

This Week's Diary

Sunday February 26 1st Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Holy Communion	9:30am
	Annual General Meeting	11:00am
	Bible Study Group	5:00pm
Monday February 27	Trinity Foundation,	8:00am
	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Tuesday February 28	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	MU Annual Meeting	4:00pm
Wednesday February 29	Holy Communion	7.15am
	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	7:30pm
Thursday March 1	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Friday March 2	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	AWA Group Meeting	2:00pm
Saturday March 3	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday March 4 Second Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Family Service	9:30am
	Bible Study Group	5:00pm

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:24-32, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8: 31-38

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

Growing, loving and serving God in the Community

26th February 2012

The First Sunday In Lent

From the Rector:

"Kath and Kim" made famous the line, "Look at me, look at me." It asks for closer attention, but not for any depth of thought or self reflection.

Introspection is a form of self focus, while self-awareness raises questions about interactions with other people, with attitudes and actions. One cause of our contemporary, cultural unhappiness is a lack of self awareness.

In a world that is filled with endless distractions, is it worth allowing time for spiritual reading? In a world that is driven by consumerism, is it worth thinking about the root cause of the need to accumulate?

In ancient monastic communities, the word "acedia" was used to describe a loss of enthusiasm for the spiritual life itself, as a form of spiritual carelessness.

It asks "Is it worth the effort? What do we get if we pray more, or pray less? What happens if we feel constantly unsettled in the familiar routines of our daily lives?" Temptation is both subtle and insidious.

"Acedia" lies behind the seven Capital Sins, which are better known as the seven Deadly Sins - pride, envy, anger, sloth,

greed, gluttony, and lust.

Today's scripture readings ask us to think about baptism. Noah and his family were saved through water. God established a new covenant, seen in the rainbow. 1 Peter speaks about baptism as "an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

In Jesus' baptism, the Spirit descends, declaring God's Beloved Son. Jesus is then driven into the wilderness to confront the powers of temptation. This is no place for spiritual carelessness. He emerges, equipped powerfully to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.

As Lent begins, there is a call for self awareness, and through the guidance of the Spirit of Christ, to name carelessness, endless distractions, laziness and excuses.

Build, in that strength, a discipline of prayer, meditation, scripture reading, study and worship that can become the bedrock for spirituality, witness and discipleship.



To our visitors Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you enjoy your worship here today.

Please stay on for a cup of tea after the services if you are able.



Prayer Response

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In our Prayers

- the Church of the Province of Central Africa.
- The Parishes of Oberon, Orange East
- Today's AGM
- OAKS and for an extra teacher
- Those who lead our nation at this time of uncertainty
- Those affected by flooding
- People living in places with major problems with peace and security
- Those who are hospitalised;
- The bereaved, including those who mourn Bob Sellers

OAK Tree (Sunday School) needs a teacher for the 4th Sunday of each month. Please speak to Rachel Budden or Margo Clarke if you can help.

Meals On Wheels a reminder it is Holy Trinity Team's turn to do Meals on Wheels this week February 27.

Name Badges are a great help in building community. Please wear one in church. If you would like one made, please contact the Parish Office.

'mainly music' will now commence in Term 3. Please keep this fledgling ministry in your prayers and contact Rachel Budden for more information.



The flowers at the pulpit
this weekend are in Loving
Memory of
David Pattinson

Quiet Day at St John's, Molong February 27, 10am to 3pm.

The Rev Joan Smith is leading this time of reflection which will explore our own wilderness experiences, leading to a simple practice to adopt for each day of Lent. It provides an opportunity to clear space for God. Please bring your own lunch. Morning and afternoon tea are available. For more information, please contact Joan on 63623375.

ABM Lectionary Reflection

- Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-10;
1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.9-15

Today is the fifth day of Lent; some of us are changing from the inside-out, while others are changing the outside-in. In our Gospel reading, Jesus is baptized and immediately goes out in the desert to be tempted. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, we see the high before the low. Yet Jesus was not alone, the Holy Spirit came upon him and his internal transformation allows him to face the outside world. The Middle East has many deserts and temptations, as do our own lands. But a desert may be a place of growth and victory if we remember the words of the Psalmist, 'to you O Lord I lift up my soul, in you I trust O my God' (Ps 25.1-2a) then we need not worry.

- Pray for those who feel alone and who are facing the harsh realities of life. Pray that the Lord will comfort the afflicted.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Book Group, Thursday 8 March at 10 Lucas Street, home of Noel and Margo Clarke. This month's book is "My Brilliant Career" by Miles Franklin. All welcome.

Annual General Meeting

Today, at 11.00am, in the Parish Centre. Morning Tea will be held there prior to the meeting.

Elections will be held for positions on Parish Council, Synod Representatives, Clergy Appointments Board and Orange District Ministry Council. Appointments are for the next three years.

Information detailing what each task involves is available at the back of the church, as is a copy of the agenda. Please bring your *Annual Reports* to the meeting.

Frustratingly, audited financial statements have not been received as expected. Another meeting will have to be held to receive the reports and review the budget, which is attached to the business papers.

Annual Women's Retreat, Monday 12 March to Thursday 15 March

See noticeboard for details of the retreat which will be led by the Rev Ann Neville. Applications close on Friday, March 2.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 2, 10.00am

"Let Justice Prevail", 10am;

West Orange Baptist Church, Molong Road. This year's service has been prepared by a committee from Malaysia. See noticeboard for details. The speaker is Diane Schmidt.

This week, the Rev Joan Chapman is attending a training week at Galong for folk who have been recently ordained.

Private Accommodation Wanted!

For a mature young man, arriving from Qld to work at Cadia. If you can help, or like further information, please contact Lynn Middleton on 6362 0141

Bible and Lenten Study Groups

The Tuesday 7.30pm study is in recess suspended for six weeks. The **"Christian Life and Witness"** training programs for the **Reality Event** commence on February 27. Sheets detailing the program are available. Each Thursday, at 12:30 pm, prayer meetings are held at Orange House of Prayer, Endsleigh Ave.

"Operation Andrew" prayer cards are also available as a tool to pray for others. Please use them over the coming weeks

Sunday's 5pm Bible Study Group will continue as usual. Please contact Noel or Margo, 5310 6632

"Faith and Light", offers reflections on the Lenten Gospel readings. Copies of the book can be obtained from the Parish Office for \$10. Groups are being held on **Tuesdays** from 10am-11.30am. Contact Julie Jeffriess 0458 910 034, for women.

Another group meets on **Wednesday**, from 12.30pm-1.30pm, with the Rev Jane Chapman. Bring your lunch. Choir Vestry.

"And it was Good, Responding to God's Gift of Creation". Thursday from 12.30pm-1.30pm with Fr Frank. Bring your lunch. Choir Vestry

Both books make a great book to use if you can't make it to a group. Other material, based on the Sunday Gospels and the Baptism service, is available.

Each Wednesday during Lent, there will be celebration of Holy Communion at 7.15am.

