

This Week's Diary

Sunday January 11 The Baptism of Our Lord	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am
Monday January 12	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Tuesday January 13	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Stewardship, Vision and Mission Group	8:30am 5:00pm 6:00pm
Wednesday January 14	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Thursday January 15	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	8:30am 5:00pm 7:30pm
Friday January 16	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Saturday January 17	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday January 18 The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Holy Communion HTO@10:30 <i>in the Memorial Hall</i>	8:30am 10:30am

1 Samuel 3. 1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139. 1-5, 12-18; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51

There will **not** be a Service at Borenore in January.

All other Services will be held as usual.

Many parish activities will be in recess during January and will resume late in the month or early in February.

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

11th January 2015

The Baptism of Our Lord

Our Identity as Anglicans

One of the great things that is a mark of our distinctiveness as Anglican Christians today is what is culturally called our Worship.

Our worship entails, prayers of praise, confession, humility, joyfulness, sorrow, and attention to the greatness of God. We have at the very heart of our worship services the scriptures, the creeds, the Lord's Prayer, words of encouragement and the Psalms.

If you were to ask yourself though what was the key factor, the key part, of our worship, what would you say it was? Personally I believe it is about 'communion'; not the sacramental part necessarily, but the gathering together of a group of believers in unity of purpose – to Glorify God.

Jesus gathered people together; the early church started in such a way that people got together and walked together as they learnt to worship God. Now this wasn't easy then and isn't easy now. With different personalities, cultures, and interpretations of what church is to be like and how we should behave in Church, it can be very difficult to gather with people around you who are different. Let alone people you don't necessarily like or want to know.

The wonderful thing about the first chapter of Ephesians, as I said in my last week's sermon, is about "becoming who you already are in Christ" When we meet Christ, He meets us, and things change. What we need to understand is that "we are becoming" not that we are already perfect in Christ!

This means that in our Worship Services where we gather together, we are all a work in progress. We will all love different parts of the same thing. We will all have issues to deal with, whether struggling with forgiveness and trust at different times with people in our gathering and beyond or many, many other issues. The point is that as Anglicans we have this wonderful gift of "Worship Services", where we can come together, in what I call 'our brokenness', be accepted as broken, and then worship together in unity.

We worship as a people in unison, not as the same. The distinction is important because it helps us to respect each other as we worship in different ways and as we come together working out our lives as Christians.

Just remember, we are all "becoming who we already are in Christ", we are all working towards that goal and we are doing it together in His Grace.

God Bless us all in this Journey.

Fr Mal

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 of Light,
**enlighten all your
people.**



In our prayers:

- The Diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Members of Parish Council
- Parishes of Bourke-Brewarrina, Canowindra and Cobar
- Father Mal and his family
- Our parish community as the new year unfolds
- Peace in the Holy Land, Pakistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Syria, Afghanistan, The Ukraine and other troubled nations
- Those on holidays
- Rain on parched lands
- Those devastated by bushfires and relief for those fighting fires
- All affected by the terrorism attack's in Paris and Yemen

ABM Reflection

Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29;
Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

Jesus interpreted the events of his baptism as a unique call to ministry. It was a very personal experience. But Mark lets us into this secret from the beginning as we walk with Jesus to the crucifixion.

Pray that we may see our own baptism as commissioning for ministry in the name of Christ.

Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia, giving thanks for all that is done in the twenty-three dioceses of our Church to further God's mission in the world.

Parish Annual Meeting
2:30pm, Sunday, 8 March, 2015,

in the Parish Centre
Annual Reports from all Parish groups and organisations are required **as soon as possible please**, and by no later than **25th January**.

These may delivered to the parish office during office hours or, preferably, forwarded in electronic form to the office manager: office@holytrinityorange.org.au

Anglican Futures Conference

Melbourne: 25-27 March 2015

This Conference will address "issues head on" which the Anglican Church is grappling with to-day. **Bishop Ian** will be attending. He commends this Conference as 'we consider the future of our diocese', and would welcome the attendance of other clergy and laity from our Diocese.

Initial information is available on our Notice Boards. **If interested, please act now.**

Anglican Parish of Parkes

is celebrating its 140th Anniversary as a Parish: 20-22 February. A programme of events is planned. Please see Notice Boards for details and some RSVP points. All welcome.

Thank-you

very much to ever-one, for your kind expressions of congratulations on our 60th Wedding Anniversary. *Norma and John Jones*

Congratulations to

**Phillip Couchman
and
Shirley Featherstone**

who were married yesterday at
Christ Church, Borenore



**Message from the Trinity
Foundation**

**Church closes some doors for
restoration work.**

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.

The work is anticipated to commence on 19th January and is hoped to be completed by Easter.

We apologise for any inconvenience which may occur, but the end result will not only address the issue, but provide good access for both disabled and able-bodied people.

All work is within the terms of the Trinity Foundation agreement with the National Trust of Australia (NSW) and will draw on funds held in a joint account with the National Trust.

Welcomers

All current welcomers are asked to come to a morning tea:

10.00am on Saturday 31st January

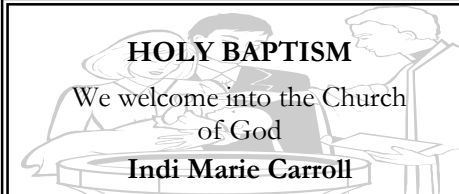
in the Parish Centre.

This will be an opportunity for feed-back from all - to explore how the current welcoming procedures are working, - and to clarify the recent changes. It is also an opportunity for support in the role, and over morning tea! If not able to attend, please contact Canon Margaret
Any-one interested in also being involved in this very valuable ministry is very welcome too. For more information, please speak with Canon Margaret.

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church
of God

Indi Marie Carroll



**Australia Day
and
Holy Trinity**



A Parish Stall of **mixed goods** is to be held in Cook Park on Australia Day.

This will be a stall of **any saleable goods**, to-gether with some brochures about the life of our Parish.

The stall will be from 7:00am-12noon.

All parish groups and individuals, are strongly encouraged to be involved, so that this is a true parish effort.

How could you be involved??

- Making something to be sold?
If you are able to assist in this manner, please would you deliver (or arrange with a friend to deliver) the goods to the stall, and to go back at midday to retrieve any unsold goods??

Many thanks.

- Volunteer to take a turn on the stall for an hour?

(**At least** 2 people are needed at any one time.)

The roster for this is in the church to-day - at the cross-aisle.

- Assist with table/s and chairs?

Thank-you to Lynne Middleton for offering to co-ordinate this event.

Please liaise with Lynne (6362 0141) about any of the above.

This a great opportunity to be present in the wider community and have some fun too!!

The flowers at the pulpit
this weekend
are in loving memory of
Harry King

