

This Week's Diary

Sunday July 20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion 10.30@HTO	8:30am 10:30am
Monday July 21	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Tuesday July 22	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Wednesday July 23	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Choir Practice Evening Prayer	8:30am 10:30am 4:30pm 5:00pm
Thursday July 24	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Friday July 25	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Saturday July 26	Holy Communion	5:00pm
Sunday July 27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion 10.30@HTO	8:30am 10:30am

**Readings: Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 105.1-11, Romans 8:26-39,
Matthew 13:44-58**

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

20 July, 2014

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

A few weeks ago I quoted from a book by Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Church. He talked about the need as he saw it in today's culture, for the church to concentrate on 'inner growth' rather than 'outward growth', i.e. nurturing our inner lives, church health, rather than church growth.

He also reminds us that, "the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing!". Most churches, he says, try to do too much and that this is one of the most overlooked barriers to building a healthy church. In other words, we wear our people out, especially when the average age is getting older: too many events, activities and programmes, and when another programme, activity or outreach effort is added, it usually happens without cutting down or closing off something. It is important to remember that no group or programme is meant to last forever.

Warren encourages us to consider that it is essential to the health of a church to periodically review, to 'clean house', as it were, to even abandon that which has outlived it's purpose. And that this should not be viewed as a failure but as good stewardship of our resources.

As a parish community, I encourage you to ask yourselves and to discuss amongst each other:

What are our strengths?
What are we good at
and, what needs to be let go of?
and, in what ways can I, personally,
allow my inner life, my relationship
with God be nurtured and
deepened?
How can I grow spiritually?

In peace and blessing

Fr Ian

Transitional Priest



Cursillo

The next Cursillo week-ends are fast approaching: Men's: 4th-7th September, and Women's: 3rd-6th October.

These are short courses in Christian living over 3 days, and led by Laity.

For further information, please contact Heather Cummins: 6362 6882

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:

Good and gracious God,
grant us a glimpse of your glory.

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz, and the Diocese
- The Parishes of Bourke-Brewarrina, Canowindra and Cobar
- The Parish Appointment Board, seeking an appointment for this parish
- Our Parish; Father Ian and Margaret
- Sophie Benton, Sally Beasley, Mitchell King, Hugo Brettschneider, Madeleine Heath, Lenice Foster, Jill Carthew and Cheryl Watson as they continue their Christian journeys
- Clergy gathering for Conference this week
- Peace in the Holy Land and all nations of the Middle East
- Iraq's Christians; for peace and justice
- All who are grieving including the family of Arthur Smith
- Those suffering from the winter weather

ABM Reflections

Genesis 28.10-19a; Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24;
Romans 8.12-25;
Matthew 13.24-30 (31-33) 36-43

The Weeds among the Wheat

Again we are instructed to listen. Again Jesus tells a parable but then he has to explain it for his disciples do not understand. Again he uses the environment that his listeners are familiar with - the fields - the everyday life of the subsistence farmer.

Does this story sound familiar? It should because it is our lives, the wheat and the weeds. We are a mixture of good and bad, in different proportions. There are times when each of us struggles in this world, but how wisely do we make use of our opportunities? But it is at these difficult times that it is so hard to see what we have

been given. We must watch out for the weeds that poison us and curtail that which is so good in each of us.

No one or no group is perfect but there is no place for evil deeds, these will bring separation from God and as he tells us he will cull the weeds from the grain.

Question: Can I cut the weeds from my life or do I only see the weeds in others' lives?

Pray for discernment to see the weeds within.

Pray for the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Parish Appointment Board

Please use this prayer (or one like it) regularly, to support the Board as it undertakes its work.

*Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people
for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.*

*Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. APBA p 212*

Dates for your Diary

Hymnfest: Postponed to a date to be fixed.

Spring Fair: 8 November.

Diocesan Parish Camp

15-17 August 2014, at Ridgecrest.

A reminder that details and Registration Forms are on our Notice Boards. Registrations close on: 31st July 2014.

"No matter your age, there will be something for you."

Contact: Rev Phil Howes on 6889 1046.

Anglicare Food Service

Thank-you for your on-going contributions to the food baskets.

Anglicare Winter Appeal

Donations may be made to this important appeal by utilising the gift slips distributed previously, or by placing an identified donation on the offertory bowl.

St John's Church, Molong presents:

A Candlelight Concert

Friday 1st August 7:00pm - featuring music for piano, violin and voice by Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Brahms, Vaughan Williams. \$20: includes pre concert canapés. Bookings phone 6366 8089 or email molonganglicanparish@gmail.com Please see flier on Notice Boards.

Parish Week-end

Thank-you to all who assisted in the smooth running of the Parish Retreat last week-end, and in the preparations and welcome in relation to the Confirmation Service. All were valued gifts of people's ministries and time.

Parish Grounds

Can you assist with a working bee for tidying the grounds, please? This will chiefly be pruning (including the Rectory Hydrangeas) and some raking of leaves.

9am, Saturday 2 August. All Welcome!

Vivaldi

Four Seasons Concert

presented by

the Bathurst Chamber Orchestra
with Andrew Baker - Violin

Saturday 16th August 2:30pm
in Holy Trinity Church

Adults \$20, Concession \$15
School Age Children: free



Trinity Foundation – The next Project:

Solve Rising Damp Problems at Northern Door

This is the only rising damp left in the building and urgently needs eradication. Unfortunately there are the usual associated problems including the following:

- * Digging up the concrete slab outside the northern door – no one knows what support will be found, and partial removal may lead to complications with the slab.
- * Providing disabled access to/egress from the Church while building works in progress.
- * Providing information for the Construction Certificate to Orange City Council.
- * Upgrading disabled access to complying standards – basically a legal code requirement once the existing entry is disturbed.

Following exhaustive discussions with the Heritage Architect, including the involvement of Parish Council, it has been decided that it is appropriate to include in the work a new ramp way to the Choir Vestry and northern door of the Church. The work will be in terms of our joint venture with the National Trust of Australia (NSW) Holy Trinity Church Orange Conservation Appeal.

Concept plans will go on display shortly and talks will be given at various services so that Parishioners are kept informed and are able to make input.

Please contact Leslie at the Parish Office if you would like to discuss this project with a Foundation Member.

