

## This Week's Diary

<b>Sunday January 20</b> The Second Sunday after Epiphany	Holy Communion	9:00am
<b>Monday January 21</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
<b>Tuesday January 22</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
<b>Wednesday January 23</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer LLM Meeting	8:30am 10:30am 5:30pm 7:30pm
<b>Thursday January 24</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	8:30am 5:30pm 7:0pm
<b>Friday January 25</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
<b>Saturday January 26</b> <b>Australia Day:</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Communion <i>In the Parish Centre, followed by a barbeque</i>	8:30am 5:30pm
<b>Sunday January 27</b> The Third Sunday After Epiphany	Holy Communion <i>Bishop-elect Ian and his wife Liz, will be worshipping with us.</i>	9:00am

**Readings:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Luke 4:14-21

**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**

**20 January 2013**

**The Second Sunday After Epiphany**

### From Canon Margaret,

In both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament we find evidence of God's love for the people being shown through signs and miracles. The image of marriage is used to describe the covenant relationship between Creator and humankind. The relationship is grounded deeply in God's love, and demonstrated clearly through the exercise of spiritual gifts.

The first miracle reported in the gospel of John occurred at Cana of Galilee in gentile territory. John used the word "sign" rather than "miracle" to reinforce his belief that signs demonstrate faith and faith glorifies God.

Weddings were common metaphors for God's reign in scripture, and it seems fitting that Jesus' first sign should have occurred at a wedding. As we read, Mary and Jesus were attending a wedding, at which the wine ran out. Mary alerted Jesus to this, and he responded by asking servants to fill six (very large) stone water jars with water, and Jesus turned the water into wine - the best wine at the feast - and the disciples believed that this amazing act they witnessed was a sign.

Isaiah compares Israel's future joy to a wedding celebration in which a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

To-day's psalm portion is a hymn of praise for God's attributes.

The extract from Paul's letter to the people of Corinth attests to the abundance of spirit-given gifts provided to followers of Christ. Paul reminds us that each follower has a specific set of gifts which differ from others, and that these gifts are poured out upon all for the common good.

This week's readings invite us to trust in the God, revealed in the Christ, who provides abundantly for life's needs.

Over the last two weeks, information has been distributed in the Bulletin, relating to church planning. To-day's insert focuses on "Life Stage of Churches", outlining the life cycle that some churches go through.

All this is by way of preparation for "Setting up the New Year" - all are encouraged to participate in this important planning.



## 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:

Ever-bountiful God, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

## In our Prayers:

- Give thanks and pray for the Philippines Independent Church and its communion with the Churches of the Anglican Communion
- Our Diocese; the Independent Oversight Committee
- Bishop-elect Ian and Liz
- The parishes of Coonamble, Cowra and Cudal
- Peace in Syria, Israel and the region
- Helping Agencies supporting lonely people at this time
- All who are on holidays
- All those who are suffering from bushfires
- Fire fighters, Police and Emergency Service Workers and supporting Volunteers
- The gift of rain
- Pray and give thanks for our Nation and its leaders
- The Nixon family in their grieving

## ABM Reflections

Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10;  
1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

The disciples see Jesus change water into wine, a sign revealing his glory, which changes their relationship to him and they believe in him. This sign increases their faith and brings them to a new intimacy with Jesus.

**Today's question:** Do I do whatever Jesus tells me to do?

- Pray for the revelation of God's glory in our everyday lives.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

**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 as soon as possible, please,** in preparation for the AGM in February. Thank you to those who have already provided their reports.

## Consecration and Installation of Bishop -elect Ian Palmer

At 11.00am on Saturday, February 9, 2013 in All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst.

**All our parishioners are invited to attend** - please see the invitation on the Notice Board, and note the **RSVP - to Ms Alice Plunkett, 6331 1722, by 31st January 2013.** 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.

**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.

## A Prayer for Australia

God, bless Australia,  
guard our people  
guide our leaders  
and give us peace:  
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## "Setting up the New Year"

**Friday, February 15,** meet for a bring-and-share light meal (in the Parish Centre) 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?

## Book Group

The first meeting of the book group this year: Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30pm at 80 Gorman Road, the home of Martin and Sally Atkins. The book for discussion is: 'The Secret River' by Kate Grenville.

*Please note that the meetings will now be held on the third Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome - feel free to come along even just to discuss one particular book that you are interested in.*

## 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.**

## Peaceful Central Quality Retirement Villa – Holy Trinity Village

This is a comfortable 2 bedroom villa set amongst beautifully maintained gardens with only 8 other villas, with new paint and carpet. It also features ducted air conditioning and a single garage with internal access.

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

## Wanted:

Accommodation/Board for a Mature Nurse for 9 weeks: 28 January-31 March. If able to assist, please ring: Louise: 0438 827 171.

## 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".

## 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 Ian, from: A Prayer Book for Australia, Broughton Books, 1999, page 205.*