

# TRINITY NEWS

## Sharing Jesus for Life

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 27 October

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

12noon Bring & Share Lunch in the Hall

#### Monday 28 October

7pm Monday Evening Fellowship Group

5.30pm Bell Practice

#### Tuesday 29 October

10am Prayer Group

1pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

7pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship Groups (ladies and mixed)

#### Wednesday 30 October

7am Wednesday Morning Fellowship Group (men)

9.30am Trinity Playgroup in HALL

10.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

7pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Group (men)

#### Thursday 31 October

10am Thursday Fellowship Group (ladies)

5pm Kids' Club

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Tue 5 & Wed 6 Nov**  
Monthly Prayer Gathering

**Saturday 7 Dec**  
Christmas Market

**Sunday 8 December**  
Organ Concert

### From Andy's Desk...

How much are you worth? There are different ways people answer that question. You could look at the size of your bank account, that's how some people do it. Or your earning capacity in the future? Someone has calculated that the value of the chemical elements that make up a human body is around \$1200. Did you know that the government has set a statistical value on a human life - around \$5million in Australia.

What gives us value? Is it our gifts and talents, or our wealth or earning potential, our success, or our looks? God says that it is none of these things.

In the early chapters of Genesis, God teaches us about the creation of the world and humanity within it. He gives us a beautiful view of the dignity and purpose of every human being: He says that He made us in His image!

There are a number of ways in which the creation of mankind stands out in this chapter. Notice in verses 26-28 that the language is very different to what has been said so far, and it includes the only piece of poetry in this chapter (the rest of it is exalted prose):

*Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..." 28 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

Not "let there be", but "let us make"; not "according to their kinds" but "in the image of God", with a poem to emphasise the point. God clearly points to mankind's creation as something unique, and indeed, the highpoint of that initial process of creation. Creation was designed as a dwelling place for mankind over which they would have authority. And then, in verse 31, God says it is "very good" and rests from his work.

This gives us great dignity. You bear the stamp of the Creator of the universe. Each and every person, male and female, from every nation and people, old and young, irrespective of gift or talent or earning potential. This confers incredible worth upon you. You are made in the image of God himself.

It also gives us purpose: to be God's image is to be His representative on earth. He has set us in his world to represent Him. When we look at each other, we should be reminded of God. That is more important than success or wealth!

Sadly, however, it is true that the image of God in us has been defiled and damaged, and we will see how and why in chapter three of Genesis, but it is not completely gone. For Christians, it is also in the process of being renewed, as God makes us like His Son, Jesus, the perfect image of God.

This should change the way we see ourselves and others. Irrespective of your gifts, looks, successes or failures, you have the stamp of the Lord God with all the value and worth that comes with it. So too, does every individual, no matter how lowly or insignificant or degraded they seem in our world.

Is that how you see the people sitting next to you? God does!

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin

Rector



**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES****Trinity Playgroup in the HALL - Wednesdays 30 Oct & 6 Nov**

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

**Kids' Club - Thursdays 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 to 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. See Louise Wythes in the church office for more information.

**Fellowship Groups**

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

Monday 7pm

Tuesday 1pm & 7pm

Wednesday 7am (men) & 7pm (men)

Thursday 10am (ladies)

**Organ Concert - Sunday 8 December 2pm**

Join us for an afternoon of music and hymns to give thanks to God for our refurbished organ, with organist James Porteous. More details and flyer to follow.

**MISSION NEWS**

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

**PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: Sunday, November 17, 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.

We adhere to the NSW Child Safe Standards (see posters for more detail)

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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