

TRINITY NEWS

Sharing Jesus for Life

THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 March

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

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

12noon Church Family Lunch and Annual Meeting in Hall

Monday 10 March

5.30pm Bell Practice

7pm Monday Evening Fellowship Group

7.15pm Believing Out Loud

Tuesday 11 March

10am Prayer Group

1pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

7.30pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship Groups

Wednesday 12 March

7am Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship Group

9.30-11am Playgroup

10.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

7pm/7.30pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Groups

Thursday 13 March

10am Thursday Morning Ladies' Fellowship Group

5-6.30pm Kids' Club

7pm Thursday Evening Fellowship Group

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 21 March

Third Friday Morning Tea

Saturday 22 March

Diocesan Day in Dubbo

Sunday 30 March

Combined Service & Church Family Lunch

Monday 31 March

Women's Dinner at Robin Hood

From Andy's Desk...

How many different names or titles for Jesus can you think of? Some of the more well-known options are "The Word", "The Messiah", "The Christ", "Immanuel". They are each related to different parts of the Old Testament and they are each important because of what they teach us about Jesus - who he is and why he came to earth. One of the most common names that Jesus uses for himself is "The Son of Man".

In Luke 5:17-26, Jesus remarkably restored a paralysed man to full health to demonstrate that "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."

This week, in Luke 6:1-11, Jesus declared that "the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." So first of all, what or who is "the Son of Man"?

If you were a first century Jew, the phrase "Son of Man" would ring loud bells, as it may do for those of us who know the Old Testament well (I hope you do!) The "Son of Man" was a glorious character in the book of Daniel 7, who approached God, the Ancient of Days, and was given authority, glory, and sovereign power over all nations; his kingdom would be for ever.

And Jesus regularly uses this title for himself! Jesus claimed to be the Son of Man, the supreme ruler with God-given authority over everyone and everything in heaven and in earth. Jesus backed up this great claim with demonstrations of great power over evil, over sickness, over nature and over sin itself. Jesus was not just a good teacher who helped a few people, or a magician who had some impressive tricks; Jesus was and is the Son of Man with complete authority and power.

In Luke 6:1-11, Jesus claims that "the Son of Man" is Lord of the Sabbath. That's a bit weird, isn't it? What does it mean to be Lord of the Sabbath? Remember that the Sabbath was a special day every week: God's gift to his people at the very beginning - an important part of every week when people were to down tools to rest and to gather together to listen to God, to praise him and encourage one another. The Pharisees had made it into an exercise in box-ticking. As the Son of Man, Jesus said he had authority to say what it was really for, both to interpret God's original instructions about the Sabbath and explain to us how to keep it. This is really good news - do you want to know how to understand God's instructions? Jesus is the one who will teach us, who will help us to understand God's Old Testament. As a general principle, if you want to understand the Old Testament, start with Jesus.

But notice too the specifics of the Sabbath. Jesus asked the Pharisees if the Sabbath was for doing good or evil, for saving life or destroying it. Doesn't that sound like a no-brainer to you? Isn't it obvious that the Sabbath must be for good, for saving life. But the Pharisees don't see it. Fortunately for us, Jesus sets the terms, and to show his authority and his goodness, he healed a man with a withered hand. The Supreme Ruler, the Son of Man, Jesus is also supremely good. He is about saving life not destroying it. How good to follow and worship him!

With love in Christ

Andy Martin,
Rector



PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES**Church Family Lunch & Annual Meeting - TODAY 12noon**

Join us for a Church Family BBQ Lunch, followed by our Annual Church Meeting. At this meeting we elect wardens and members of the Parish Council. We also spend some time looking back with thanks to God, and looking forward with humble dependence on God.

Crèche - Sunday 10.30am Service

We are now offering a supervised Crèche for little ones aged 3 and under, in the Trinity Centre. It will run during the service from the time when Kids' Group goes out, through to the end of the service. Parents are welcome to take their little ones out to Creche and leave them there, or to remain in the service with them. Please collect children from Creche promptly at the end of the service (note: Kids' Group will still return to church at the end of the Talk). For more details contact Caitlyn White or Amanda Martin.

Bathurst Diocese Day Conference in Dubbo - Saturday 22 March 9am-3pm

Registrations now open! Gather with others from across the Diocese for a wonderful day of fellowship, inspiration and practical help as we look at how we can be missionally-minded in our local and wider communities, with The Rev'd Pete Stedman. Register at www.bathurstanglican.org.au/events QR code

Offertory Envelopes

If you would like to order these, please contact Louise in the office.

Hope25 - May 2025

In the seven weeks after Easter we will be making a special effort to share the message of Jesus with our community, along with Anglican churches across Australia. Our Sunday sermons will be specifically aimed at sharing the message of Hope, and we will have a small number of mid-week events to which you might like to invite a friend or neighbour who is interested. Please start praying now!

MISSION NEWS**Bruce Cox & Kathy Cummins - Wycliffe in Nigeria**

Give thanks for good holiday over Christmas and for the dedication of the gospel in the Iceve language. Pray for Kathy's health and for them both as they begin new gospel translation projects.

PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: TBC

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 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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