

## This Week's Diary

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| <b>Sunday February 16</b><br><i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i> | Holy Communion<br>10:30@HTO<br>Bible Study  | 8:30am<br>10:30am<br>5:00pm                     |
| <b>Monday February 17</b>                                     | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer  | 8:30am<br>5:30pm                                |
| <b>Tuesday February 18</b>                                    | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer<br>Bible Study<br>Baptism Preparation  | 8:30am<br>5:30pm<br>7:30pm<br>7:30pm            |
| <b>Wednesday February 19</b>                                  | Morning Prayer<br>Bishop in Council (Bathurst)<br>Holy Communion (in the Parish Centre)<br>Evening Prayer<br>Choir Practice | 8:30am<br>9:30am<br>10:30am<br>5:30pm<br>7:30pm |
| <b>Thursday February 20</b>                                   | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer<br>Special Council Meeting   | 8:30am<br>5:30pm<br>7:30pm                      |
| <b>Friday February 21</b>                                     | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer  | 8:30am<br>5:30pm                                |
| <b>Saturday February 22</b>                                   | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer  | 8:30am<br>5:30pm                                |
| <b>Sunday February 23</b><br><i>7th Sunday after Epiphany</i> | Holy Communion<br>10:30@HTO<br>Bible Study  | 8:30am<br>10:30am<br>5:00pm                     |

**Readings:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 ; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17;  
Matthew 5:38-48

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## Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

16 February 2014

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

### From the Rector,

What are the sacred spaces or places in your life?

For example, people travel to the Holy Land to visit the traditional site of the sermon on the Mount. They go to visit an ordinary place that has become marked as a sacred space because of what once happened there. People value standing where Jesus spoke words that revealed the fresh and living way of God in the world. The ancient Israelites built altars as sacred places, and we know that, for Australian aboriginals, the land has a sacred value.

Rabbi L Hoffman suggests that there are four ways to approach a holy place:

**First: Anticipate** - take time the day before to anticipate what you will see or do the next day.

**Secondly: Approach** - remember to approach the space or time with a sense of expectation that you are going to have a powerful experience.

**Thirdly: Acknowledge** - when you arrive, acknowledge the sacred, that you are on holy ground, and take the spiritual moment seriously.

**Fourthly: Appreciate** - appreciate the moment and reflect on your thoughts and feelings.

It seems to me that this is a useful thing to do in preparation for Lent. Do you consider the parish church as a sacred site, a place where you may encounter God, or: has familiarity dulled that sense? Have you considered that the very act of reading the Scriptures as taking us into a holy place? Or that participating in a study group could have the same effect? Have you thought that as you say your own prayers in the morning or the evening, that this is a sacred action, and the place where this takes place is in fact holy ground?

The four suggested approaches provide a prompt to slow down from our business and open a place for a deeper encounter with the Holy God.



## 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:

Life-giving God,  
hear us and be with us.

## In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian and Liz, and our Diocese
- Gulgong, Kelso and Molong
- Our Parish at this time of transition
- The Clergy Appointments' Board
- Christians in many places suffering because of their faith
- Peace - in Egypt, Syria, Sudan
- Rain over parched lands
- All affected by Bush Fires
- Governments as they look at rural industry, investment, manufacturing and employment
- Those who are ill at home or in hospital
- Give thanks for the gift of cooler weather

## ABM Reflection

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalm 119:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-27

Jesus brings fresh perspectives on commandments from the Old Testament and looks at the issue in a different way. Unlike the Teachers who approached the scriptures by quoting their predecessors, Jesus brings a sense of authority.

**Prayer:** God of truth and love may we have truthful tongues and healing hearts. Teach us the habit of honesty and truth.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia (Malaysia and Singapore).

**Thank you** to Len Bailey and his team of helpers for all the arrangements for the Banjo Paterson celebration last Sunday. It was a great day. Well done. And thanks to our bell ringers for a great weekend of ringing! Fantastic.

## Singers Needed

The Choir is seeking new members. Practices are held at 7:30pm each Wednesday in the Choir Vestry. If you are interested, please speak to the organist after to-day's service, or contact Pamela on 6362 3158. All vocal parts are needed.

## Parish Roll

When moving and/or changing 'phone numbers, it can be easy to overlook notifying the Parish Office of the change of such contact details for the Parish Roll. The result sometimes causes confusion, and leaves people out of 'the loop' for information, such as the Trinity News.

If you think that you may not have updated your relevant details, would you please notify Leslie Tyrell **as soon as possible** - by e-mail: office@holytrinityorange.org.au or: 'phone: 6362 1623. **Thank-you.**

## Ash Wednesday Services, March 5

7:15am, 10:30am and 5:30pm

## Lenten Study Book

*These are available at the* Parish Office. Cost: \$15. The study book is written by Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop of Sheffield, **"Experiencing God's Love"**, and looks at five different pictures of what it means to live the Christian life. It will provide rich reflection prior to Easter. It is hoped to have a number of groups. One will meet at the Rectory on Sunday nights from 7:30pm until 9.00pm. Others will be advertised next Sunday.

The flowers at the Pulpit  
this week-end  
are in loving memory  
of  
John Lampe

The Wednesday congregation will continue to meet in the Parish Centre until the spring. It is a whole lot warmer than the Choir Vestry.

## Coming Events

**Diocesan Day of Prayer, March 7**  
(Scripture focus, Matthew 6.25-34)

## Annual Women's Retreat

10th-13th March at Shalom House of Prayer, Carcoar. **Registration forms are available - in the church and in the hall.**

## Parish Annual Meetings

Sunday, March 16:  
after the 9:30am service at Borenore  
and at 3:30pm in the Parish Centre.

## Blessing of the Harvest:

April 6, 10:30am, at Mortimer's Vineyard

## Retirement

### and Clergy Appointments' Board

Archdeacon Frank's final service as Rector will be at 10:30am on April 27. **This will be the only Service that morning.** A farewell Luncheon will follow at 12:30pm at the Orange Ex-Services Club. More details later.

As the Appointment's Board seeks a new priest please do pray for them in their work.

**Bountiful God,**  
**give to this parish a faithful pastor**  
**who will faithfully speak your word**  
**and minister your sacraments;**  
**an encourager who will equip your**  
**people for ministry**  
**and enable us to fulfil our calling.**  
**Give to those who will choose, wisdom,**  
**discernment and patience,**  
**and to us give warm and generous**  
**hearts,**

for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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## Confirmation 2014

Confirmation is the re-affirmation of baptismal vows by people of mature years. Please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible**, to register interest, or for more information - for both children and adults. We are waiting for Bishop Ian to provide a date.

## Sanctuary Repairs

The sanctuary has been screened off and sealed to reduce the ingress of dust into the church as slates on the northern roof are to be replaced; "drummy" plaster renewed and the timber panelling on the western wall refurbished. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by Easter.

Late in the coming week, slaters will re-slate the northern side of the sanctuary roof at a cost of \$16,500. The cost of repairing an individual slate is \$500. It is an investment in the future.

## Evening Prayer at All Saints' Cathedral

Father Frank is preaching at the Evensong Service in the Cathedral this afternoon at 4:30 pm. There are a couple of seats in the

