

This Week's Diary

Sunday December 28 First Sunday after Christmas	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am
Monday December 29	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Tuesday December 30	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Wednesday December 31	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Thursday January 1st <i>Office Closed</i>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Friday January 2nd	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Saturday January 3rd	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday January 4th 2nd Sunday after Christmas	Holy Communion HTO@10:30 <i>in the Memorial Hall</i>	8:30am 10:30am



**Jeremiah 31. 7-14 or Sirach 24.1-12; Psalm 147.12-20;
Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.(1-9) 10-18**

There will **not** be a Service at Borenore in January.
All other Services will be held as usual.

***Many parish activities will be in recess during January and will
resume late in the month or early in February.***

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

28th December 2014

The First Sunday after Christmas

As 2014 draws to a close and we turn to the new year, let us give thanks for all our blessings, and look forward with hope. The following general prayer of thanksgiving may be helpful.



Almighty God and merciful Father,
we give you hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.
We bless you for our creation and preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all, for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we pray, give us such a sense of all your mercies,
that our hearts may be truly thankful
and that we may praise you
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
serving you in holiness and righteousness
all our days,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory
now and forever. Amen.

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The Gate of the year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!"

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night

And He led me toward the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So, heart, be still!

What need our little life,

Our human life, to know,

If God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife

Of things both high and low

God hideth His intention.

Minnie Louise Haskins 1876 - 1957

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:

Light who lightens all,
shine in our lives.

In our prayers:

- The Diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Members of Bishop in Council and the Registry Office staff
- Parishes of Warren, Wellington and West Wyalong
- Father Mal and his family
- Peace in the holy Land, Pakistan, Nigeria, Nigeria, The Ukraine and other troubled nations
- Those on holidays
- Give thanks for recent rain
- Rain on still parched lands
- Give thanks for Christmas celebrations
- Those fighting bush fires
- Those mourning the death of Florence Jones

ABM Reflection

**Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Psalm 148:
Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.22-40**

Simeon and Anna, two prophets who had given their whole lives to God's service, meet Mary and Joseph when they bring Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord. This presentation was according to the Jewish custom. Yet it is also very special, because Luke has already told us that the child being presented in this case is actually the very Son of God. Simeon is allowed to see God's Messiah presented as a baby in the temple, and in this way his life of service is connected to the larger story of God's action.

Pray that you may see the many connections between your life and God's larger story.

Pray for the work of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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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.

Annual Women's Retreat

at Shalom House of Prayer

Monday 9th - Thursday 12th March 2015

Please note the date

and see the Notice Boards for details.
Application forms will be available at the end of January.

Name Badges

Please, would you assist by wearing your name badge as often as possible. This helps every-one, and is a welcoming sign for visitors.

Congratulations

to Norma and John Jones celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week.

Offering Envelopes

Sets of envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who would like to begin using these. Offering envelopes help to maintain a regular giving to the parish, with the duplex side of the envelope available for mission giving. An alternative way of giving is by direct debit, which an increasing number of people are choosing to use.

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Parish Annual Meeting

2:30pm, Sunday, 8 March, 2015,

in the Parish Centre

Annual Reports from all Parish groups and organisations are required as soon as possible please, and by no later than **25th January**. These may delivered to the parish office during office hours or, preferably, forwarded in electronic form to the office manager:

office@holyltrinityorange.org.au

Message from the Trinity Foundation

Church closes some doors for restoration work.

The final stage in addressing the critical rising damp issue for the church, involves creating new walkway access to the **two northern doors - which will be closed** for most of the project.

The work is anticipated to commence on 19th January and is hoped to be completed by Easter.

We apologise for any inconvenience which may occur, but the end result will not only address the issue, but provide good access for both disabled and able-bodied people.

All work is within the terms of the Trinity Foundation agreement with the National Trust of Australia (NSW) and will draw on funds held in a joint account with the National Trust.

Australia Day and Holy Trinity

A Parish Stall (of mixed goods) is to be held in Cook Park on Australia Day. This will be a stall of **any saleable goods**, to-gether with some brochures about the life of our Parish.

The stall will be from 7:00am-12noon. *All* parish groups and individuals, are strongly encouraged to be involved, so that this is a true parish effort.

How could you be involved??

- Making something to be sold? (Be creative!)
- Volunteer to take a turn on the stall for an hour? (At least 2 people are needed at any one time.)
- Assist with table/s and chairs?

Thank-you to Lynne Middleton for offering to co-ordinate this event.

Please liaise with Lynne (6362 0306) about any of the above.

This a great opportunity to be present in the wider community and have some fun too!!

Episcopal Ministry Fund

A letter and a flier regarding the new Episcopal Ministry Fund to support the "Office of the Bishop" were circulated last week-end. Further copies are available today and are commended for your close attention and response, as able. As can be seen, funding for the 'Office of the Bishop' is a matter of urgency.

