

This Week's Diary

Sunday December 20th 4th Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am
Monday December 21st St Thomas, Apostle and Martyr	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Tuesday December 22nd	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Wednesday December 23rd	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 10:30am
Thursday December 24th Christmas Eve	Morning Prayer Christmas Eve Family Service Borenore Service "Midnight" Service	8:30am 6:00pm 8:00pm 11:00pm
Friday December 25th Christmas Day	Holy Communion Service Holy Communion Service	7:00am 8:30am
Saturday December 26th Boxing Day	No Saturday Service	
Sunday December 27th The 1st Sunday after Christmas	Holy Communion with Baptism	9:00am

Please note that the office is closed between Christmas and New Years.



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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

20th December 2015

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Courage for this hour

O Saviour Christ,
in whose way of love
lies the secret of all life
and the hope of all people,
we pray for quiet courage
to meet this hour.

We did not choose
to be born or to live
in such an age as this;
but let

its problems challenge us,
its discoveries exhilarate
us,

its injustices anger us,
its possibilities inspire us
and its vigour renew us
for your kingdom's sake.

Amen

(Anglican Cycle of Prayer 1998)

To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you are refreshed by your worship here today.

Please stay for a cup of tea after the service if you are able.

Prayer Response:

God of love, God of glory,
Be known among us.

In our prayers:

- The Diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- To all those in need this Christmas time
- To all missions and the work they do to further God's mission in the world.
- For all those who have worked hard to bring the Christmas Services to Holy Trinity.
- Father Mal and his family during this difficult time.
- Our parish community, in looking and moving forward.
- Archdeacon Frank and his wife Marilyn
- Revd. Margaret Finlay.
- For those in need this advent season.

ABM Reflection

Micah 5.2-5a; *Either* Song of Mary (*Magnificat*, Luke 1.47-55) or Psalm 80.1-7; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)

Is there greater witness to true discipleship than the deep and meaningful engagement of Mary through her words, "My soul magnifies the Lord"? Where would we be if she had said, "no"? What thoughts came to mind as she travelled the long distance from Nazareth to Ein Karem near Jerusalem to visit with Elizabeth's greeting and the affirmation afforded by John the Baptist who leapt for joy within the womb! What reassurances do we need in our own discipleship? What affirmation do we seek?

- Pray that we may know how to say "yes" so that our souls might also magnify the Lord!
- Pray for the Church of the province of Myanmar (Burma), giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

From the Trinity Foundation

The Parish Council is beginning the process of applying for State Heritage Listing for Holy Trinity Church and the Rectory.

The criterion of interest includes:

- **Historical Significance**
- **Historical associations**
- **Aesthetic significance**
- **Social significance**
- **Technical or research significance**
- **Rare or endangered buildings or inclusions.**
- **Representativeness of type**

In summary we are after early correspondence, records, photos, drawings, contracts, details, alterations, personnel, and the nature of the church through the years.

If any parishioners feel they may have historically important documentation or information that may assist in building the case for listing, can they please contact the Church Office or speak to Mark Bessen.

Important to Note:

The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years. Father Mal will be taking leave on the first three weeks of January.

A Letter in the Parish Office for:

There is a letter in the Parish Office for Denise Perkins. Please collect at your earliest convenience.



Trinity Foundation Christmas update:

Work has been completed to address the rising damp issues at the northern door and the western wall of the chapel. **After a huge amount of previous work, there is no more rising damp left in the building.**

An unfortunate legacy of the rising damp is that a lot of the interior walls need to be treated for salt damage then repaired and painted.

So the next project will be to renovate/repair then repaint the lower wall up to about the window sill height and hopefully go somewhat higher in the Chapel. This will considerably tidy up the interior of the Church to match the beautifully restored Sanctuary and main arch area. Work is expected to start late January 2016.

The work of the Trinity Foundation is undertaken with funds raised by tax deductible donations made at the National Trust of Australia (NSW) Holy Trinity Church Orange Conservation Appel (Appeal). Deposits are held in a bank account in the name of the appeal and can only be withdrawn to pay for restoration work to the Church building and must first be approved by the Heritage Architect and signed off by the National Trust.

This proposed project is the next step in protecting and preserving this wonderful heritage listed building. If you would like to assist the Foundation Members with this important work, a donation form is available form at the rear of the Church, or contact the office. 6362 1623.

Christmas and New Year Service Times

24th Dec: 6PM Family Service HT.
8PM Borenore Service
11PM Christmas Lessons and Carols



25th Dec: 7AM & 8:30AM Holy Communion
Please take note of the new times.

27th Dec: 9AM Combined Service

3rd - 31st Jan: 9AM Combined Service on Sundays

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 24th: Christmas Eve Family Service 6:00PM
Borenore Service 8pm
"Mid-Night" Service 11pm

Dec 25th: 7am and 8:30 Holy Communion
NEW TIMES

Dec 26th: No 5:30PM Service