

TRINITY NEWS

Sharing Jesus for Life

THIS WEEK

Sunday 29 September

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

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

12.30pm Church Family Lunch in the Hall

Monday 30 September

5.30 - 7 pm Monday Bell Tower practice, Learners Welcome.

Tuesday 8 October

10am Prayer Group

Wednesday 2 October

NO Playgroup

NO Wednesday Service

Thursday 3 October

NO Trinity Kids' Club

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 19 October

Diocesan Women's Conference in Bathurst

Saturday 26 October

Diocesan Safe Ministry Training Levels 1-3, In Dubbo.

From Andy's Desk...

Do you know this old hymn? 'Great is Thy faithfulness, Oh God, my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.'

It was written in 1923 by a pastor called Thomas Chisholm. Thomas's life was full of sadness, suffering, disappointments, and discouragements. However, when he sat down to look back on his life and write a hymn about the character of God, the words he chose were "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." The hymn lay in relative obscurity for many years until, in the 1950s, Billy Graham picked it up in his Crusades, and it is still one of the most popular hymns today. God's faithfulness, God's trustworthiness, His consistency is one of the most beautiful attributes of God.

Exodus 34:6 - "*The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and **faithfulness**.*"

God is faithful, but what does it mean? We live in a fickle, faithless, and fearful world, and so we don't see a lot of faithfulness around us, humanly speaking. To be faithful means to be dependable, reliable, consistent, and trustworthy. It means to be consistent in character, to be loyal to people and to your promises, to be true to your word.

We often let one another down and maybe you've experienced that. Maybe your parents rarely kept their word: they said one thing and did another, so you grew up not understanding faithfulness. Maybe at school, you had friends who failed you, who said they would be by your side, but then walked away. They were unfaithful. Maybe you have had a spouse who walked away and caused so much hurt and pain by their unfaithfulness. Maybe you have a boss who says one thing one day and another the next day. Or maybe you have had a church leader who failed to keep their word. It hurts.

Perhaps you know it is true of you too: when life gets hard, so many of us just bail when it's no longer easy or fun or novel. When things get difficult or uncomfortable or boring, we just leave. We leave jobs, cities, churches, friendships, marriages. We cut ties and move on. That's not faithfulness.

God is not like that. God is faithful. God is the only person in your life who will never let you down. God is the only person who will be completely reliable, completely consistent, who never changes and never fails you. God is the only one who is truly faithful. He will always keep His promises, and He has promised that everyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven and adopted as His child; He has promised to be with His people for ever; He has promised to give us new life after death. God is faithful - you can trust Him completely!

Now, as children of our heavenly Father, let us show the same faithfulness to Him and to one another. After all, '*the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**...*'

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin
Rector



PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES**Andy Martin on Leave until 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 - TODAY 12.30pm

Join us for a BBQ lunch (provided) and bring a salad or dessert to share.

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.

HSC in Trinity Centre - Friday 11 October - 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.

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

This is a FREE event with morning tea provided but BYO lunch. Registrations 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. 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 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)

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

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