

This Week's Diary

Sunday December 14 Third Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion	8:30am
	HTO@10:30	10:30am
	<i>in the Memorial Hall</i>	
	Parish Luncheon	12:30pm
Monday December 15	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Tuesday December 16	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Wednesday December 17	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Choir Practice	4:30pm
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
	LLM meeting	7:30pm
Thursday December 18	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
	Parish Council meeting	7:30pm
Friday December 19	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Saturday December 20	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion	8:30am
	HTO@10:30	10:30am
	<i>in the Memorial Hall</i>	

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27 *or the Magnificat*;
Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

14th December 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order that I may understand... if I did not believe, I would not understand.

- ANSELM OF CANTERBURY



ADVENT 3

An Advent Blessing

God of the watching ones,
the waiting ones,
the slow and suffering ones,
the angels in heaven,
the child in the womb,
give us your benediction,
your good word for our souls,
that we might rest and rise
in the kindness of your company.
Amen.

*Cloth for the Cradle.
The Wild Goose Worship Group.*

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, December 24

6:00pm Christmas Pageant



11:00pm "Mid-night" Service

8:00pm Christ Church, Borenore

Christmas Day, December 25

7:30am Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion



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 of freedom,
hear us.

In our prayers:

- The Diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Parishes of Oberon, Orange and Orange East
- A good Advent observance
- Father Mal and his family
- The community of Orange
- Resolution to conflict in all countries of the Middle East
- Give thanks for our freedom
- Christmas preparations
- Students and teachers commencing holidays
- Give thanks for recent rain
- Rain on still parched lands
- Those who are unwell

ABM Reflection

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or the Magnificat; 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28; John 1.6-8, 19-28

The beautiful picture in Isaiah of God's remaking of the world is one on which Jesus will later draw in describing his own ministry. It is a world that is so wonderful that only God could make it; despite the best efforts of humanity, the perfection of the new creation continues to elude us. Yet it is for this perfection that we wait in hope - for the time when the Lord will cause righteousness to spring up before the nations.

Pray that we may find ways to participate in the year of the Lord's favour by bringing good news to the oppressed, binding up the broken-hearted, and proclaiming liberty. (Isaiah 61.1)

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.

Special Religious Education (SRE)

The provision of SRE in the primary schools in Orange, is coordinated by the Orange and District Ministers' Association and funded by peoples' donations - directly or via the local churches.

Currently, up to **3,000** students are taught weekly by volunteers from within the local churches.

Our Parish is now preparing to make its contribution towards the students' activity books required for 2015. These cost approximately \$4 per student.

All those who would like to contribute to this, may do so by utilising the Mission Offering side of their weekly envelopes, and **marking it "SRE"**, or by utilising a plain envelope and marking it in the same way, and placing it on the offertory 'plate'.

Thank-you for your assistance towards this worthy outreach opportunity.

Orange Community Christmas Lunch

Volunteers are needed to enable this Christmas significant community event to take place. For further information **please see the flyers** on the back table of the Church.

Anglicare Food Service

All contributions are very welcome and may be made via the shopping basket/trolley at any service (or left in the office during the week). **Thank-you for your giving. At present,** items for inclusion in Christmas hampers would be especially welcome, including items **such as:** long life custard, puddings, etc. Be creative!

The Bushranger

This is the official journal of the Company of the Good Shepherd. Some copies of the Advent 2014 edition are available to-day.

Parish Fellowship Luncheon

12:30pm to-day.

This will be the last luncheon for the year, and will have a **Christmas theme**.

Please "bring a plate to share".

Come and bring your family and friends.

All welcome.

Volunteers and Worship

Many people participate on the worship rosters - in a variety of roles. If there are people currently involved in these ministries and wish to review their involvement, **and** if there are others who would like to explore an involvement, **please speak to Canon Margaret** as soon as possible.

At present, extra volunteers are particularly being sought for **Morning Tea** (8:30 and 10:30am), **Welcomers** (at all the week-end services) and **Chalice Assistants** (for the Saturday service).

Are any of these your gifts??

Christmas Bowl Appeal

Christmas Bowl Appeal envelopes are available at the entrances for those who would like to support this annual appeal by the National Council of Churches.

Gifts placed in the special envelope may be forwarded directly, or by placing on the offertory plate for forwarding on.

Those taking part in the Christmas Bowl appeal join with Christians across Australia in sharing God's gift of love and hope with people in great need this Christmas.

Third Sunday of Advent
Rebuilding shattered lives
Your gift will help provide medical care and skills training for Sri Lankan refugees in South India.
Please show your care this Christmas. Give to the Christmas Bowl appeal.

Thank you for your support!
65 YEARS OF SERVICE
Richard Wignall, ACT for Peace

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The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 64 493 941 795

Christmas Bowl

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Working With Children Check

Please, would volunteers e-mail or bring into the office your copy of your 'Working With Children Check' clearance, in order for the details to be recorded on file by the Parish. We require your last name, date of birth and WWCC Number.

Your prompt attention in the matter is greatly appreciated.

Episcopal Ministry Fund

A letter and a flier regarding the new Episcopal Ministry Fund to support the "Office of the Bishop" are enclosed and are commended for your close attention and response, as able.

Anglican e-News (Bathurst Diocese)

- the December issue is available at the entrances to-day.

Accidents and Incidents

Please note that any-one involved in an accident or incident that takes place within the Parish, needs to complete the appropriate form details - via one of the Clergy, or the Office. This needs to be done promptly following the incident in order to initiate the appropriate recording and subsequent follow-up that may be required.

HOLY BAPTISM
We welcome into the Church
of God
Lottie Bella Elice