

This Week's Diary

Sunday December 27th 1st Sunday of Christmas	Holy Communion Combined Service	9am
Monday December 28th St Thomas, Apostle and Martyr	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Tuesday December 29th	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Wednesday December 30th	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 10:30am
Thursday December 31st New Year's Eve	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Friday January 1st New Year's Day	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Saturday January 2nd	Saturday Night Service	5:30pm
Sunday January 3rd The 2nd Sunday of Christmas	Holy Communion	9:00am

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



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To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

27th December 2015

The First Sunday after Christmas

A Christmas Prayer

The joy of discovering that moment when hope and expectation were gloriously met by the illumination of one bright star. We cannot imagine what words were spoken by visitors or if first impressions left them somewhat confused. Messiah, Saviour, a King born in the barest of places. Yet they saw and fell down on their knees in adoration. Lord, they saw you and knew whom they had met. As we meet around a crib candle or advent wreath draw us into that stable in our imagination. In the quiet moments of prayer this Christmas, that brief oasis from the bustle of the world bring alive to us the smell of the hay, the sound of the animals, the cry of a baby. Draw us close to our Saviour Messiah and King as we bring not Gold, Myrrh or Frankincense but the gift of our lives the only offering we can bring.



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, we seek you and your love,
Come, 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

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Psalm 148;
Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52

As New Year's Eve draws near, we would do well to heed the wise advice St Paul offers in his letter to the Colossians. We could do worse than clothe ourselves with "compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. "We also need to learn to forgive if we are to taste of the true goodness of this life. And we need to place love at the heart of our being. New Year's resolutions? Think we know what needs to be done... or undone!

- Pray that we may clothe ourselves with these virtues, learn how to forgive, and act always with the same love that Jesus modelled for us so graciously and generously.
- Pray for the *Daehan Seong Gong Hoe*, the Anglican Church of Korea, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Our time of eager, patient, and watchful anticipation has come to an end for in a manger on the outskirts of Bethlehem, a Child is born! What joy fills our heart as shepherds, angels, and kings come to adore him! We are drawn to this pure, perfect and loving babe who has chosen to live among us, as one of us, bringing us out of darkness into the night celestial light of a loving and caring God. For now, it is enough to bask in the glow of his light. *Venite adoremus!*

- Pray that we may all experience the light of Christ's life and love.

From the Trinity Foundation

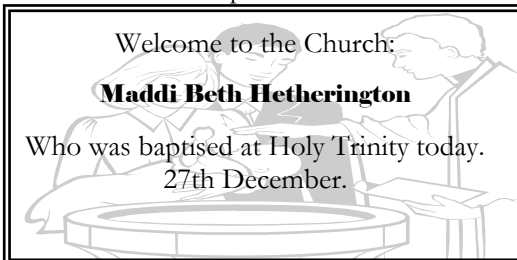
The Parish Council is beginning the process of applying for State Heritage Listing for Holy Trinity Church and the Rectory.

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 is building the case for listing, can they please contact the Church Office or speak to Mark Bessen.



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 with drawn 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