

### This Week's Diary

<b>Sunday June 14</b> 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am
<b>Monday June 15</b> *Ashleigh Away	Morning Prayer *Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
<b>Tuesday June 16</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
<b>Wednesday June 17</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer	8:30am 10:30am 5:00pm
<b>Thursday June 18</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
<b>Friday June 19</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
<b>Saturday June 20</b>	Holy Communion	5:00pm
<b>Sunday June 21</b> 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am

**1 Samuel 17. (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Psalm 9.9-20**

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## Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

**To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples**

**14th June 2015**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

### Heaven and Power Part 3

The ascension of Jesus, then, is his going, not way beyond the stars, but into this space, this dimension. Notice what this does to our notion of heaven. The Jesus who has gone there is the human Jesus. People sometimes talk as if Jesus started off just being divine, then stopped being divine and became human, then stopped being human and went back to being divine again. That is precisely what the ascension rules out. The Jesus who has gone, now, into God's dimension, until the time when the veil is lifted and God's multi-dimensional reality is brought together in all its glory, is the human Jesus. He bears human flesh, and the marks of the man-made nails and spear, to this day, as he lives within God's dimension, not far away but as near to us as breath itself.

This means, contrary to what some might suppose, that a doctrine of heaven focused on the ascension can never be used as a way of oppressing people, or of diminishing the value of their humanness. On the contrary; it affirms the true and lasting value of being human. The risen Jesus was more human, not less, than he was before: his risen humanness is the affirmation of his previous humanness, only now without the frailty and the dying

which before then he shared with the rest of us. His resurrection is thus God's way of saying that there is such a thing as genuine humanness, that human life is not a Sartrean sick joke, promising everything and giving nothing.

But, if this is so, the ascension is the affirmation that God has taken that fully human, deeply and richly human being Jesus, and has embraced him to himself within his own dimension, his own space, making him indeed Lord of the world. God always intended that his human creatures should inherit the world, the created order, to rule over it with wisdom and gentleness, to bring it order and to enhance its beauty. In the ascended human Jesus that vision is in principle realized. There is always a risk that by talking of Jesus 'going to heaven' we allow a false picture of heaven to colour the image we now have of Jesus. What I am suggesting is that, instead, the true image of the human Jesus, the very Jesus we are called to follow, should subvert our false pictures of heaven, and should become the centre of the true picture instead.

*Continued next week...*

Wright, N. T. (1994). *Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship* (pp. 84-89). London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

## 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 call to you,  
**Hear us and answer us.**

**In our prayers:**

- The Diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Members of Parish Council
- Parishes of Warren, Wellington and West Wyalong.
- Father Mal and his family
- Our parish community in its looking and moving forward
- Peace in France, the Holy Land, Iraq Pakistan, Nigeria, Syria, Afghanistan, the Ukraine and other troubled nations
- Canon Margaret Finlay
- All those undergoing examinations.



**ABM Reflection**

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10(11-13) 14-17; Mark 4.26 -34

Samuel grieves for Saul, but even Samuel is surprised by who God might choose to be a King. With Jesus there are surprises too, for 'he did not speak to them except in parables', known for their surprising depths.

-Pray that we might hear anew God's word in our lives, for freshness of hearing and listening.

- Pray for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

**PARISH CONTACT DIRECTORIES**

There has been quite a few changes made to the new directories. If you would like to contribute any more changes can you please contact the office. A new one will be released in three months. If you have not yet collected yours can you please do so as soon as possible.

**Christ Church Borenore**

Anglican Services

Held 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month - 4pm

**\* Please note changes in time and frequency.**

**Badges for collection**

In the office there are three name badges to collect if you are or know of the following people could you please let them know. The badges are for 'Ruth', 'Margaret Wilson' and 'Wayne Nolan'.

**TRINITY NEWS**

If you usually write an article for the Trinity News could you please get it to Ashleigh ASAP. Winter's edition is due end of June.

**BOOK FAIR**

We are back again!

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June.

**THOUSANDS OF QUALITY BOOKS**

St John's Anglican Church Hall, Cowra  
Doors open at 8:30am

**BARGAINS GALORE!**

For **book donations** or **offers of help as workers**, please contact:  
**Bruce Pietsch Ph 0427 722 810**  
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**Refugee Week Photographic Exhibition**

Presented by: Orange Social Justice Group.  
ALL WELCOME. 5:30-7:30PM 15th June.  
Orange City Library. Guest Speaker, light supper and refreshments.  
RSVP: Bev Holland 6362 4744

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**Ho! Ho! Ho!**

**Christmas in July fundraiser**

**Sunday, 19th July, in the Memorial Hall**

**Great music! Gastronomic food!  
Grand activities!**

**Put the date in your diary and watch this space!**

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**A Winter's Afternoon Concert**

**Sunday 14th June 2:30pm**

*Featuring works for piano and flute by*

*Mozart and Rachmaninoff*

*And*

*John Rutter's 'Gloria'*

*Performed by the Orange Regional Conservatorium Symphonic Choir,*

*directed by Ben Macpherson*

*Tickets: \$20 including interval refreshments. Limited numbers.*

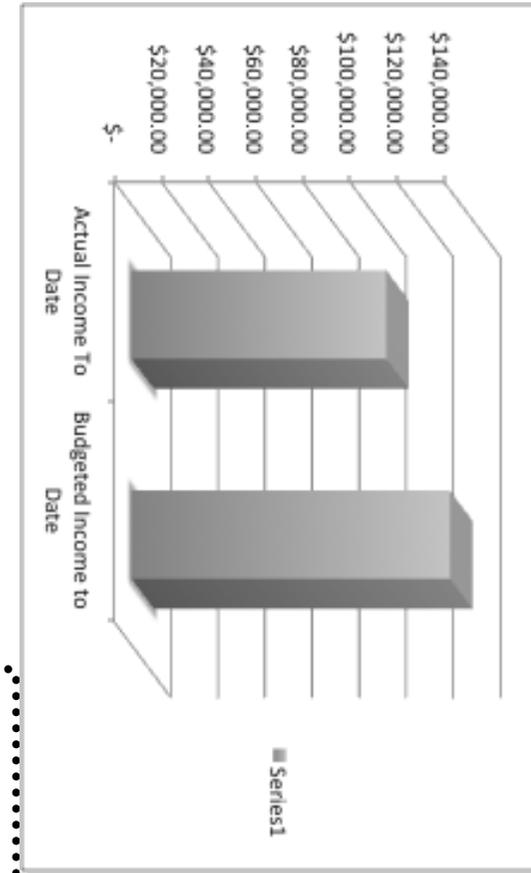
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**For your information—Budgetary Income**

Below is a graph presenting our actual income vs. budgeted income up to the 31/05/2015. As you can see, donations are desperately needed.



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