

This Week's Diary

Sunday January 24th	Holy Communion Commencement Service	9:00am
The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany		
Monday January 25th	Morning Prayer	8:30am
The Conversion of St Paul		
Tuesday January 26th	OFFICE CLOSED	
Australia Day		
Wednesday January 27th	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Wednesday Service	10:30am
Thursday January 28th	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Friday January 29th	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Saturday January 30th	Saturday Night Service	5:30pm
Sunday January 31st	Holy Communion	9:00am
The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany		

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; 1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Luke 4.21-30



To:
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in Christ

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

24th January 2016

The third Sunday after the Epiphany

From the Rector's desk...



As we begin the New Year with a disturbing picture of what's in front of us as a Parish and as a Diocese, we are left with a daunting perspective of the future. 'This mountain is just too big'; I can hear many of us saying.

It's a picture and perspective that recognizes the financial liabilities ahead, the spiritual barrenness of the past few decades and the practical realities of continuing church at HT Orange.

We can no longer ignore these realities that we are facing, but we also don't have to be consumed by them either.

Meeting our responsibilities doesn't mean being destroyed by them.

There's an old saying that many people have reminded me about lately, which has adamant biblical overtones, "What

doesn't destroy you makes you stronger".

Now I'll be honest with you, if I could go without having to face these type of trials in my life, then I'd be happy not to be strong, even weak if that's possible.

But the truth is, that we will face these trials head on, we can deal with them in faith and strength (Christ's Strength), and we can overcome it in unity and faith.

Our security is in God not in this world if we are Christians; our strength will be in our faith, and our victory will come because God is with us.

In the end, isn't that what we believe as Anglican Christians?

And "what we know to be true?"

I guess this time of trial ahead is as much for the Parish and Diocese, as it is for each of us individually.

We just have to remember that if we are going to climb any mountain, it will only ever happen one forward step at a time.

Keep moving forward!

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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:

Lord, renew our people

And sustain us by your mighty power.

In our prayers:

- The Diocese
- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Father Mal and his wife Rosie
- Our parish community, in looking and moving forward.
- Sarah returning to the Middle East on Monday

ABM Reflection

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.12-31; Luke 4.14-21

Often when we come to the word of God, we can be confronted by what we find inside. Today in the reading from Nehemiah we find that when the prophet Ezra read the scroll in the presence of the people they wept because of their disobedience. Similarly in the Gospel, we read how attentive the people in the synagogue were to Jesus as he went to preach in the synagogue, but as we will hear next Sunday would turn on him later on. We should learn to see the scriptures as a great mercy from God through which we are able to learn more about his love for us. This love can be confronting, but it is never a cause for mourning hopelessness.

- Pray that we might be able to understand the scriptures more fully, allowing us to be more equipped to do God's will.
- Give thanks for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, remembering especially the communities with whom their social service organisation, E-CARE, works.

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne

Will be holding a concert on **Wednesday 10th February at 8pm in Holy Trinity Church.**



From the Parish Council

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.

Can you assist with this?

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.

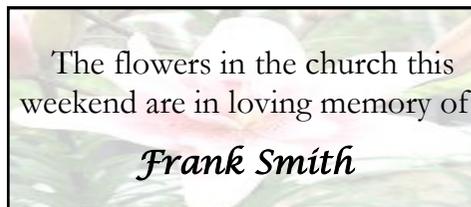
Can you sing or simply enjoy singing?

The choir is seeking new members for 2016.

Practice resumes in the Choir Vestry on Wednesday,

February 3 (4:30pm to 5:30pm).

Please pass this request on to others who may also be interested.



Men's Golf Group:

Starting soon, a **men's golf group:** Probably one Friday per month, pick from either 'am' and/or 'pm' groups. \$20 for 9 holes includes entry to the famed '9-Hole Chicken run'. Stay for a cuppa and a chat/fellowship afterwards.

Bookings will be essential.

Even those who aren't golfers could become a 'caddy for the day'.

'Pm' groups may even consider staying for an evening meal, afterwards, too... all a chance for some fellowship.

Contact coordinator Mike Middleton for more details... and watch this space for date of first round. Phone ah:

6362 0141 or 0418 435 250

January Service Times

3rd - 31st Jan: **9:00AM** - the one service on Sundays

24th Jan: "Commencement service" for 2016

All other services continue at their usual times.

CMS Central West Missionary Expo

Saturday 6th February 2016

9.30am-3pm, Molong Baptist Church

Featuring missionaries from Argentina, Slovenia, Namibia and B.C.A.

"Fit for heaven"

Bible Studies on 1 Peter

Register online at:

www.cms.org.au/cw

