

## This Week's Diary

<b>Sunday December 8</b> <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Holy Communion	8:30am
	Family Service (10:30@HTO)	10:30am
	Parish Luncheon	12.30pm
	Bible Study Group	5:00pm
<b>Monday December 9</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Baptism Preparation	7.30pm
<b>Tuesday December 10</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Bible Study Group	7:30pm
	Stewardship and Vision Group	8.00pm
<b>Wednesday December 11</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Bishop in Council, Bathurst	9:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	7:30pm
<b>Thursday December 12</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
<b>Friday December 13</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
<b>Saturday December 14</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
<b>Sunday December 15</b> <i>The Third Day of Advent</i>	Holy Communion	8:30am
	Family Service (10:30@HTO)	10:30am
	(Holy Communion)	
	Bible Study	5:00pm

**Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10, The Magnificat, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11**

Please note that children's activities conclude on Sunday.  
Activity sheets will be available in the church during January.

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## Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

8 December 2013

The Second Sunday of Advent

### Caring for the displaced

The Christmas Bowl supports programs assisting over one million displaced people. The program in Tamil Nadu, helps Sri Lankan Tamils. The memory of war-related trauma, depression, alcoholism and lack of employment are amongst the problems faced by the 70,000 Sri Lankan Tamils living in refugee camps in Tamil Nadu, South India.

The civil war in Sri Lanka lasted for 26 years, ending in 2009.

*"My name is Santhi and today is my 16th birthday.*

*I am Sri Lankan and was born in a refugee camp in northern Tamil Nadu, South India. Life has been very difficult for me. Both of my parents left the refugee camp I was born in and lost contact with me. My sister married and stayed in the camp with her husband. Even though she cares for me, her husband's family is not able to accommodate me. When my parents left the camp I was crying. A health worker from the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR) found me. She sat with me and talked about my problems. As I was child under the care of no one, I was moved to Chennai so I could be cared for properly.*

*Thanks to OfERR, I now have a place to live and I go to school. When I'm not at school I do*

*my homework and assist OfERR volunteers in simple jobs like filing, sorting and delivering documents in the office. I am also learning how to use computers.*

*I like school very much. When I finish, I would like to go to college and study science as one day I'd like to be a doctor. No one should suffer without doctors, and I want to treat people without getting any fee. Thank you for your support. It is helping me to build a safer, stronger future for myself and others, despite the traumas of the past."*

Act for Peace's partner helps provide basic health support services and support for adolescent girls and pregnant women in the camps. Trained volunteer health workers and counsellors visit each home in the camp at least once a month. Counselling, health care, and medical referral can be provided.



## 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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power,  
**and come among us.**

## In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz, and all leaders of our diocese
- The parishes of Mudgee, Narromine and Nyngan
- The Christmas Bowl and all the people who will receive its care
- That the spirit of generosity and peace may dwell in our society
- The Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse
- Resolution to conflicts in the Middle East
- Those caring for terminally ill relatives and friends

## ABM Reflection

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21;  
Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

With Isaiah we look for a “spirit of wisdom and understanding”. But the trails of the mind do not lead to a haven of peace. Christ knew the “whole counsel of God” and the door to the treasure house of his wisdom is open.

Today’s question: Why do I trust so much in my knowledge when my spiritual strength is far greater?

- Prayer: Spirit of Jesus, open the door to your recalled wisdom and let it be my bread and drink.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan (covers Sudan and South Sudan).

## Days of Prayer

Bishop Ian has asked that Friday, March 7 and Friday, June 6 be held as days of special prayer for the diocese. Please make a note of them in your diary.

## Parish Luncheon Today

in the Parish Centre, from 12:30pm. Please bring some food or drink to share. The theme will be “A Taste of Christmas.”

*All are welcome* to this last luncheon for 2013.

## Callistemon Trees

Bishop Ian gave each parish a callistemon tree during Synod. They are to be a sign of unity and prayer across the Diocese. Our tree has been planted near the Parish Centre. Mick Harvey is propagating some of cuttings. Some will be planted in the church grounds; some will be given to parishioners who would like one to place in your garden as a reminder for the need for both prayer and spiritual growth. Please speak to the Rector today to order one. **Thank you** Mick for your careful and loving work.

## Car Park.

The ‘lawned’ area on the northern side of the Memorial Hall will be sealed next Tuesday. During the week, the area is leased to a local business. On weekends, it is available for parishioners and visitors to the Village.

The Trinity Village Committee is paying for this work. Rental income for the next five years will repay the cost, with interest. The income will then revert to the parish.

## Altar Front

**Thanks** to Lyn Atkins whose artwork appears on the front of the altar. Watch it as it unfolds in the Advent season in preparation for Christmas.

## The Christmas Candle

This is a Christmas story for the entire family from December 5 for a very short period of time. Highly recommended family viewing.

## Mission Targets for 2013

### Our Giving to date:

- Anglican Board of Missions (ABM) \$4,768; Over target by \$59.25
- National Home Mission Fund (NHMF) \$863; Under target by \$823
- Company of the Good Shepherd (CGS) \$1,511; Under target by \$594.30

Please, if you are able, put a little in the duplex envelopes to help us reach these targets. Our gifts are critical to the ministries of each of these organizations.

As well, in the last two months, \$70 has been given to the Philippines Recovery Appeal, \$120 to the Syrian Refugee Appeal, \$150 to Anglicare for the Blue Mountains Bushfire Appeal, \$192.95 to BCA, and \$60 to Wycliffe

## SRE in 2014

Scripture in the town schools is on Tuesday to Thursday mornings. The greatest needs are for more Infant and Lower Primary teachers, particularly at Torpy Street and Orange East Public Schools. Bowen and Glenroi Heights Assembly groups, held on Tuesday mornings, are currently run by only 2 people and sometimes just one. More people, even on a part time basis, would assist immensely at these Assembly groups. **Please prayerfully consider if you might be able to be part of the solution to these needs.** If interested please talk to Heather Cummins.

SRE is taught ecumenically to hundreds of children each week.

## Name Badges

**Thank-you** to all who are wearing name badges - it is very helpful for many people. Please make sure you wear them on Christmas Day.

## Services this Month

The last Family Service (10:30@HTO) for this year will be Holy Communion, on next Sunday, **December 15**, followed by a simple lunch and games in the church grounds. 10:30@HTO will recommence on Sunday, **February 2, 2014.**

### Sunday, 22 December 2013

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am **Advent into Christmas**

(Songs of the Season tracing the story of God’s love in song and scripture.)

Followed by morning tea.

### Christmas Eve, December 24

6:00pm Children’s Pageant

(Please contact Elaine Cooper if you are able to help: 6362 1623)

11:00pm “Mid-night” Service

### 8:00pm Christ Church, Borenore

### Christmas Day December 25

7:30am Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

## Volunteers for Christmas Services

**Thank you** to those who have volunteered to help at the various services.

**We are still in need of others, and especially newcomers for most services. Can you help??**

Please add your name to the list today if you are able to assist in any of these important areas.

*There were a number of visitors last Sunday at 8:30am who commented that they loved the welcome they received and the sense of a loving community they experienced. Well done everyone.*