**

These groups are a great opportunity to study the bible, pray together and encourage each other. Monday 7pm - Tuesday 1pm & 7pm - Wednesday 7am (men) & 7pm - Thursday 10am (ladies) For more information contact Andy Martin.

**Safe Ministry Training Levels 1-3 - Saturday 26 October - DUBBO**

Is your SM Training up to date or about to expire??? Please put in your diary - Contact the office for more information.

**Holy Trinity Working Bee - Saturday 26 October - ORANGE**

Please put in your diary and let friends know. - Contact the office for more information.

**Advance Notice - Grand Organ Concert - Sunday 8 December 2024 - 2.00pm to 4.00pm.**

To celebrate our new organ console. John Bosanquet working on program – full details available shortly. Please put in your diary and let friends know.

**MISSION NEWS**

Please pray for Bruce Cox & Kathy Cummins in Nigeria with Wycliffe Bible Translators

**PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: Sunday, October 20, 3pm**

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 [holytrinityorangesec@gmail.com](mailto: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:  
**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.

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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