

## This Week's Diary

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| <b>Sunday July 22</b><br>8th after Pentecost | Holy Communion         | 7:30am  |
|  | Holy Communion         | 9:30am  |
|  | Bible Study Group      | 5.00pm  |
| <b>Monday July 23</b>                        | Morning Prayer         | 8:30am  |
|  | Evening Prayer         | 5:30pm  |
| <b>Tuesday July 24</b>                       | Morning Prayer         | 8:30am  |
|  | Evening Prayer         | 5:30pm  |
|  | Bible Study Group      | 7:30pm  |
| <b>Wednesday July 25</b>                     | Morning Prayer         | 8:30am  |
|  | Holy Communion         | 10:30am |
|  | Evening Prayer         | 5:30pm  |
| <b>Thursday July 26</b>                      | Morning Prayer         | 8:30am  |
|  | Evening Prayer         | 5.30pm  |
|  | Parish Council Meeting | 7.30pm  |
| <b>Friday July 27</b>                        | Morning Prayer         | 8:30am  |
|  | Evening Prayer         | 5.30pm  |
| <b>Saturday July 28</b>                      | Morning Prayer         | 8:30am  |
|  | Holy Communion         | 5:30pm  |
| <b>Sunday July 29</b><br>9th after Pentecost | Holy Communion         | 7:30am  |
|  | Holy Communion         | 9:30am  |
|  | Confirmation Class     | 4.00pm  |
|  | Bible Study Group      | 5:00pm  |

**Readings: Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 233, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21**

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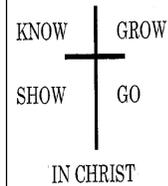
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## Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

July 22 2012

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

### From the Rector,

Last Sunday, 48 people attended the question and answer session about the sale of the Bluestone Hall. Folders containing all the questions that were prepared prior to the meeting, and communications from the Diocese have been placed in folders and can be viewed in the Parish Office. Summary sheets of the questions used as the agenda are still available in church.

A number of motions were moved at the conclusion of the meeting and referred to last Thursday night's Parish Council meeting for action.

An opportunity will be provided at the services next weekend for people to make some expression of their feelings. I know that some people will commit their feelings to writing and offer them in a sealed envelope at the offertory. The envelopes will be taken outside and burned— a way of showing that they have been given up to God.

Others may choose to go to the Chapel during the administration of Communion for prayer. Others might like to spend some time quietly in prayer asking for God's will to be done in the present circumstance. What is critical is that we bring our thoughts and reactions into God's presence for the touch of God's forgiveness, healing, goodness and grace.

I have always found these words from John

Bunyan's "A Pilgrim's Progress" helpful at the time of the General Confession, and they certainly apply at present:

*"Christian ran... till he came to a place somewhat ascending; and upon that place stood a Cross, and a little below, in the bottom, a Sepulchre. So I saw in my dream, that just as Christian came up with the Cross, his burden loosened from off his shoulders, and fell from his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do, too and came till it came to the mouth of the Sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more."* (quoted from "Thanks and Praise, A Companion to the Holy Communion Service", Collins Publishing, 1983, page 18; edited by Alex Martin)

Today's Gospel reading shows Jesus' meeting the needs of a hungry crowd in a lonely place. It also speaks about people coming to him for healing. The example is there for us to follow, as we reach out for God's help and strength in our in our present need.



## 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

Jesus, peace of the world, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

### In our Prayers:

- ◆ Monastic communities and retreat centres
- ◆ The parishes of Bourke-Brewarrina, Canowindra and Cobar
- ◆ Bishop Richard, our diocese and our parish in the midst of the present challenges;
- ◆ Political solutions to questions surrounding asylum seekers;
- ◆ The Olympic games as a sign of unity and peace
- ◆ Those in places where there is ongoing conflict and violence
- ◆ Give thanks for friends and families who help us in our struggles
- ◆ All who are dealing with hurt, betrayal, and loss
- ◆ Staff of hospitals and nursing homes and all in their care
- ◆ The Jones family and Whiley family in their sadness

### ABM Reflections

2 Samuel 7.1-14a; Psalm 89.21-38;

Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

Because the disciples had been ministering unremittingly in His name, Jesus wants the disciples to recharge spiritually by going on retreat. He does not want them to be running on empty.

