

# TRINITY NEWS

## Sharing Jesus for Life

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 22 September

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

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

#### Monday 23 September

7pm Monday Evening Fellowship Group

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

#### Tuesday 24 September

10am Prayer Group

1pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

7pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship Groups

#### Wednesday 25 September

7am Wednesday Morning Fellowship Group (men)

9.30-11am Trinity Playgroup in Parish Centre

10.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

7pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Groups

#### Thursday 26 September

10am Thursday Fellowship Group (ladies)

5pm-6.30pm Trinity Kids' Club in the Hall

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 29 September

Church Family Lunch in the Hall

#### Saturday 19 October

Diocesan Women's Conference in Bathurst

### From Andy's Desk...

What extravagant gifts of love have you given or received? On the list of extravagant celebrity gifts is this solid-gold bathtub from boxer Mike Tyson to his wife at the time. Or how about an island (Angelina Jolie to Brad Pitt), a private jet (Beyonce to Jay-Z), or a super yacht (Anil Ambani to his wife, Tina). And I could go on. In at least two of these cases the couples in question are sadly no longer married!



When the Lord God proclaimed His name and character to Moses on Mount Sinai, He included this lovely phrase, *"abounding in love"*. God abounds in love. It means He overflows with love; there is always more love to give in God. As we have seen over the past few weeks, this should not surprise us, because God is love. From eternity past into eternity future, God the Father loves God the Son, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit - it is who God is in the depths of His being. There was never a time when God was not love; and God's love provides the foundation for everything else that God does - in creating, ruling, providing, judging and forgiving. God abounds in love.

Today, Hollywood has given us rather a skewed view of love - when people today talk about love they very often mean romantic love. But this is pretty tricky territory. The Bible talks of romantic love more as 'desire'. There isn't a lot of real love in desire - and that is clear from the way romantic love turns so quickly to hatred. That desire can grow into real love, but it normally takes time. To tell you the truth, I'm not sure how many of the gifts I mentioned above actually involved real love.

So what is love? God shows us what real love looks like, because God abounds in love. Here is John writing in his first letter:

*'This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.'* (1 John. 4:9-10).

God has given us the most extravagant gift of love, a gift that puts all those mentioned above in the shade: his own divine, eternal, perfect, glorious Son laid down His life for us as a sacrifice. He died the death we deserved. He did not stand on His own rights as the Prince of Heaven, but gave up His life for us, even though we had made ourselves His enemies. That is how much God loves you and me. God abounds in love!

And then God calls us to love in the same way: *'Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another'*, (4:11) God shows us that love involves sacrifice. Love is a deep commitment to the good of others, to the extent that you will give up your own rights and interests in order to serve theirs. This is how as a Church family we are to love each other, it is how parents are to love their children, husbands their wives, and each of us our neighbour.

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin  
Rector

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

### Andy Martin on Leave - Monday 16 September to Friday 18 October

During this time please contact the church office for all admin, pastoral care and service queries.

### Church Family Lunch in the Hall - Sunday 29 September, 12.30pm

Join us for a BBQ lunch (provided) and bring a salad or dessert to share. See Lynne Middleton for more details.

### 10.30am All-Age Services - Sundays 29 September, 6 October, 13 October

During the school holidays our 10.30am services will be All-Age with **NO** Kids' Group. Our 8.30am Traditional service will be as normal.

### Ministries in Recess - Sunday 29 September to Sunday 13 October

Sunday Kids' Group, midweek Kids' Club, Playgroup and Fellowship Groups will all take a break over the school holidays, resuming the week of 13 October.

### Diocesan Women's Conference at Bathurst Cathedral - Saturday 19 October

This is a FREE event with morning tea provided but BYO lunch. Registration online - pick up a leaflet for more details. See Karen Willis or Lynne Middleton to arrange a lift/shared ride to Bathurst.

### Fellowship Groups

These groups are a great opportunity to meet together to study the bible, pray together and encourage each other. There are groups throughout the week. For more information or if you'd like to join a group, contact Andy Martin.

## MISSION NEWS

Please pray for Scripture Union, Anglican Youthworks and Cru Holiday Camps currently running - for the kids and leaders to have fun, for safety in all activities, and for great gospel opportunities!

## 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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