

## This Week's Diary

<b>Sunday December 7</b> Second Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am <i>in the Memorial Hall</i>
<b>Monday December 8</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
<b>Tuesday December 9</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Stewardship: Vision and Mission Group	8:30am 5:00pm 7:30pm
<b>Wednesday December 10</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Choir Practice Evening Prayer	8:30am 10:30am 4:30pm 5:00pm
<b>Thursday December 11</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
<b>Friday December 12</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer AWA Morning Tea	8:30am 5:00pm 10:00am
<b>Saturday December 13</b>	Holy Communion	5:30pm
<b>Sunday December 14</b> Third Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion HTO@10:30  Parish Luncheon	8:30am 10:30am  12:30pm <i>in the Memorial Hall</i>

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; John 1.6-8, 19-28

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# Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

**To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples**

7th December 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

## A Story on Justice

Some food for thought by Michael P.  
Green

The story has been told of a man who was caught and taken to court because he had stolen a loaf of bread. When the judge investigated, he found out that the man had no job, and his family was hungry. He had tried unsuccessfully to get work and finally, to feed his family, he had stolen a loaf of bread. Although recognizing the extenuating circumstances, the judge said, "I am sorry, but the law can make no exceptions. You stole, and therefore I have to punish you. I order you to pay a fine of ten dollars." He then continued, "But I want to pay the fine myself." He then reached into his pocket, pulled out a ten-dollar bill, and handed it to the man.

As soon as the man took the money, the judge said, "Now I also want to remit the fine." That is, the man could keep the money. "Furthermore, I am going to instruct the bailiff to pass around a hat to everyone in this courtroom, and I am fining every-one in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a city where a man has to steal in order to survive."

## Peace

There is a painting titled "Peace." It depicts waves crashing against jagged rocks. It portrays the violence of a crashing storm. It seems anything but peaceful. But down in a small corner of the painting, tucked away in the rocks, is a little bird sitting on her nest totally oblivious to the raging storm all about.

That is peace.

MICHAEL P. GREEN



## 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:

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation**

### In our prayers:

- The Diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Parishes of Mudgee, Narromine and Nyngan
- Our Parish
- 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
- Give thanks for recent rain
- Rain on still parched lands
- Those mourning the death of Irene Whibley

### ABM Reflection

**Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13**  
**2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8**

Today is our first of two encounters with John the Baptizer this season. His is a figure that has become almost routine to us in its strangeness. Yet his message is not routine at all: while wearing camel's hair clothing and eating locusts, he yells at us that someone is coming who will baptize us with fire. But this, we must remember, is the 'beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ' (1.1) – and the gospel of Jesus is so remarkable and contrary to expectations that it must be announced by a wild, uncommon figure.

Pray that God will open our eyes to all the people through whom the gospel is being revealed to us - people who are very like us, and people who are very different. Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

### 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!

### 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.

### Name Badges

**Please,** would you assist by wearing your name badge as often as possible. This will be especially helpful to Father Mal and his family as they get to know us.

### The Legal Defence parish Fundraising Committee

continues to plan and seek ideas for further fundraising ideas. **All ideas are welcome.** Any-one who wishes to hold such a fundraising activity is asked to please *speak with a committee member first.*

The Committee would also like to hear from any-one who is planning an activity, and to support them with these.

**For further information, or to contribute ideas,** please contact Ann Holden 6362 3399 or Len Bailey 6360 1072.

### Thank-you

**Thank-you** to all who did so much in preparation for, and had involvement in, Father Mal's Commissioning Service as well as the refreshments - with a special thank-you to Joy Wythes, Ann Holden, Brian Holden and 'their team'. It was a great celebration and 'team effort' all round.

### Thank-you

to Ron, Jack, Heather and all the others who provided the sausage sizzle and special morning tea for the Baptism Bear Reunion last Sunday. It was *greatly* enjoyed by all who were there.



### SRE

### (Special Religious Education)

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.

Our Parish is now preparing to make its contribution towards the students' activity books required for 2015.

**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 plate. Thank-you for your assistance towards this worthy outreach.

### Parish Fellowship Luncheon

12:30pm **Sunday 14th December.** 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.**

### THANKYOU.

A big thank you to the people who very promptly completed delivery of the bundles of the Christmas issue of Trinity News. It was much appreciated by Ann Holden and me. *Bill Marshall*

**Australian Anglican Church Calendars** are expected to arrive very soon.

### 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.

### 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