

TRINITY NEWS

Sharing Jesus for Life

THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 April with Bishop Mark Calder

8.30am Traditional Service with recommissioning of the organ, followed by morning tea

10.30am Contemporary Service with Kids' Group and commissioning of mission partners Bruce Cox and Kathy Cummins, followed by morning tea

Tuesday 23 April

10am Prayer Group

Wednesday 24 April

10.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 28 April

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

10.30am All-Age Contemporary Service (no Kids' Group) followed by morning tea

Wednesday 1 May

7pm Identity Course begins at St Barnabas

Saturday 18 May

Diocesan Day in Dubbo with Kids' and Youth Programmes

Fri 9-Sun 11 Aug

Diocesan Camp at Ridgecrest with Andy Martin as speaker

Saturday 19 Oct

Diocesan Women's Conference in Bathurst

From Andy's Desk...

What a great week we had, working alongside St Barnabas with a team of students from Moore College in Sydney to share Jesus for life with the people of Orange.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard, and thank you to those of you who came along whether you are a Christian already or not yet convinced.

The theme of our week was: Got Questions? Meet Jesus! We took the opportunity to explore some of the big questions that people have about God, about Jesus, about life and about us. Lots of us have questions, even after we have been Christians for a long time. The Bible itself is full of questions: people asking God questions, and sometimes God asking people questions.

If *you* could ask God one question what would it be? Maybe the one question you are really interested in wasn't one of the questions we looked at in the week. In which case please come and ask. Or alternatively, come along to the Identity Course that we will be running next term down at St Barney's Church.

The Identity Course works through the eyewitness account of Jesus' life, death and resurrection that was written down by John, one of Jesus' closest friends - in the Bible it is called the Gospel according to John. John was someone who saw and heard Jesus in his three years of teaching and healing and doing extraordinary things; John was also there when Jesus died on the cross, and he was there when Jesus appeared three days later raised to life again. John was able to see him, hear him and even touch him (just to make sure!) before Jesus then returned to heaven where Jesus now reigns as King over all creation.

It means that John is an excellent guide to the truth about Jesus. And that is so important because Jesus claimed to be the source of all truth and life and the only way to God.

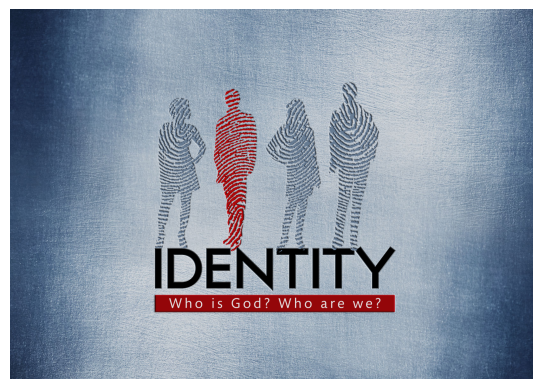
"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well." John 14:6-7

Jesus claims to be the Way, that is, the *only* Way to come to God - he even adds that no one can come to God except through him, and that if we really know Jesus then we will really know God. He also claims to be the Truth - that means that somehow if we've never grappled with the question of who Jesus is and how our big questions relate to him, then we've not yet understood the truth. It also means that our questions about God will somehow find their answer in Jesus. And Jesus claims to be the Life. The bible tells us that Jesus created life in the beginning and that he will give eternal life to those who trust in him - which means getting to the truth about Jesus really is a matter of life and death!

So please do come along. We start on Wednesday 1 May at 7pm. You won't be asked to sing, or pray out loud. You don't even have to say anything - you could just sit and listen to what others say. And you could always give the first evening a try and if you don't like it then no need to come to any of the others.

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin
Minister



Bishop Mark Calder visiting - TODAY

Mark will be with us for both services so please stay afterward to say hello to Mark at morning tea. We will also be recommissioning the organ with its new console, and commissioning our new mission partners Bruce Cox and Kathy Cummins.

Diocesan Day Conference on 'Prayer' - Saturday 18 May in Dubbo

Join with others from around our Diocese to enjoy a great day of fellowship, teaching and practical help with a focus on **Prayer**: Why we pray, how we pray and practical 'all-in' seminars to rejuvenate and challenge our prayer life. Speaker Peter Rodgers, former International Director of CMS Australia and now Assistant Minister at Newtown Erskineville Anglican Church. Morning Tea and Lunch provided. Kids' & Youth programmes plus Crèche. See flyer for more details and information on how to register.

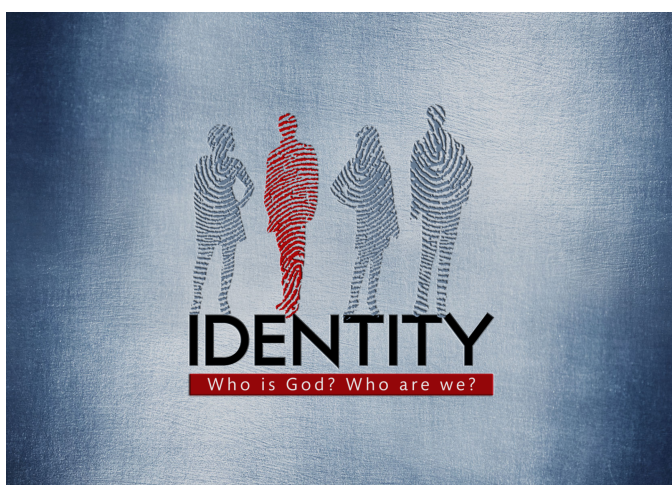
Fellowship Groups

Our midweek small groups are taking a short break during the holidays but restarting at the end of April/ beginning of May. They 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 contact Andy Martin:

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

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.






Got Questions? Meet Jesus

*Who am I?
What is the purpose of life?
Who is God?
Can I make contact with him?*

Identity is a seven-week course that examines the Gospel of John to explore questions about who we are and who God is. Each session reveals more about the identity and mission of Jesus and shows why he is the key.

**Wednesdays 7pm starting 1 May
at St Barnabas Church, 26-28 Dora Street**

PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: Sunday 28 April 3-5pm

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

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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