

This Week's Diary

Sunday January 13 The Baptism Of Our Lord	Holy Communion	9:00am
Monday January 14	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Tuesday January 15	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Wednesday January 16	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer	8:30am 10:30am 5:30pm
Thursday January 17	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Friday January 18	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Saturday January 19	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 5:30pm
Sunday January 20 The Second Sunday After Epiphany	Holy Communion	9:00am

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

Bible Studies and Ministries with children are in recess until Sunday, January 27

The next Family Service will be held on Sunday, February 3

The choir resumes practice on Wednesday, February 6

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

13 January 2013

The Baptism Of Our Lord

From Canon Margaret,

“In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church Universal.”

A Prayer Book for Australia.

Just as family heritage can remind us of who we are, so our baptism tells us in the most profound sense. Baptism gives us our true names as sons and daughters of God. And in the family of God's belonging, we know we are loved and valued. To-day we have Luke's recording of the baptism of Jesus, followed by a voice from heaven proclaiming, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased”. They are not just words of recognition and approval. They are words of affirmation, and, to-gether with his baptism, empowered Jesus for what lay before him.

As we begin this new year, we are challenged to recall our own baptism, where we were made members of God's family and were filled with the Holy Spirit, and to ponder afresh what it means to be empowered by God's love to reach out in God's name.

Last week, Father Frank spoke about the Parish starting to explore the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) results for our Parish, and to address the question “What

do we do with all this information?” Information was provided on “Why do Planning”.

To-day, information is being distributed on “Planning Principles”. This commences with building on strengths, which is a positive place from which to begin..

The two planned special sessions called “**Setting up the New Year**” (see page 3) will provide opportunity for all interested people to be involved in exploring the results, identifying areas for special focus, and deciding ways to address these - putting planning into action. Much interesting and useful information was gathered from the responses of all who took part in the Survey.

Do come and find out more, and be involved in the planning for our Parish's future.



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 services if you are able.



Prayer Response:

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In our Prayers:

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa
- Bishop elect Ian and Liz
- The parishes of Condobolin, Coolah -Dunedoo and Coonabarabran
- Peace in Syria, Israel and the region
- Those for whom the holiday season has brought sadness and hurt
- Helping Agencies supporting lonely people at this time
- The Harris and Edwards families in their grief
- All whose lives have been devastated by bush fires
- Fire fighters, Police and Emergency Service workers and supporting volunteers

ABM Reflections

Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8.14-17;
Luke 3.15-22

Heaven and earth collide in this cosmic event. The Son is strengthened by the Holy Spirit and audibly confirmed by the Father. Like Baptism, in the Eucharist we participate in a cosmic event, joining with angels and archangels, singing Holy, Holy, Holy, and are strengthened by the Sacrament.

Today's question: Is God pleased with me as a baptised disciple of Christ?

- Pray for strength so that I may be strong when my faith is challenged.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

The Epiphany of our Lord – an Australia Day Eucharist will be held at 5:30pm on Saturday, January 26, 2013, in the Parish Centre followed by a barbeque. Meat will be supplied. Please bring a salad, sweet or drink to share.

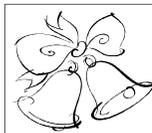
Lists for attendance are available at the main entrance of the Church and at the cross-aisle, for your details, please.

A reminder to leaders of all parish groups and organisations that annual reports are needed in electronic form early in January please, in preparation for the AGM in February. Thank you to those who have already provided their reports.

CMS Central West Missionary Expo 9 February, 2013, 9:30am-2:30pm, Christian Ministry Centre, 560 Cecil Road, Orange. Brochures are available at the back of the church. Do take one home with you today.

Consecration and Installation of Bishop -elect Ian Palmer

on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at All Saints' Cathedral Bathurst. **All our parishioners are invited to attend** - please see the invitation on the Notice Board, and note the **RSVP**. The Retreat Conductor and preacher will be Bishop Graeme Rutherford. Please remember to pray for Bishop elect Ian and his wife, Liz, as they prepare for this significant event in their lives.



Congratulations to

Lee John Oakman
&
Rachael Joan Pursehouse
and
Adam James Gersbach
&
Toni-Ann Franken
who were married yesterday

For Sale:

CD: "The Bells of Holy Trinity Orange" rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youth from the UK. This is the group that rang for the last royal wedding.

Great buying for \$15 from the Parish Office.

"Setting up the New Year"

Friday, February 15, meet for a light meal at 6:00pm, to commence work at 7:00pm. This *Session 1* will cover the National Church Life profile, good qualities, matters for attention and identifying sources of life.

and:

Saturday, 16 February, from 9:30am until 11:30am [at the very latest]. This *Session 2* will identify areas for special focus and decide ways to put planning into practice.

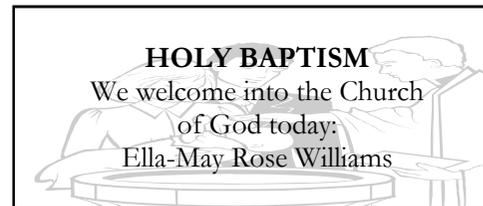
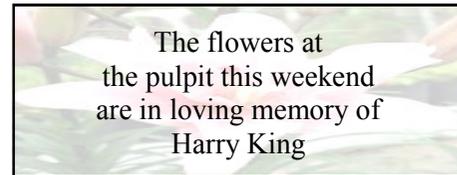
These two sessions will form links with the Mission Action Plan. Can you come and be part of this?

Anglicare Western

The Anglicare Western Appeal can be seen on the noticeboard. There are various ways to support its work.

Orange Anglicare

Thank-you to the many people who have brought in extra food for the Emergency Food Cupboard. This is much appreciated.



Prayer in time of Bushfire

All things look to you, O Lord, to give them their food in due season: look in mercy on your people, and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions are threatened by fire, for those who are missing, for those who are injured and for all who are anxious. Give protection and wisdom to fire fighters and other emergency service personnel. Encourage our generosity to those who suffer loss. In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land. So guide and bless your people, that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth and give you thanks with grateful hearts, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted by Bishop-elect, from: A Prayer Book for Australia, Broughton Books, 1999, page 205.

Wanted:

New Choristers and Instrumentalists During 2013, special music is being planned to celebrate the centenary of the dedication of the organ. Extra singers are required. Choir practice resumes on Wednesday 6th February at 7:30pm, in the Choir Vestry. Please speak to the Organist, Pamela Brooks, or contact the Parish Office for information.

Pastoral Carers

The next Pastoral Carers' encouragement meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Friday 1st February, in the Parish Centre. Please 'bring a plate' to share for the meal - theme: "Summer Days".

Peaceful Central Quality Retirement Villa – Holy Trinity Village

All enquiries to the Parish Office between 9am and 1pm - 6362 1623.