

TRINITY NEWS

Sharing Jesus for Life

SUMMER SERVICES

Sunday 29 December

10.30am Combined
Service followed by
morning tea

2025

Sunday 5 January

10.30am Combined All-Age
Service followed by morning
tea

Sunday 12 January

10.30am Combined All-Age
Service followed by morning
tea

Sunday 19 January

10.30am Combined All-Age
Service followed by morning
tea

Sunday 26 January

10.30am Combined All-Age
Service followed by morning
tea

LOOKING AHEAD

Fellowship Group Leaders Meeting

Wednesday 29 January
7pm in Trinity Centre

Sunday 2 February

8.30am Traditional Service
followed by morning tea in
the Hall

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

Kids' Ministry Team Training

Sunday 2 February 2-4pm in
Trinity Centre

Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Sunday 9 February 3pm in
Trinity Centre

Diocesan Day

Saturday 22 March in Dubbo

From Andy's Desk...

*He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all;
And his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor and meek and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.*

This verse from a well-known carol puts humility at the heart of Christmas. He who is God and Lord of all came to earth from heaven, to a stable and a cradle, to a weak, fragile, human body, to the dusty roads of first century Palestine.

One of my favourite passages from the Bible also puts humility at the heart of Christmas.

Paul describes the first Christmas when he writes in Philippians 2:6-8:

Though [Jesus Christ] was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Humility isn't something that people in our world really prize, is it. But it is what God wants for us. And we can learn from Jesus, our God and Saviour. Though we have to be careful. John Piper writes this: "Our humility, if we have any at all, is based on our finiteness, our fallibility, and our sinfulness. But the eternal Son of God was not finite. He was not fallible. And he was not sinful. So, unlike our humility, Jesus's humility originated some other way."

What Paul shows us in the verses above is that Jesus' humility is the humility of one who is perfect, complete, the source of all life and love, who lays it all to one side, voluntarily lowering himself, making himself nothing in order to become a servant, to serve us by living as a man and then dying in pain and shame on a cross, and all this for our good!

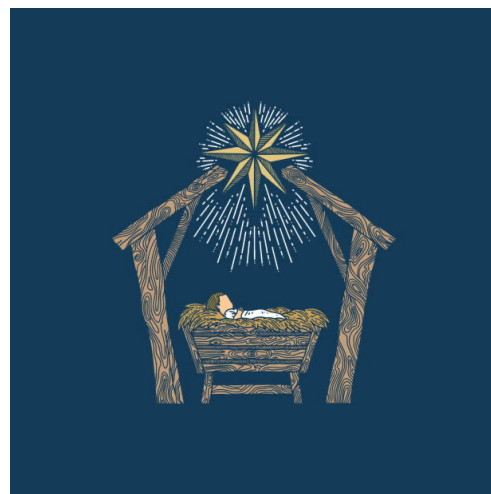
So we now have even more reason to be humble: we are finite, fallible and sinful, yes; but we also have a Saviour who has given us a model of sacrificial, self-denying servanthood, who serves the lowest even though he is the most glorious.

Christmas is a wonderful reminder of the humility of Jesus Christ and an invitation to us to embrace Christ-like humility. In fact, Paul urges us in the verses above to be humble like Jesus:

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:3-5

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin,
Rector



PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES**Summer Sunday Services - Sunday 29 December to Sunday 25 January at 10.30am**

In the quieter weeks over the Summer we will be combining all our services into one all-age service on Sundays at 10.30am, followed by morning tea in the Trinity Centre.

Church Office Closed - reopening 6 January

The church office is now closed - for urgent enquiries call 0421 684 908

Ministries in Recess

Our midweek Playgroup, Kids' Club & Fellowship groups are now on break over the Summer, resuming in February 2025.

Finance Update

Thank you to all of you who have given to the work of the gospel at Holy Trinity this year. Thanks to our growth and the increased giving from many we are keeping on a par with our budget. Monthly giving: \$20.5k; Other income: \$6k; average monthly expenses: \$23.5k We would like to be able to appoint another staff member in the year ahead so please continue to give generously as you are able.

Brainfood and Fellowship - beginning 14 January

Paul Meeth will be hosting several Bible seminars over the summer. Contact Paul for more details 0401 963144.

**MISSION NEWS**

Give thanks for the outreach and care that Anglicare offer to those in our community who need emergency relief. To support Anglicare Emergency Relief this December please go to www.anglicare.org.au/ways-to-give.central-west

Orange Donations

**PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: 19 January 2025**

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 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 details)

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)

Alternatively, you can directly contact the Bathurst Diocesan Office (louise@bathurstanglican.org.au)

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