

## This Week's Diary

<b>Sunday April 20</b> Easter Day	Lighting of the New Fire and Holy Communion Holy Communion	7:30am 9:30am
<b>Easter Monday April 21</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
<b>Easter Tuesday April 22</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Baptism Preparation	8:30am 5:30pm 7:30pm
<b>Easter Wednesday April 23</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer Choir Practice	8:30am 10:30am 5:30pm 7:30pm
<b>Easter Thursday April 24</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
<b>Easter Friday April 25</b> (Anzac Day)	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	9:00am 5:30pm
<b>Easter Saturday April 26</b>	Morning Prayer Bell Ringing Holy Communion	8:30am 2:00pm 5:30pm
<b>Sunday April 27</b> Second Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion Holy Communion	8:30am 10:30am

**Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.1-12, John 20:19-31.**

*During the school holidays, our ministries to children are in recess.  
Activity sheets are available at the back of the church.*

*The next HTO@10:30 Service takes place on Sunday, May 4.*

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## Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

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

20 April, 2014

Easter Day

### From the Rector,

#### Therefore!

A comma would make all the difference. It is a pity that there isn't one after the first word in the Colossians 3:1-4 reading this morning... "So, if you have been raised with Christ..." A comma would highlight the strength of what is being said in the original language. "So" can also be translated as "therefore."

Here is the implication of a new power or condition that is available to us, thanks to the resurrection of Christ.

In fact, Christ is raised from the dead, **therefore**, new expectations are placed on us. **Therefore** new responsibilities become accessible to us. **Therefore** new capabilities are given to us.

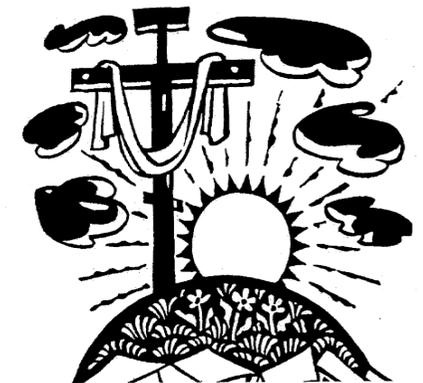
This is an amazing call to mission, a dramatic response to the life changing event of the resurrection of Christ, to tell Good News, just like the disciples who bear witness to the empty tomb and pass on the Story. In the rest of the letter to the Colossians, the writer (St Paul?) speaks of "clothing" ourselves with particular virtues, putting on the garments of Christ – a clear reference to the act of baptism.

At the heart of our services today the renewal of baptismal vows.

There is a clear assumption that not only is Christ raised from the dead, but that we too have been raised with him - already - by virtue of our baptism. It is baptism into Christ's resurrection that evokes the expectations of proclaiming our faith...therefore. The writer urges (3:5-8) those who have become followers of Christ to put aside earthly temptations and vices, because they deserve no home in one who has been raised with Christ.

Today's services says that if we turn from an old life to a new life, the logic of resurrection behaviour treads down on everything that is not patterned after Christ. **Therefore**, renouncing an old life opens the way into leading a new life.

How do you answer for yourself the question, "**Therefore?**", and how will you dare to live into its implications?



## 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.

## Blessings for your Easter celebration

### In our prayers:

- Give thanks for our new life in Christ.
- Pray for the witness of the church to the Easter message
- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz, and Diocesan leaders at this time
- The parishes of Bourke-Brewarrina, Canowindra and Cobar
- The Clergy Appointment's Board seeking an appointment for this parish
- Christians who bear witness to their faith in difficult circumstances
- Peace in our world
- Those who travel over the Easter break and all who work while others play
- Those who are sick at home or in hospitals

### ABM Reflections

Acts 10.34-43, Hymn to the Risen Christ;  
Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10  
Transformation in Christ

Darkness to Light. Emptiness to Fullness. Death to Life. Absence to Presence. These transformations describe the movement from Good Friday to Easter Sunday - from the death of Jesus - to the still point - to the new day when Jesus is first thought to be absent, then barely noticed, then seen and heard for who he is: the Risen Christ. The simple yet profound joy of Easter is that we die and rise with Christ to a new dawn and a new day. We are invited to be a community of light and lightness of being in Christ; to give glory to God by living fully; to be aware of his presence within and between us and even to embody his presence in the assurance of the resurrection to eternal life. We are the body of Christ.

