

This Week's Diary

Sunday May 24th Pentecost Sunday	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am
Monday May 25th	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Tuesday May 26th	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Wednesday May 27th	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer	8:30am 10:30am 5:00pm
Thursday May 28th	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Friday May 29th	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Saturday May 30th	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday May 31st Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am

Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29 Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

24th May 2015

Pentecost Sunday

From the Rectors Desk

Psalm 127:1 – 2

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. ² It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

What an interesting passage of scripture, at first glance it gives us license to sit back and watch. Watch God do all the work of building the church, watch God bring about his kingdom on earth here and throughout the world.

It would definitely make all of our callings easier, watching people come for baptism because God called them, and then they would stay, and be part of the church; seeing people get married and staying in church, and even more so staying together in God. People coming to worship services because they want to meet God and then all of us. Wow! What a perfect world that would be, God says, does and it happens, the church is full; things are moving along perfectly in ministry from conception to birth to life to death. It all happens completely in church all because God has built it and not us. Perfect hey!

So what's stopping us, let's sit back and do it, let God build the house.

The problem is, how do we do that, and is that what is meant by this scripture?

I think we have to be careful when reading scripture as rote. The reason being that this

passage is about emphasis not perception. Let me explain. The emphasis of the scripture is that God's divine presence must be involved in the building etc of the kingdom of God. The perception is that he does it without our assistance. That couldn't be further from the truth. In fact that is why we are here today (Sunday the 24th of May) celebrating God's presence in, for and 'to direct' the church – the day of Pentecost. This is the day we experience the blessing of the presence of God in our lives personally and intimately. This is the day we know that God can build his church, build his kingdom, and build our lives in Faith, because we walk with him. This is the day we celebrate the gifts of the church from the Spirit to build the church. This is the day we reflect, remember, and revive the vision, mission and ministry of the church, to seeing the kingdom grow in this place. This is the day when we recognize that the church isn't about our wants and desires, it's about God's presence in our midst. This is the day we remember that church isn't about how we feel or how hard this particular day or any day may be for us, but that we come for the blessing of others not ourselves.

This is the day that the Lord has made for us to rejoice and be part of his Kingdom in this place here and now.

Happy Pentecost to you all and may God show you his face as you worship him.

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:

The Lord is here,
**His spirit is
with us.**



In our prayers:

- The Diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Members of Parish Council
- Parishes of Mudgee, Narromine, Nyngan and Oberon
- Father Mal and his family
- Shirley Sugton's hip operation
- Our parish community in its looking and moving forward
- The deliberations of the Stewardship: Vision and Mission Group
- Peace in France, the Holy Land, Iraq, Pakistan, Nigeria, Syria, Afghanistan, the Ukraine and other troubled nations
- Rain on parched lands

ABM Reflection

Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)
– Sunday 24 May 2015

Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

There is no escaping the reading from Acts today, but if placed later there is space for the fantastic reading from Ezekiel, the valley of dry bones. The hope present there, is the hope presented elsewhere: that is dry and dead can have new life, wherever the Spirit touches

Pray and give thanks for all that breathes life into you.

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

The Ministry Roster

Many thanks to Ray Norman and Heather Cummins for looking after the last few rosters. I have now taken on the role and while I have my learner plates on I will complete a draft copy mid-month for the following months. Could you please check the draft at the back of the church and let me know if there are any omissions, double-ups etc.

Thanks,
Lyn Middleton

Advance Notice for Spring Fair

Spring fair to be held November 14th. Gabrielle Ironside has a lot of craft materials. If you can knit, crochet, sew etc. please see Gabrielle if you can help.

FREE—Level 1 Sports Chaplaincy Training

When: Tuesday 2nd June 2015

Time: 6:30-9PM

Where: Orange Baptist

Cost: Free

The goal of Sport's chaplaincy Australia is to see a volunteer sports chaplain serving in every sporting community across Australia. At the moment we have thousands of requests from clubs across the country wanting chaplains.

Below is a brief summary of the training. Please contact Hannah Johnson for more information on: **0427 248 191** or hannah.johnson@sportschaplaincy.com.au

You will learn:

- Who is SCA?
- What is a sports chaplain?
- What qualities are required?
- The need, opportunity and response
- Why we need Centre Bounce Teams?

And 2 Critical Success Factors of getting Sports Chaplaincy right.

SRE Scripture Review

Your time is appreciated to complete an online survey. If your child/children or friends/family in the Public School System SRE your feedback is greatly appreciated. It can be found on:
<http://artd.com.au/sre-see-review>

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.

Bookings: phone 6366 8089 or
email: molonganglicanparish@gmail.com

St John's Church cnr Bank & Edward Streets Molong

From the Trinity Foundation

Providing the weather holds out, the work on the ramp can be expected to be finished by the end of May.

Please note: The only exits from the church are via the main south door and the bell tower during this work.

Christ Church Borenore

Anglican Services

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

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



Looking for a Volunteer

The office is looking for a volunteer to take over Shirley's Thursdays when she is recovering from her operation. It is every second Thursday starting from Thursday the 5th June. If you can assist or even do just one, please call the office.

Afternoon tea with our special visitors

On Friday afternoon, both Mothers' Union Anglican Women Australia had a special time with our Solomon Visitors, Elison and Jessie, who have survived their stay here. What a delight it was to have the afternoon with them.

May you both have a safe journey home on Sunday via Brisbane and Honiara.



ANGLICARE
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OPENING DAY

Anglicare Western would like to invite you to our new office location
Opening Day

When: Thursday 4th June 2015
Where: 127 Byng Street, Orange
Time: 11:00am

Please RSVP to
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