

TRINITY NEWS

Sharing Jesus for Life

THIS WEEK

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

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2-4pm Kids' Ministry Team Training in the Trinity Centre

Monday 3 February

5.30pm Bell Practice

Tuesday 4 February

10.30am Church Family Prayer Gathering in the Trinity Centre

7pm Church Family Prayer Gathering in Trinity Centre

Wednesday 5 February

10.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

7-8.30pm 3-2-1 Course begins in the Trinity Centre

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 9 February

3pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting in Trinity Centre

Monday 10 February

Fellowship Groups resume

Monday 17 February

Believing Out Loud - online evangelism training course begins at 7.15pm

Saturday 22 March

Diocesan Day in Dubbo

From Andy's Desk...

Temptation affects us all, doesn't it. And I'm not talking so much about tempting treats but the deeper heart issues. We are all familiar with the desires inside us for certain things we can't have, or the longing to do something we know we shouldn't.

In Luke chapter 4 we discover that Jesus too faces temptation. Jesus has just been baptised, God the Father has spoken from

heaven and the Holy Spirit has descended to fill Jesus; now Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Wait, what...?! Why does the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil?

The answer lies in Jesus' identity and his mission. Luke 3 contains the declaration by God that Jesus is his beloved Son; Luke then records the list of Jesus' human ancestors all the way back to Adam, also called the Son of God. You see in the bible God tells us that Jesus is a new Adam. Jesus has come to put right what Adam got wrong. As Adam was tempted by the devil and disobeyed God, so now Jesus will face temptation; can Jesus obey where Adam sinned?

And do you notice the disadvantage Jesus was under? Adam was in the paradise garden of Eden, while Jesus is led into the wilderness. Adam had the support of Eve, his partner and helper; Jesus was entirely alone. Adam was given plenty, an abundance of rich provisions; Jesus fasted for 40 days. In short Adam had every good thing, every reason to choose to obey the Lord God his maker; Jesus was stripped of every support, utterly alone, starving.

In Genesis 3, the devil casts doubt upon and denies the word of God and the goodness of God. He seems to do the same thing here. The words of God the Father at Jesus' baptism declare, 'You are my Son whom I love.' Twice in the wilderness the devil says, 'if you are the Son of God...' do such and such. He is casting doubt on the word of God! He is also casting doubt on God's goodness. The implication of the three challenges seems to be that if Jesus really were the Son of God he wouldn't find himself in this situation, hungry, alone; the devil can offer him what God is withholding.

But in each of the three temptations, Jesus responds with unshakable faith in God and his word. He does not need breakfast to know that he is the Son of God and loved by his Father - God's word is enough; he does not need to test God out by jumping; he will worship his Father alone.

Even when everything necessary to life is stripped away, the Lord Jesus, the new Adam, trusts and obeys his heaven Father. And that is wonderful news for us because, as Paul says in Romans 5:19 *'For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.'*

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin,
Rector



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

Church Family Prayer Gatherings - Tuesday 4 February 10-11am & 7-8pm

Join with Church family in the Trinity Centre to pray for God's work in us and through us in 2025.

3-2-1 Course - begins Wednesday 5 February 7-8.30pm in the Trinity Centre

We will be running this course over 4 evenings, looking at who Jesus is, why Jesus came and what this means for us. A great course for those enquiring and for those wanting a refresher. Contact Andy Martin for more details and to sign up.

Believing Out Loud - begins Monday 17 February at 7.15pm

Presented by Kevin Simington, this free 6-week practical course via Zoom is designed to help us speak more naturally and confidently about Jesus in everyday conversations. Zoom link is available from Louise Hickey in the diocese office: administration@bathurstanglican.org.au

Kids' Ministries - resuming in February

Our Sunday Kids' Group resume this Sunday 2 February, while our midweek Playgroup and Kids' Club will resume later in February - watch this space for more details!

Fellowship Groups

These groups are a great opportunity to meet together to study the bible, pray together and encourage each other. For more details grab a leaflet and to join a group contact Andy Martin.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Toot Keegan who was posthumously awarded the Order of Australia Medal, and to Lynne Middleton and Dorothy Brown who received citizenship awards this Australia Day.



MISSION NEWS

Give thanks for our SRE teachers serving in local schools and pray for them as they begin a new school year sharing God's good news!



PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: 16 February 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:

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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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