Question: In what ways am I moving

towards transformation in my life?

Pray for those in transition that they may see a light for their path to fullness of life.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe, the Anglican Church of Korea.

### Sunday 27th April: Rector's Retirement

8:30am Holy Communion.

10:30am Archdeacon Frank's final service as Rector.

### Clergy Appointment's Board

Use this prayer (or one like it) regularly to support the Board as it undertakes its work.

*Bountiful God,  
give to this parish a faithful pastor  
who will faithfully speak your word  
and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for  
ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.  
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment  
and patience, and to us give warm and generous  
hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. AAPB p 212*

### Bishop's Visit in July

Bishop Ian is coming to lead a Retreat, "Healing in a Broken World" on the weekend of July 11, 12, 13, which will include a Confirmation Service on 13th July.

**Confirmation Classes** commence soon. For more information, to please contact the Parish Office as a matter of priority.

Today, the flowers at the Pulpit  
are in loving memory of  
Cherry Smith  
and those at the organ,  
in loving memory of  
John Drew

### Bell Ringing

Next Saturday afternoon, between 2:00pm and 5:00pm, some of the best Bell ringers in NSW will be in Orange to ring the first full peal in our tower. It will be conducted by the Chief Bellringer of Saint Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney.

In the past, only quarter peals have been rung. There are over 5,000 changes in a full peal!

You might like to bring a picnic rug or a chair and sit outside the church with a thermos to listen to the ringing of "Yorkshire Bob Major." It is a very beautiful piece of music, being presented as part of the farewell to our retiring parish priest.

### Talents Festival

Our parish is presently running a "Talents Festival", where people are invited to use, and reflect on, their gifts or talents to the glory of God. In using them, some people are sharing a project with others. If you would like more information, please contact one of our clergy.

Lots of people are finding creative things to do. Some folk are thinking of running a regular stall to sell home grown vegetables.

The mother of one of our parishioners participated in one of these activities some years ago. She made jam, but then continued to make more jam. She gave the profits from sales to missions.

If you would like to advertise an activity in the Pew Bulletin, please send in or deliver the details to the Parish Office by 1:00pm on Wednesdays.

### Pastoral Care

If, at any time, you know of a member of the Parish family who is ill or in hospital, Canon Margaret would really appreciate being informed. It is impossible to offer ministry to these folk unless we are told of such need.

### News from the Cameroon.

A copy of the most recent newsletter from Bruce Cox and Kathie Cummins can be seen on the Noticeboard.

### Trinity Foundation

The latest work in the Church is almost complete and looks fantastic. Another coat of tung oil will be added to the timber reredos on the western wall to give it a gentle sheen.

This work included re-shingling the northern side of the sanctuary roof, replastering the sanctuary walls with lime render, and repainting. It has been done expeditiously for the cost of approximately \$65,000. It is a wonderful gift for Easter.

**Thank you,** Trinity Foundation members and your helpers. A Great Job.

### "Walking on Eggshells"

A guide for women to identify emotional-psychological abuse in relationships. This book, by local author and counsellor Marilyn Wilson, will be launched on Tuesday 6 May at 5:30pm, Orange City Library. **Bookings are essential** - 6393 8132. See Notice Boards for more details.

### Cleaning

Any-one who may be interested in participating on a roster for regular cleaning of the Memorial Hall or Parish Centre is asked to contact a member of Parish Council as soon as possible, please.

### HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church  
of God

Alexis Ruby Wynne  
Dean William Ratcliffe  
Natalia Lee Paddison  
Jackson Christopher Julius