

This Week's Diary

Sunday August 18	Holy Communion	9.00am
<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Family Service	10:30am
Monday August 19	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	OAGS Meeting	2.00pm
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Liturgy Planning Group(10.30am)	7.30am
Tuesday August 20	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Bible Study Group	7:30pm
Wednesday August 21	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Bishop in Council, Bathurst	9.30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	7:30pm
Thursday August 22	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Friday August 23	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Saturday August 24	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday August 25	Holy Communion	9:00am
<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Family Service	10:30am

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

18 August 2013

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector:

On Sunday, September 8 there will be one service - at 9.00am. Afterwards, the present service arrangement will be reviewed.

- How are you finding the new service program?
- What are its strengths and weaknesses?
- If change were to occur, what would it be, but how would it affect you, and others?

One of the difficulties for Canon Margaret, Deacon Tim and myself is that it is impossible to get from the early service to the 10.30am service and maintain pastoral conversations with people over a cup of tea. This is very frustrating. Similarly, if our organist, Pam Brooks, is playing at both services, the same pressure applies.

I hope that there will be good, honest discussion about people's experiences and hopes as we review the last few months.

There are some real benefits in having two complementary styles of worship. Some people enjoy the "traditional" service, while for others, the relaxed style of worship in the Memorial Hall is far better. A key factor is that the new services can be transformative. At 10.30am, there is strong lay participation and leadership and a strong sense of community is developing, along with mutual support. In the 9.00am

service, there is openness to all, the sacraments are celebrated, the liturgy is carefully prepared and there is a high standard of music and presentation.

At 10.30am, the "Praise, Prayer and Proclamation" service is used on three Sundays. It also receives careful preparation but has a different style of music. Because the worship space is smaller, there is an immediate sense of belonging. It is harder to hide!

Both services have an important place in our parish. Both have the potential for real growth.

Let's encourage each other in the journey that we are making, so that our parish community, with the strength of God's Spirit, can be lively, sensitive, outward looking, joyful - and a place where people feel welcomed and cared for.



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 services if you are able.**

Prayer Response:

Holy and Mighty God,
We keep our hope fixed on you.

In our prayers:

- The parishes of Forbes, Gilgandra and Grenfell
- Bishop Ian in his leadership of our diocese at this time
- Resolutions to conflicts, particularly in Egypt and Syria. Christians whose plight is not being told
- Our nation as we prepare for an election on September 7
- Thoughtful resolution for people seeking a new life in Australia
- Those who care for the lonely
- All who work in helping professions

ABM Reflection

Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19;
Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2; Luke 12: 49-59

Israel deserves to be abandoned, according to Isaiah. The Psalmist's plea for restoration is a cry from a people whose obdurate disobedience and injustices have tried God's patience repeatedly. Jesus makes it clear that all generations have had plenty of warning. Faith was not enough (Hebrews 11:39). Only by becoming part of Jesus' suffering can we "be made perfect" in righteousness.

Today's question:

What can I do to bring about justice and righteousness in my everyday life?

Prayer: God of glory, use me as your agent of righteousness.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya

"Open Doors"

7.30pm, 27 August: Uniting Church, Anson Street. Please see Notice Board for details.

Sunday, August 25

10:00am

A Service to Commemorate the Centenary of the Dedication of the Church Organ.

Morning Tea to follow.

Please 'bring a plate'.

At 12 noon: An Organ recital by Dr Graeme Rawson.

Please note that the 10.30am service will be held in the Memorial Hall on that day.

"Sing Praise to the Lord"

The Holy Trinity Church Organ history book can be purchased from the Parish Office for \$12.

Name Badges

If you have not yet picked up your new name badge, **please contact Lynne as soon as possible** (6362 0141). There are a number still to be collected. If you have still to pay, it is very helpful if you can provide the correct money. Thank-you.

Bruce Cox and Cathy Cummins

Please see the notice board for the latest news regarding Bruce and Cathy.

'Come As You Are'

A two day silent directed retreat at Shalom, Carcoar. See noticeboard for details.

Peaceful Central Quality Retirement Villa – Holy Trinity Village

This is a comfortable 2 bedroom villa set amongst beautifully maintained gardens, with only 8 other villas, new paint and carpet. It also features air conditioning and a single garage with internal access.

All enquiries to the Parish Office between 9am and 1pm - 6362 1623.

40 Hour Famine This Weekend

Funds raised will help hungry families to increase their food supply by irrigation schemes, improved farming techniques, support to raise livestock and conservation activities, support agencies around the world. \$40 will help feed a family of five per month.

Heather Cummins is participating in the 40 hour famine this week-end. If you would like to support her in this, please contact her 6362 6882.

Books: A Request from the Rector

Please check your bookshelves to see if you have my copies of *"Faithfulness in the Fellowship, Reflections on Homosexuality and the Church"*, and the Study Book that was produced following the General Synod in 2001. Both are now out of print. Only one is available second hand - for \$85 plus postage from the UK. I need both because they are resource documents, especially with the proposal by the Labor Party to legislate for gay marriage if re-elected, and proposed changes to be made by the NSW Parliament.

Parish Council Meeting

Apologies: Ray Norman, Mark Bessen, Ann Holden, Julie Jeffriess.

Present: David Ironside, Rod Wykes, Lyn Atkins, Ruth Jones, Len Bailey

A number of ongoing matters were

discussed, including Work Place Health and Safety; easement to drain water, and development application, parish website, notice board, car parking behind the Memorial Hall.

The resignation of John Dumbrell from Parish Council was received. A replacement will be elected by Parish Council.

Finances:

General Account: \$11,014 (with a number of large accounts to pay)

Trust Account: \$18,184

Adjustments to the audit statement have at last been received, and will be presented to the meeting on September 8.

A committee to look at Worship and Faith, using the NCLS materials is being established.

Another sub committee will look at longer term goals, maintenance and vision.

Spring Fair 2013

Saturday, 9th November

URGENT: energetic people are STILL desperately needed to manage a stall! No previous experience needed, just your time.

Please ring Lynne 6362 0141.

Our feature stall this week is the. . .

Sheets are placed out for open bidding

Items need to be of excellent quality

Look around and write down a bid

Entertaining as you try to outbid others!

No bid is too small (unless reserve priced)

Things for the home, outdoors, practical and

not so

AUCTION

The flowers at the Pulpit
this weekend
are in loving memory
of
Cecil Cantrill

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church
of God

Isabelle Maria North