

TRINITY NEWS

Sharing Jesus for Life

Sunday 4 May

The Rev'd Bec Choi's Commissioning at both services

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

10.30am Contemporary Service with Kids' Groups followed by morning tea

1-2pm Youth Leaders Meeting in the Trinity Centre

3-4pm Fellowship Group Leaders Meeting in the Trinity Centre

Monday 5 May

5.30pm Bell Practice

7pm Parish Council

Tuesday 6 May

10am Monthly Church Family Prayer Gathering

1pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

7pm Monthly Church Family Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 7 May

9.30-11am Playgroup

10.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

Thursday 8 May

10am Thursday Morning Ladies' Fellowship Group

5-6.30pm Kids' Club

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 24 May

Safe Ministry Training at Holy Trinity

Sunday 25 May

Welcome to the Chois - Bring & Share Lunch 12noon

Saturday 7 June

Diocesan Youth Day at Lake Canobolas

From Andy's Desk...

Have you ever found yourself in a situation that seemed hopeless? A toxic relationship at home, at work or at church, a chronic illness, anxiety or depression, maybe financial difficulty, or the death of someone we love - these can all leave us battling despair, desperate for light at the end of the tunnel, feeling like there is no way out. Perhaps that's your experience now.



Followers of Jesus believe that the answer to all our fears and struggles is found in ... no surprise ... Jesus Christ! As the lovely song puts it, *What is our hope in life and in death? Christ alone, Christ alone.*

Over the next six weeks we are going to be exploring the hope that God offers to all people through Jesus his Son: because there is hope for the hopeless and the oppressed, hope for the weary and the anxious, hope for the sick and the dying, hope for all of us, including you.

One thing that is common to many of our feelings of hopelessness is the sense that we are all alone in the middle of the darkness, that no one sees our pain, no one can understand our suffering, let alone provide a solution.

In the Bible, God shows us again and again that he does see and hear. Psalm 10 assures us that, *"You, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand."* Psalm 9 comforts us with the truth that God *"does not ignore the cries of the afflicted,"* that he is *"a refuge for the oppressed"*. You can be sure that even if no one else sees or hears, God does.

Secondly, the Bible explains how God himself knows what it is like to face that same pain, and therefore understands our suffering. In Isaiah 53 we read about someone who is God's Servant. As the Bible continues we discover that this Servant is none other than Jesus, God's own eternal, divine Son. Jesus, the Servant Son, is *despised and rejected (53:3), pierced and crushed (53:5), oppressed and afflicted (53:7), unjustly condemned and executed as a criminal (53:9)*. Because of the extraordinary unity of the Father and the Son, through Jesus suffering, Father and Son know what it means to suffer and to face the darkness, even to die!

So what hope does God offer in Jesus? What solution? Jesus suffered for a specific purpose. Jesus died in order to deal with the source of all suffering, pain and despair - that is, human sin. In his death for us, Jesus takes on himself all that is wrong in the world and exhausts it, defeats it and so removes it. His resurrection to life three days later shows that sin, darkness and death have been dealt with, and God promises that one day he will complete the job and *"he will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain."*

This means that we can trust God now with our despair and doubt, our pain and suffering, our anxiety and fear. The bible is full of stories of people who came to Jesus and found in him a resting place and a refuge and a support; who discovered grace and understanding; who found hope. So can you!

Andy Martin,
Rector

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES**Commissioning & Welcome for the Rev'd Bec Choi - TODAY 4 May 8.30am & 10.30am**

We will be welcoming Bec, Yooie and their family to Holy Trinity, with a commissioning for Bec in each service, followed by welcome morning teas.

Monthly Prayer Gathering - Tuesday 6 May 10-11am & 7-8pm

Join with our church family in the Trinity Centre to pray for God's work in our church, our city, our country and our world, as well as hear news from our church ministries and our mission partners.

One Day Women's Conference - Saturday 17 May 9.30am-3pm

Join with other women from around central NSW for a great day of fellowship, singing and talks by Bec Thompson from John 17. Tickets now available \$55 per person - see Bec Choi for more details, for help booking a ticket or organising a lift.

Safe Ministry Training - Saturday 24 May in the Hall

As part of the Bathurst Diocese's commitment to keeping everyone safe at church, all volunteers involved in serving at church must do Safe Ministry Training. The next in-person training session will be held here at Holy Trinity. If you can't make this date, it is possible to do the training online. See Louise Wythes in the church office for more details.

Welcome to the Chois - Bring & Share Church Family Lunch - Sunday 25 May 12noon in the Hall

Join us to welcome the Choi family, for delicious food and time to chat as we enjoy getting to know each other better. See Amanda Martin for more details.

**MISSION NEWS**

Anglicare's Mission: serving people in need, enriching lives, sharing the love of Jesus. Anglicare exists to share the love of Jesus and value all people as made in the image of the living God. Pray for our local team in Orange as they work and minister in our area - Claire, Scott and Dallas - especially for Scott's family as they move to Orange soon.

PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: Monday 5 May

Rector: Andy Martin. Wardens: Lynne Middleton, Garry West, Steve White
Councillors: John Bosanquet, Elyse Gilbert, Heather Morgan, Steve Price, 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 on noticeboards and in office 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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