

This Week's Diary

Sunday February 1	Holy Communion	8:30am
The 4th Sunday after Epiphany	HTO@10:30	10:30am
Monday February 2	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Trinity Foundation Meeting	8:00am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Tuesday February 3	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
	Stewardship: Vision and Mission Group	6:00pm
Wednesday February 4	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Thursday February 5	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Friday February 6	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Saturday February 7	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday February 8	Holy Communion	8:30am
The 5th Sunday after Epiphany	HTO@10:30	10:30am

Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147.1-11; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1.29-39

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

1st February 2015

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Call to Follow Jesus

Mark 1:16–18

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

The call to follow Jesus is enticing, relevant, true and life changing. The story of the first disciples and their calling is just plain weird. I mean, who would simply go off, leaving their job in the middle of work, to follow someone they had never met, heard of, or much less had any relationship to. What was it that drew them in? What was it that said, "This guy has what I need"? What was it that told them they could trust Him?

There was something very distinct, very unique, something about this man that captivated them so much so, that they were willing to follow him no matter what. This man wants to change their whole perception on life, and does it through ten simple words, which could reasonably be interpreted as, 'following me will change the way you look at creation, the way you

see humanity, the way you interact with humanity, and the way you know God'.

It's easy to look back in hindsight knowing the end of the picture, and figure out why things happened, but hindsight isn't helpful when you are in the midst of living the 'whatever' it is you need hindsight for! All these men and women had, was an interaction, a moment in time, a moment in their lives with this man Jesus. All they had to go on was that moment in time when they met the light of God. It must have been some moment, because it changed their lives, their community, their history and the history of the whole world.

"Follow me", it's a gamble, it's a risk, it could have been the ultimate blunder of life for anyone, and yet, it wasn't, and isn't for us now either.

The call to follow Jesus is one that will change your life, it will give you life and at times it will be hard to fathom because you won't always understand it. But it is real, it is for you and I, and it is for now.



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:
Holy One, hear us,
O God, deliver us.



In our prayers:

- The Diocese
- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz in their walk to Dubbo
- Parishes of Cumnock and Dubbo.
- Father Mal and his family
- The Stewardship: Vision and Mission Group in its looking forward
- Canon Margaret
- The Finance Committee in its work;
- The preparations for the Parish Annual Meeting
- Peace around the world; a safe outcome for hostages
- Rain on parched lands
- Thanks for welcome rain
- Those mourning the loss of Joyce Murray and David Rowe.

ABM Reflection

Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8.1-13; Mark 1.21-28

A new teaching – with authority! The exorcism is a graphic demonstration of that authority. Jesus' word becomes Jesus' deed. The amazed congregation recognizes the source of Jesus' authority just as the unclean spirits did.

Pray that we might give Jesus authority in our own lives.

Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

CMS Summer School: 14 February
and
Annual Women's Retreat: 12 March
Information and Registration/
Application Forms are available at the church and hall entrances.

Sunday 1st March

Worship at 9:00am

Please note that there will be one Service only

on this, Canon Margaret's last, Sunday before her retirement from the Parish. It will be in the church, and will be followed by brunch in the Memorial Hall.

All are welcome!

Donations are being sought for a retirement gift for Canon Margaret Finlay.

Please contact Ann Holden (63623 399) or Marcia Thorp (6361 1181) for further details.

Make an Offer!

We had a Breville Baker's Oven Plus (Bread/Dough Maker) donated for our recent stall. We can't sell electrical goods, but we know who cured it, we know it works, and we know it has been used **very** rarely. If you would like to own it, make a reasonable offer, and the highest bid will own it! Comes with instructions and recipe book. Phone office on 6362 1623. Bids close 15th February.

Jams: There are also some delicious jams remaining. Purchase through the office: 6362 1623.

Cursillo Gathering at St Barnabas

on Sunday 8th Feb 5PM. Please record your name, hymn number and if you are able to contribute towards a main or dessert, for a light meal to follow. **ALL WELCOME!**

Australia Day and Holy Trinity

Thank-you to every-one who assisted in *any way* with our stall in Cook Park.

A lot of work went into the preparations as well as on the day. It was great team effort.

Well done every-one!

Worship Rosters

Thank-you to Heather Cummins for taking up the managing of the Sunday 10:30am Ministry Roster, and to Ray Norman for taking up the managing of the large (lay) part of the larger Ministry Roster which embraces all other services. This is of significant administrative assistance.

Heather and Ray will appreciate any advice of anticipated planned absences from the parish by any who are involved in the varied ministries.

Parish Annual Meeting

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

This is election year for Parish positions. Please give thought to who you would like to nominate to the positions of Warden, Parish Councillor, Synod Representative or Parish Appointment Board member. Nomination forms will be available soon.

Brass Cleaning

Thank-you to all who are participating in this important ministry - which is 'customarily' done monthly, and with a special effort before Christmas and Easter. All this is greatly appreciated.

There are still some spaces for others to become involved. If you wish to, please add your name to the roster - which is in the church to-day, and will then reside on the Notice Board in the Choir Vestry. **All are welcome.**

Congratulations!

Warm congratulations to Shirley Sugden on her award as the Orange Citizen of the Year - an award richly deserved.



Parish Luncheon

The next Parish Luncheon will be at 12:30pm on Sunday 8th February. Please 'bring a plate' to share. **ALL Welcome!**

Guest Speaker: Father Mal: his Christian Journey.

The Bishop's Walk

Details of the Bishop's walk are available to-day, for those who would like to join him at any point/s along the way, and a copy of map marked with his route is available on the Notice Boards.

From the Trinity Foundation:

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.

Please note the only exits from the church are via the main south door and the bell tower during this work.

The Wednesday worship will take place in the Parish Centre during this time.

All other Service will take place in the church.

Due to the difficulty of access to the Church during this work period, flowers in the Church will be minimal, except on special occasions.

Ash Wednesday Services

18th February:

7:15am, 10:30am and 5:00pm

Holy Week and Easter Service times next week.