**Today's questions:** What really is stopping me going on a retreat when I feel exhausted? Why don't I encourage others to go on a retreat when they are stressed and exhausted?

- ◆ Pray that all who are spiritually empty or exhausted may find time to be recharged by the Spirit of God

- ◆ Give thanks for all who are retreat leaders and for the work of retreat centres in Australia and beyond.

### Helping Out?

We rely very heavily on a small group of women, the AWA, for catering for special events. They do a wonderful job with faithfulness and loyalty. However, they have asked for both support and extra helpers - their group is getting older and they feel that they can no longer help with some of the tasks that they once managed easily.

Are you interested in helping to form the group which could assist in times of need or difficulty? Please speak to one of our clergy, or to Gwen Phillips today. Hospitality is a vital and practical ministry. It is also an expression of care for other people, some of whom may be experiencing great difficulty. Thank you.

**Back to Church Sunday** this year will be held on Sunday, **September 16**. Please make a note of the date and begin thinking about people you may wish to invite.

**Note the Date and Time: Sunday, 12 August, 2:30pm:** a concert by Stephen Aveling-Rowe in the church. Stephen plays organ, cello and piano. Half of the funds raised will support the work of Bruce and Kathy Cummins in the Cameroon; the other to help fund Stephen on a learning trip to play famous organs in Europe. Helpers to serve a simple afternoon tea in the vestry are needed. Please talk to Rev Jane if you are able to help.

### Confirmation Classes

This afternoon, an initial gathering for the 2012 young people's class will be held at 4 pm. Please speak to the Rector or Louis Christie for more details.

A separate class for adults is anticipated.

## Parish Council Notes, June 19

Apologies: Mark Bessen, Ann Holden, A number of matters remain on the agenda:

- ◆ Work, Health and Safety legislation,
- ◆ Rachel Budden was elected as the sixth person on the Clergy Appointments Board,
- ◆ maintenance on the Memorial Hall and future stewardship matters were left until the present diocesan crisis is closer to resolution,

Finance report (as at 17 July, 2012)

Balances: General Account, \$1,117

Trust Account, \$15,771

(Parishioners are reminded that giving through the offertory is spent to meet local expenses, such as salaries, energy costs etc. Our giving isn't 'grabbed by Bathurst', never to be seen again. A proportion of our income *is* sent to the Diocese to meet insurances and a number of other costs, like long service leave, clergy training, and the diocesan paper. Giving by direct debit comes back to us on the first business day each month. A reduction in giving only hurts us and our capacity to minister effectively in our parish!)

Considerable time was spent discussing the four motions moved at last Sunday's meeting. These will be sent to Bishop in Council. A meeting with the Bishop is being arranged.

### Book Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9 August 7:30pm at 80 Gorman Road, the home of Martin and Sally Atkins. The book to be discussed is 'The Absolutist' by John Boyne. All Welcome.

### The MU

Will be conducting a "Trading Table" on Sunday, August 5. Proceeds are used to help support care for baptism families.

During this time of crisis in our diocese and parish, a group meets on Friday at 5.30pm for prayer in the Chapel, seeking God's wisdom, guidance and direction. It uses the Friday Evening Service (APBA p416) and concludes by 6 pm. **All are welcome.** You might like to come along, or join us from your home.

### Here is a suitable prayer.

We beseech you, O Lord our God, that the relief from anxiety that your mercy has bestowed on us may not make us negligent but rather cause us to become more acceptable worshipers of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Leonine Sacramentary*

### 2012 40 Hour Famine

**17 to 19 August.** Funds raised this year will help hungry families to increase their food supply by irrigation schemes, improved farming techniques, support to raise livestock and conservation activities. Support agencies around the world. \$40 will help feed a family of five per month. If you would like to participate by giving up something for 40 hours, please see Heather Cummins for a sponsor book. If you would like to sponsor her, please see her and she will be late to give you a receipt for your donation. Thank you.

### Organ Centenary

During the first half of 2013 the Parish will be celebrating the centenary of the dedication of the organ on January 23, 1913. We are seeking memorabilia relating to the organ, organists, choristers, special services and events over the past century.

Photos, newspaper articles, service sheets and other information may be given to me (or left at the office for me) as soon as possible. Please mark items with your name. Pam Brooks