

# TRINITY NEWS

## Sharing Jesus for Life

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 28 January

8.30am Traditional service followed by morning tea

10.30am Contemporary All-Age service followed by morning tea

#### Monday 29 January

6pm Monday Evening Fellowship Group

#### Tuesday 30 January

10-11am Prayer Group

1-2:30pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

7-8:30pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship Group

#### Wednesday 31 January

10.30am Communion Service followed by morning tea

7-8:30pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Group

#### Thursday 1 February

10am-12pm Thursday Fellowship Group (ladies)

7pm Church Family Prayer Gathering in the Hall

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 4 February

8.30am Traditional service followed by morning tea

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

#### Tuesday 6 February

Church Family Prayer Gathering, 10am in the church

### From Andy's Desk...

Two weeks ago I was at a CMS Conference in the Blue Mountains. CMS stands for the Church Missionary Society which is an agency that has been helping churches to send people to share the good news of Jesus in places where they haven't heard of him. One of the highlights was hearing from CMS missionaries across the world. Some of them live and work in countries where it



is dangerous just to be a Christian and illegal to try to tell people about Jesus. In their video messages to the conference we are not able to see their faces because their identity is kept secret so that the authorities in their host country do not get wind of why they are there. I find it almost impossible to imagine what it is like to live like that - I'm not sure I could do it! So why do these brave Christian brothers and sisters do it? It doesn't bring them any earthly rewards and it is not at all comfortable - why don't they choose career, comfort and security back home instead?

Two particular reasons stand out and we can find them both in Psalm 2. Firstly, the God of the Bible is God of the whole world, and he has made his Son, Jesus, King of the whole world. Everyone owes him loving obedience.

*"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy mountain... You are my Son and today I have become your Father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance and the ends of the earth your possession." (Psalm 2:6-8)*

The whole earth belongs to Jesus, not just the parts that have heard of him; but, sadly, people are in rebellion against him, ignoring him and living their own way. Ultimately they deserve his right and fair judgment.

This leads us to the second reason: Jesus is the only refuge from this right judgement which awaits rebels against his good and loving authority.

*"Kiss the Son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction... Blessed are all who take refuge in him." Psalm 2:12*

No one can run from him, but everyone can run to him! And so Christian missionaries take this urgent message to those who have not yet heard.

What about you? Have you recognised God's sovereign authority over all the world and over you? Have you run to Jesus the King, who loved us and died for us so our rebellion could be forgiven? And do you know others who still ignore Jesus the King and will face his judgment?

You don't have to cross the world to tell others about Jesus, because most people in Orange still need to hear about him. On the other hand, could you go...?

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin  
Minister

**Kids' Group - Sundays at 10.30am**

After a long summer break our Kids' Group is ready to start up again for the new year! All kids welcome, from ages 0 to 14. We meet during the Bible Talk in the service - we have a game, read the Bible story for that day, do an activity to help us remember the Bible story, and pray together. Contact Amanda Martin for more details.

**Fellowship Groups**

Our midweek small groups are starting again this week - 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, please contact Andy Martin for more details:

Monday 6pm  
 Tuesday 1pm & 7pm  
 Wednesday 7am (men's group) & 7pm  
 Thursday 10am (women's group)

**Wednesday Service resumes 31 January**

Our Wednesday 10.30am service resumes this week in the church, followed by morning tea.

**Church Family Prayer Gathering - Thursday 1 February at 7pm & Tuesday 6 February at 10am**

Our monthly Church Family Prayer Gatherings will be on the first Tuesday and Thursday of each month. Thursdays at 7pm in the Hall and Tuesdays 6 at 10am in the Church. Please come along to pray for our church family, our city and our world.

**Christianity Explored - Wednesday 7 February, 7pm**

Over 7 weeks, using Mark's biography of Jesus in the Bible, we explore who Jesus is, why he came to earth, and what it means to follow him. Plenty of opportunity to ask questions and find the answers, or just listen to the discussion. Contact Andy Martin to sign up for the next course.

**Bookstall**

We have a church bookstall full of great Christian resources to buy as gifts or to read yourself - Bibles for all ages, books for teens, devotionals to help you read the Bible on your own and more. Payment is easy and can be made by card or cash.

**Car Loan**

One of our church family is offering to lend a car from now until December. The rego is valid until July. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: February**

Andy Martin - *Rector*, Garry West - *Rector's Warden*, Rod Wykes - *Warden & Treasurer*,  
 Lynne Middleton - *Warden*, John Bosanquet, Lyn Atkins, Steve White, Daniel Willis  
 Sandy Bosanquet - *Secretary*

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. Minutes will be available to read in the church office afterwards.

**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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