

This Week's Diary

Sunday April 22 Third Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion Holy Communion	7:30am 9:30am
Monday April 23	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Tuesday April 24	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Wednesday April 25 Anzac Day	Holy Communion No 10.30am Service to-day Evening Prayer	9.00am 5:30pm
Thursday April 26	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Baptism Preparation Team OAGS Council	8:30am 5.30pm 12.00pm 5.30pm
Friday April 27	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Saturday April 28	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 5:30pm
Sunday April 29 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion Holy Communion	7.30am 9.30am

Readings: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

Growing, loving and serving God in the Community

22 April 2012

The Third Sunday Of Easter

From the Rector,

I don't know about you, but I find it hard to believe that two weeks have passed since Easter!

Here are two comments from "Seasons of the Spirit" (page 131) to provide a focus on the resurrection accounts that are at the heart of our Easter celebrations.

1. The post-resurrection accounts of Jesus' presence with the disciples are very different in all the Gospels. For example, at the end of the Gospel of John (20:19-31) the author tells us that the disciples were "startled and terrified." They lived in a culture where the possibility of the dead remaining somehow connected to life as ghosts felt very real. And ghost stories down through the ages have been used to frighten and control people's behaviour.

The story in the Gospel today is a supernatural story grounded in the simple act of eating, or a simple story of eating that takes on supernatural proportions.

Consider how the superficial becomes supernatural at times.

- What inspires meaning?
- When are we surprised by a depth of

intimacy or profundity in the most routine of life's moments?

- What examples can you share or invite others to share of ordinary times that became extraordinary, as if the holy were suddenly present?
- What do these moments give us?

2. Just as the Scriptures have a variety of responses to Christ's presence and God's actions, so do we in our worshipping communities. Just as Christ appeared to his disciples in an ordinary room during an ordinary meal, so we, each week, are confident that Christ will be with us in the ordinariness of our worship together. As you go through some of the worship experiences that are offered this week, how can you help this community to experience the ordinary, everyday, and yet surprising and extra ordinary presence of Christ?



To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you enjoy your worship here today.

Please stay for a cup of tea after the services if you are able.



Prayer Response

Living Christ Jesus, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In our Prayers

- The Church, that it may be true to its baptismal gifting as it bears witness to the resurrection
- Bourke - Brewarrina, Canowindra and Cobar
- Give thanks for God's blessings
- Pray for the people of Afghanistan
- Schools returning for the new school term
- Those battling with illness, and the dying

There will be **no Choir practice** next Wednesday, April 25.

ABM Lectionary Reflection

Acts 3.12-20; Psalm 4;

I John 2.15-17; 3.1-6; Luke 24.36b-48

Once again we see Jesus, the Teacher at work in this encounter with his disciples. The disciples are still floundering in doubt and uncertainty, all too aware of their failure to stand by Christ throughout his Passion. However Jesus is still focused on training his disciples. Jesus accepts them; they are his chosen ones and the focus is on the future. The past is over – this is not a time for recrimination and blame. Instead Jesus affirms their calling to be his witnesses to every nation proclaiming everywhere repentance and forgiveness of sins. Fear, peace, disbelief, joy, yes, all these emotions are part of the journey of faith which takes us beyond emotions to centring our wills and our hearts on Jesus and the mission to which he calls us.

Pray for those who have not been faithful to their baptismal calling that they might turn back to Jesus and renew their lives.

Give thanks that through Jesus our sins may be forgiven.

The Australian Voices presents “Choral Classics”

Monday, April 23, 2012: 6:30 pm
at Holy Trinity Church.

This group is recognised as one of the finest classical a capella ensembles in the world, with multiple international awards. See noticeboard for details.

Pilgrim Books, 131 Summer Street, Orange, is offering a free slice of cheesecake and a coffee with every purchase of Kate Brack's new cookbook, ***The Sweet Life***. Kate was the winner of Channel 10's Masterchef 2011 competition. The offer closes at the end of April.

