

## This Week's Diary

<b>Sunday January 4</b>	Holy Communion	8:30am
<b>Second Sunday after Christmas</b>	HTO@10:30	10:30am
<b>Monday January 5</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
<b>Tuesday January 6</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
<b>Wednesday January 7</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
<b>Thursday January 8</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
<b>Friday January 9th</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
<b>Saturday January 10</b>	Holy Communion	5:30pm
<b>Sunday January 11th</b>	Holy Communion	8:30am
<b>The Baptism of Our Lord</b>	HTO@10:30	10:30am
	<i>in the Memorial Hall</i>	

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

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**

**4th January 2015**

**The Second Sunday after Christmas**

Bishop Ian wrote on his facebook page on New Year's eve that it had been one of the most difficult years he can remember. He spoke of hatred, contempt, a lack of truth being used to accuse of un-godliness, and pure evil. All directed at him and his family and friends. The amazing thing was his response to all of this; it was of the kindness that others had shown, and the great Love of Christ that he was seeing in so many people's graciousness towards him and Liz. He spoke of "repaying evil with good" which I for one was humbled by. In the past I have been known to respond in different ways - you could say a lot less graciously, and I was truly blessed that we have a Bishop to lead this ministry in such a Christ like manner.

But one of the things that it did show me was of people's perception of ministry and those doing it (that being all of us to some extent). Jesus clearly says that 'we should love our neighbour as ourselves', and Paul says that, 'we should greet the believers with a Godly Kiss'. So you could say from this and other similar passages in the scriptures, that it is important to care for everyone, but really important to care for each other in the body of Christ, the Church.

With this in mind, can I ask everyone to remember that doing ministry today is very different to doing it 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 100,

2,000 years ago. Although we must have complete integrity to the Word and our roles within that, the face of the church is very different today. With insurance and legislative responsibilities placed on us now, it means that the simplest things that were done in the past are now more complex and time consuming.

I've heard of a church in Canberra that has to have security alarms, security cameras, Chubb security pick up their tithes and offertory each week, WH&S inspections biannually, parking attendants, administration forms for everything they do - from youth group to senior outings. The impact of this, as you can imagine, is huge on that parish which isn't much bigger than ours.

We are blessed in our leadership of this church and how things have been, and are being set up to ensure we comply with all of our responsibilities so that we can continue to do what we are here to do - the Ministry of God.

May I ask each of us to be mindful of the roles that we do and to do them with the integrity of the Gospel. That way we will meet our responsibilities, and not be worried that wrong things might be done, which could cause substantial problems for us all.

Blessings for 2015 in God for us all.

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:

O Lord Christ, our Redeemer,  
save your people  
who call upon you.



## In our prayers:

- The Diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Members of Bishop in Council and the Registry Office staff
- Parishes of Bathurst Cathedral, Bathurst South and Blayney
- Father Mal and his family
- Our parish community as the new year unfolds
- Peace in the Holy Land, Pakistan, Nigeria, Syria, Afghanistan, The Ukraine and other troubled nations
- Those on holidays
- Rain on parched lands
- All affected by the overseas plane and ferry disasters

## ABM Reflection

**Jeremiah 31. 7-14 or Sirach 24.1-12;**  
**Psalm 147.12-20; Ephesians 1.3-14;**  
**John 1.(1-9) 10-18**

Jesus' words and works are the Father's words and works of truth and grace. Christmas not only celebrates the miracle of Jesus' birth but also the mystery of God's self-disclosure in the One who was truly human.

Give thanks for Jesus who was 'truly human' and pray that we may receive God's truth and grace through him. Pray for the Amity Foundation in China, giving thanks for the work they do 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.**

## Annual Women's Retreat

Monday 9th - Thursday 12th March 2015

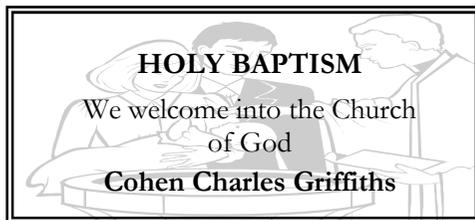
**Please** see the Notice Boards for details.

Application forms will be available at the end of January.

## Raffle for the Legal Defence appeal

*Thank-you* to Brenda Wright for donating a prize she had won, of a 3-night getaway at a resort overlooking Lake Lyall, to be raffled for the benefit of the parish contribution to the Diocesan Legal Appeal.

The winner is Sue Van Vlouten.



## Thankyou

to all who assisted in very many ways with the Christmas services - which helped them to be the occasions of celebration they were. Some of the assistance is not very obvious, but all is most important and greatly valued.



## 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.

## Episcopal Ministry Fund

A letter and a flier regarding the new Episcopal Ministry Fund to support the "Office of the Bishop" have recently been circulated. Further copies are still available and are commended for your close attention and response, as able. As can be seen, funding for the 'Office of the Bishop' is a **matter of urgency.**

## 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 0306) about any of the above.

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