

Regular Activities

Monday to Friday

Morning Prayer

8:30 - 9:00am

Tuesday

Parish Mission Prayer Meeting

10:00 - 10:30am

Parish centre conference room

Parish Council Meeting

7:00 - 9:00pm

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

Orange Pealers (Bellringers)

Practice: Tuesdays 6pm to 8pm
(visitors welcome)

Contact: Joy Fabry 6362 4862

Wednesday

17 Hour Prayer Day

1st Wednesday of the month

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30pm (School Term only)

New members welcome

Contact Pam 63623158

**For further information on regular activities without a contact person
please call the Parish Office on 6362 1623**

Parish Office

Address: Cnr Anson Street & Byng Street, Orange

Postal Address: PO Box 174, Orange NSW 2800

Rector: Fr Mal Dunnett

Phone: 6362 1623 or 0421 684 908

Office Administrator: Mrs Louise Wythes

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Phone: 6362 1623

Email: office@holytrinityorange.org.au



Parish Office Direct Debit Banking Details

Bank: NAB, Orange

BSB: 082 774

Account Number: 391 842 618

Parish office also has EFTPOS available

Thursday

Holy Terrors

10:00am - 12:00pm

(School terms only)

Contact - Jill 0409 621 908

Friday

AWA Meeting

2:00pm

(1st Friday of the month)

Contact - Lyn 6362 4018

AWA Morning Tea

10:00am (2nd Friday of the month)

Friday Night Drinks

5:00 - 7:00 pm

(3rd Friday of the month)

Saturday

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2:00pm (Last Saturday of the month)



Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Orange

Welcome to our weekly service of worship.

Sunday 24th December - Saturday 30th December 2017

This week's parish focus is New Beginnings.

Church Service Times

Sunday

Holy Communion

8:00am & 4:00pm*(3rd Sunday

Evensong with communion)

Contemporary Family Service

9:30am - In Parish Centre

Borenore

5pm(1st Sunday of the month)

Wednesday

Holy Communion

10:30am

Saturday

Night Service

5:30pm

ALL WELCOME!

The Kingdom of God and His Gifts- Sermon Series

Date	Passage	Theme
24th December	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Advent 4 Advent Eve
25th December		Christmas Day!
31st December	Galatians 4:4-7	No Longer Slaves
7th January	TBA	TBA

Social Media

Website: www.holytrinityorange.org.au

Facebook: facebook.com/holytrinityorange

Twitter: @HolyTrinity2800



**We hope that you are refreshed by your worship
here today and invite you to stay for a cup of tea or
coffee after the service.**

Announcements

9am Combined Services for January 2018 these will start from Sunday 7th January and every Sunday up to and Including February 4th.

There are no Borenore Services in January.

AGM & Ministry Vision - Electoral AGM Sunday 4th February 2018

Nomination forms for Office Bearers available from 26th November.

All Reports for the AGM to be in "Word" document format and to Louise by the end of the first week in January. office@holytrinityorange.org.au

Thank you.

AGM - Financial - By the end of March once Audit is finished.

WANTED !!!

1) Singers for the choir

People - Prayer Ministry - Starting a chapter of prayer for the order of St.Luke the Physican in Australia. Interested parties, please contact Fr Mal or Jenny Dedoncker 63613338.

Now in Recess until 2018

Holy Terrors - Wish you all a Merry Christmas and Break now until the 8th February.

Wednesday 10:30 Service - Services resume return on Wednesday 10th January at 10:30.

Friday Night Drinks: We will resume on Friday 16th February 2018. Merry Christmas!

17 Hour Prayer Day - Return to Monthly Prayer on the 1st Wed of each month starting with February 7.

Mother's Union - Will return in Feb as will the **AWA Ladies**.

Parish Council - Will commence meetings again in February.

The Village Committee- Will commence meetings again in February.

F I N A N C E S	Offertory		Target	Last Week
	2017	Weekly	\$3,076	\$2440
		Total Income	Expected \$247K Expences \$256K	YTD \$224,787
Bank Details for Direct Debit: Account Name: Holy Trinity Anglican Church Orange BSB: 082 774 Account No: 391 842 618				

From the Rector's Desk

There's something in this!

What a Rabbi Taught Me About Keeping Christ In Christmas

From the Patheos website.

When people come to your church this Christmas season, they want to hear the story of Jesus. Give them what they came for.

by Karl Vaters

"Keep Christ in Christmas" is a familiar saying this time of the year. But you don't expect to hear it from the local rabbi.

For several years I was involved in our town's Police Chaplaincy. One year, at our December meeting, the Methodist pastor noticed that the napkins had a picture of Santa Claus on them. He slid one across the table to the rabbi from the local synagogue.

"Hey Steve," he asked, "what do Jews think about Santa Claus?"

"Nothing," the rabbi responded as he picked up the napkin. "Santa is a Christmas character."

"But he's a secular figure," countered the Methodist. "Don't you even let the kids get presents from Santa so they won't feel left out?"

"No," he responded. "We don't worry about that. Actually, I think Christians ought to keep Christ in Christmas."

Until this point, my interest in the conversation had been minimal, but when a rabbi tells me to keep Christ in Christmas, he has my full attention.

"Did I hear you right, Steve?" I asked him.

"Absolutely," he said. "As Jews, we don't secularize our holidays. It amazes me when Christians water down their message with things that have nothing to do with their faith.

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"In fact, I've actually delivered a 'keep Christ in Christmas' message to my congregation as a lesson about not diluting our faith with non-Jewish images and celebrations."

As the conversation went on, my attitude shifted from curiosity to gratitude as my friend, the rabbi, taught me the following lessons about Christmas – and about being Christian:

1. They're coming to church for the Jesus story

"When you come to a synagogue during any of our holiday seasons, you will never be confused about which symbols are religious and which ones are secular. I assume that if people are coming to a synagogue they are coming to see Jewish symbols and receive Jewish teaching, and that's all I give them. Holiness means 'set apart'. When we add non-religious symbols to the picture, we make it less than holy."

People can, and do, go to a lot of places to get Christmas cheer. When they choose to come to a church during the Christmas season it's not because they want to see more of what they can get elsewhere. They're coming to church because they want to hear about Jesus.