

This Week's Diary

Tuesday December 25 Christmas Day	Holy Communion Holy Communion	7:30am 9.30am
Wednesday December 26	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer	8:30am 10:30am 5:30pm
Thursday December 27	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Friday December 28	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Saturday December 29	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 5:30pm
Sunday December 30 The First Sunday after Christmas	Holy Communion	9.00am

Readings: Samuel 2:18-20,26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-1, Luke 2:41-52

Most activities and groups go into recess after Christmas, and resume in late January.

Material for children will be made available each Sunday in the Children's Chapel at the back of the church.

The next Family Service will be held on February 6.



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Show Go
In Christ

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

25 December 2012

Christmas Day

From the Rector,

Northern Pakistan is one of the most remote and culturally conservative regions in the world. We hear about it on the news in relation to political insurgency.

What we don't hear is that women in that region have very low levels of education and poor health from lack of nutrition. It is very difficult to find doctors, particularly female doctors, to work in the region because of the lack of community education and dangerously steep terrain.

At this Christmas time, as we remember that Jesus was born in humble and difficult circumstances, let us also consider the situation of many mothers and pregnant women in Pakistan. Infant mortality is close to 72 per 1000 live births, while maternal mortality is 280 per 100,000 live births.

Pakistan has one of the lowest government health budgets in south Asia. Act for Peace, through its partner in Pakistan, supports rural health centres in Khyber Pakhtunkwa Province, providing quality doctors and health workers. The health workers promote a shift in cultural

awareness about why health care and hygiene are important. Families that come into health centres are encouraged to vaccinate their children, and women receive the pre-and post-natal health-care they need.

\$20 can provide a baby kit including a small baby blanket, baby lotion, oil, shampoo and soap, a baby cloth and a packet of nappies to help keep the newborn safe and warm.

The Christmas Bowl is a way of sharing the peace, love, joy and hope that we celebrate in the birth of Christ. It is a practical way of showing love for our neighbours, and lifting Christmas out of a dangerous and narrow self indulgent focus.

Christmas Bowl envelopes and a bowl for donations are available at the church entrances. Your gift is a prayer for a better world, a gift of love and a sign of hope.

To our visitors

**Welcome to Christmas worship and
our parish community.
Have a happy and Holy Christmas.**



Prayer Response

Jesus, Saviour,
hear our prayer.

In our Prayers:

- The Christmas Bowl as it supports disadvantaged people to a better quality of life
- The church as it witnesses to the birth of Christ
- Bishop-elect, Ian Palmer
- Peace in the Middle East and other places torn by unrest and conflict
- Give thanks for the blessings which we have in Australia and as individuals
- All who are travelling and those who work while others are at play
- People who are unwell and who face loneliness, isolation and bereavement at this time.

Updated Waiting List for Village

The waiting list continues to be updated for our Retirement Village. Please contact the office if you or a family member would like to be added to it.

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, with new paint and carpet. It also features ducted air conditioning and a single garage with internal access.

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

Welcome to our Christmas services.

May the Spirit of the Holy Child of God touch you with joy, peace, hope and love in our worship today.

If you are a visitor to this beautiful city of Orange, we hope that you enjoy your stay.

Anglican ministry began in Orange in the 1840's. Services commenced in what is now the Bluestone Hall in January 1858. The Rectory was built around 1866 and the present church in 1879. The three buildings are classified as buildings of significant local importance.

Copies of a brief parish history, "Welcome to Visitors", are available at the entrances.

ABM Reflections on the Readings

Isaiah 62.6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3.4-8a; Luke 2. 8-20

Today's readings have a resounding message that the promised Saviour came into the world to save us and set us free from all manner of oppression especially sin. Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Christ and the birth of the Church.

Today's question: How do I participate in making Christ be born in the lives of many around me who are oppressed by sin and its ravages?

Let us pray that during Christmas many will allow Christ to be born in their hearts.

Give thanks for the joy and family reunions that Christmas brings.

Give thanks for the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world, especially in rural and high density locations in the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

**Rosters for January are available today.
Please take your copy home with you.**

January Service Times

From Sunday, December 30 up to and including **Sunday, January 27**, there will only be one Sunday Service: at 9.00am.

The Saturday evening Vigil Eucharist will continue at 5:30 pm and the Wednesday 10:30 am service will continue as usual in the choir vestry.

Orange Anglicare

Emergency food stocks are very low. Gifts of non perishable food to help over the Christmas season are urgently needed. Please bring them to church and put them in the Anglicare basket at the services.

Our Bishop-Elect

Archdeacon Ian Palmer will be consecrated as Bishop of Bathurst in All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst, on February 9 at 11am.

Please pray for Ian and his wife, Liz, as they prepare to move from Queanbeyan to Bathurst. It is a very busy time for them as they say farewell, pack, and move into a new home and ministry.

Our Bishop-elect brings a wide range of experience and skills, a good sense of humour and an eagerness to minister in this region.

An **Australia Day celebration** at 5:30 pm on Saturday, January 25, 2012, followed by a barbeque in the Parish Centre. Please bring some food or drink to share. Meat will be supplied. A list for attendance will be made available in January.

A reminder to leaders of all parish groups and organisations that annual reports are needed in electronic form early in January please, in preparation for the AGM in February.

Thank you to our parishioners

who help in so many ways during the year with many tasks, from polishing brass, mowing lawns, swapping light bulbs, reading lessons, serving morning tea, care of grounds, conduct of services, Study Groups and weighty matters of administration and planning. All these tasks are incredibly important.

Time is given freely and generously with faith. **Thank you** for helping on our life together.

The Christmas Bowl

Lots of people take the opportunity of placing an empty bowl on the Christmas table for the main meal on Christmas Day. Gifts are placed in it to share with others around the world who have very little. It is a way of sharing the abundance we have in our country. Gifts for the Christmas Bowl can be placed in the offertory at church. Special envelopes are available. Last year, \$702.00 was given to the appeal. Can we do better in 2012?

A Christmas Day Grace

O Lord, everybody's home,
eating, drinking,
breathing in the Lord.

Now rejoice: the family's all together.

(From the Northumbria Community)

For Sale:

CD: "The Bells of Holy Trinity Orange" rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youth from the UK. This group that rang for the last royal wedding.

Good buying for \$15 from the Parish Office.

Authentic Christmas bells.....

