

This Week's Diary

Sunday February 8	Holy Communion	8:30am
The 5th Sunday after Epiphany	HTO@10:30	10:30am
Monday February 9	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Tuesday February 10	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
	Bell Ringers	6:30pm
Wednesday February 11	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Choir Practice	4:30pm
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Thursday February 12	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Terrors	10:00am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Friday February 13	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	AWA Morning Tea	10:00am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Saturday February 14	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday February 15	Holy Communion	8:30am
Last Sunday after the Epiphany	HTO@10:30	10:30am

2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-12; Mark 9.2-9

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To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

8th February 2015

The fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Living without Anxiety

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31

With depression, anxiety disorders and stress related sicknesses becoming more and more prolific in today's society people are searching for release. Release from the anxiety, the darkness of depression and stressors are becoming big business in many parts of our society. Positive thinking seminars, spiritual retreats, and spiritual enlightenment programs are becoming more the norm in our society and recognized as being wonderful ways of dealing with the issues that arise out of these very painful and at times debilitating illnesses. Counseling and psychiatric services are of course very important, yet to consider another pathway, the scriptures, would be regarded as completely inconsequential to most in society. Yet if we consider the context of the early church, and the society that they lived, then the scriptures have the answers to many of the life issues that society struggles with.

Consider the scripture above; in context Paul is speaking to a group of people that are unable to guarantee anything in their lives (except the Love of God in Christ).

Persecution, martyrdom, segregation, and

harassment were commonplace for all believers. If you think about it the stressors of life for these people were imposing, and many could have felt anxiety, depression and stress related sicknesses day in and day out, as is the case today.

Paul writes to them be way of principle, he extends to them the idea that if they live their lives in the perspective of eternity where the temporal aspects of life are seen as not important in the big picture, then they won't be caught up in the systems of society that make these things as being more important than anything else. This is not to say he was saying don't deal with life in society, and it doesn't mean that some of these things aren't important. It is saying that they must not become the most important part of life where we can't live without them.

In fact Paul actually gives characteristics of life that if used instead of these other aspects of society then life can become full and flourishing. He says in Colossians, to clothe yourselves with 'compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience'. Share life with each other by bearing each other's burdens and being a people of forgiveness and above all Love. God's love is life changing, relationship changing and environment changing. Paul is helping the church consider their circumstances of a life, where darkness is paramount, and changing the context to one bounded in the Love of God, with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

The challenge for us today is to see whether it is possible to do the same, change our context with the Love of 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:

Lord, we come to you.

You alone can make us whole.



In our prayers:

- The Diocese
- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz in their moving to Dubbo
- Parishes of Eugowra, Forbes, Gilgandra, Grenfell
- Father Mal and his family
- Canon Margaret
- The preparations for the Parish Annual Meeting
- Peace around the world; a safe outcome for hostages
- Rain on parched lands
- Those struggling with bushfires
- Those who are grieving

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.

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.

Parish Luncheon

The next Parish Luncheon will be at 12:30pm **TO-DAY.** Please 'bring a plate' to share. **ALL Welcome!**
Guest Speaker: Father Mal: his Christian Journey.

Thank-you

to the **AWA members and the extended helping 'family'** for your wonderful efforts in organizing the lunch with Bishop Ian and Liz on Tuesday. It was a wonderful effort and greatly appreciated



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.

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.

Annual Women's Retreat: 12 March

Information and Registration/Application Forms are available at the church and hall entrances.

CMS Central West Missionary Expo 14 February,

at Molong District Baptist Church
Information and Registration details are available at the entrances.

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.

Please also be aware of the distance to walk from the Church to the toilets.

The Wednesday and Saturday

Congregations will worship 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.

Dates for the Diary

- **World Day of Prayer Service:** 10:00am, 6th March: Salvation Army Citadel, Kite Street
- **Daylight Saving ends:** 5th April!
- **Blessing of the Harvest:** 10:30am, 12th April, at Mortimers Vineyard, followed by a picnic lunch - in place of the 'usual' fellowship luncheon
- **Solomon Islands Mission:** 21st September - 7th October

More details will follow over time, together with other events.

Congratulations to

**Michael Jarvis
and
Clare Chalmers**

who were married yesterday



Sunday 1st March

Worship at 9:00am

Please note: 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.**

Ash Wednesday Services

18th February:

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

Holy Week and Easter Service times next week.

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday, 29 March: usual worship times

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April:

Passover Meal: 6:00pm

Worship: 8:00pm

Good Friday, 3rd April:

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Evening Prayer: 5:00pm

Easter Eve, 4th April:

Pascal Candle Service: 8:00pm

Easter Day, 5th April:

Worship: 7:30am and 9:30am

9:30am at Borenore

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church of God

Jesse Samuel Peter Stephens

Sophie Monique Courtney