Pastoral Carers' Encouragement Evening: Friday 11 May - at 6-8pm

Bring along a dish to share, and enjoy some great company and conversation. Apologies to Lynne on 6362 0141.

Meals On Wheels - a reminder it is Holy Trinity Team's turn to do Meals on Wheel's this week! April 23.

Central West Christian Woman's Conference: 12 May - the focus is on Proverbs 31 - at The Orange Function Centre; \$35 includes lunch. Brochures are available at the back of the church. For further information, please contact Rachel Budden or Margo Clarke.

New Sets of Offering Envelopes will be available next Sunday. If you would like a set, please take a spare set, but please write your name on the sheet for parish records. Many people find them a convenient way of giving to the parish regularly. Others use Direct Debit, arranged through the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst, at no cost. Information sheets are available on the table at the back of the church.

Reality Event May 3-6

Will Graham will be the guest speaker at the following gatherings:

Reality Bites, Luncheon, Friday May 4, 12.30pm - 2.00pm (Orange Ex-Services Club). Tickets \$30, for a two course meal, are available from Pilgrim Books.

Gather a group of friends together and go as a group.

Reality Live and Loud, Friday May 4, 7:00 pm, (Orange Function Centre). Three of Australia's best known Christian youth bands will be playing.

Reality for Everyone, Saturday, May 5, 6.00pm. (Orange Function Centre)

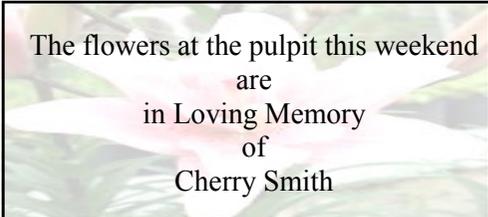
Reality Finale, Sunday, May 6, 4 pm (Orange Function Centre).

Please do take the opportunity to attend one of the gatherings.

This event is being arranged by a number of local churches. A number of our parishioners are involved. Parish Council has allocated \$1,500 towards the costs. Contributions towards the work of this program can be made through the “mission side” of the offering envelopes.

Copies of a Pastoral letter from Bishop

Richard, regarding the development of a Diocesan Income Account are available in envelopes at the back of the church. Please give serious consideration to supporting this project if you are able. The envelope contains important information about the present financial challenges facing the Church in this region



The flowers at the pulpit this weekend
are
in Loving Memory
of
Cherry Smith

Anzac Day Service: 9:00am

Unhelpfully, local papers have advertised a wrong service time. The service will commence at 9.00 am. There will be no 10.30am service next Wednesday.

Brief Parish Council Notes, April 19

Apology: Julie Jeffriess

A number of “works in progress” were reported, including WOHS.

Appointments:

Secretary: no one elected to this position, deferred to next meeting

Chair, Finance Committee: Rod Wykes

Maintenance: Mark Bessen

Grounds: David Ironside

Ministry District Representative: John Dumbrell

Mission Liaison : Ray Norman

Nominated people will be approached to join the *Mission Action Planning, Retirement Village* and *Anglicare Committees*.

A special Annual Meeting to review the 2011 audited financial statements and the 2012 budget will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 11:00 am.

Bank balances as at 19 April:

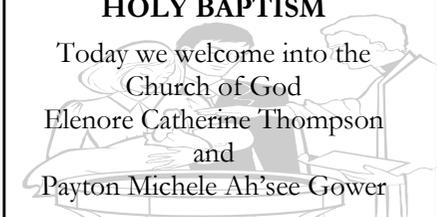
General Account: \$17,546, Trust : \$34,048

\$20,000 will be transferred from the Trust Account to support the Diocesan Income Account. The Parish will have full access to its funds.

A working bee is planned for May 12

Other matters have been placed on the May agenda for attention, including using the study book, “Managing Change” and Workplace Occupational Health & Safety.

HOLY BAPTISM



Today we welcome into the
Church of God
Elenore Catherine Thompson
and
Payton Michele Ah'see Gower