

This Week's Diary

Sunday March 25 5th Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Holy Communion	9:30am
	Bible Study Group	5:00pm
Monday March 26	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Tuesday March 27	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Wednesday March 28	Holy Communion	7:15am
	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	7:30pm
	Mission Action Planning Group	7:30pm
Thursday March 29	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Friday March 30	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Saturday March 31	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday April 1 Palm Sunday	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Holy Communion	9:30am
	Bible Study Group	5:00pm

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9, Psalm 31:9-18, Philippians 2.5-11, Gospel Mark 11:1-11

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

Growing, loving and serving God in the Community

25th March 2012

Fifth Sunday In Lent

From the Rector,

It is all a bit tricky. Abbot Christopher Jenkins, in "Finding Happiness", speaks about the dangers of self satisfaction and self-importance-vanity and pride.

Vanity, he suggests, strikes when we think that we have got it all together. It is easy to place ourselves above others, and above God. The cult of "celebrity" is driven by media, placing some people in a very dangerous position spiritually, "castles in the air".

In a "feel good" society, incredible emptiness can result. A reduced sense of belonging can lead to a reduced sense of respect for self and others.

"Pride" results when self esteem turns into blind self-importance. We live in a driven society, which contains many subtle expectations about the measures of success. But they can lead to incredible emptiness.

The answer lies in Jesus' Beatitudes, found in Matthew 5. which point to a new way of knowing God. Some things need to die in order that there can be a fresh beginning

This is underlined in the Gospel reading today. Jesus talks about the grain of wheat that needs to fold into the ground and die in order to bear much fruit. The story of

death and resurrection is so much a part of the natural order of things, that it is told and retold in every action of creation. The flower blooms and in its dying throws its seed into the wind, so that more flowers may grow; the grain of wheat the returns to the earth so that more grains may come.

Jesus penetrates the depths of human despair, pride and vanity and establishes a new covenant.

Christ, the grain that dies, frees creation itself to live "untwisted" in the light of grace.

This Lenten season gives a space to closely examine the futility and sorrow that entangles us. He is lifted up from the earth and draws all people into the infinite life, love and mystery of God.



"Father, glorify your name"

To our visitors Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you enjoy your worship here today.

Please stay on for a cup of tea after the services if you are able.



Prayer Response

For these and all who serve your people,
we give you thanks and praise.

In our Prayers

- Christians in perilous situations
- All Saint's College, Bathurst, Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo, Orange Anglican Grammar School
- Victims of war and terrorism
- Those affected by flooding
- Those who face long term illness, and their carers
- The Eade and Hughes families in their grief

Each Wednesday during Lent, Holy Communion is celebrated at 7.15am in the Chapel.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday— 1st April, Family Service, Holy Communion

- Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th April, Holy Communion, 7:15 am.
- Thursday 5th April: A Meal in Passover Style, 6.30pm. Please bring lamb, a salad or drinks to share. Unleavened bread will be supplied.
Liturgy of the Last Supper, at 8pm

Good Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer, Please bring some hot cross buns to share at Morning Tea
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Easter Eve, 9:30 am Working Bee
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Easter Day, April 8

**7.30am and 9:30am
Christ Church, Borenore,
9:30 am**

- **Blessing of the Harvest, 15th April 10 am**

Lectionary Reflection

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 119.9-16;
Hebrews 5.5-14; John 12.20-33

“The hour has come!” Jesus predicts his death and resurrection, and continues on the journey towards Holy Week. As we continue to ask God to cleanse and purify us, we have to make a decision. The hour has come for change in our lives. Will we allow God to change us, or will we remain the same? Jesus, knowing the death he would face, continued boldly. How can we, as fellow servants of God, face the hardships of our lives with hope and certainty? May we too glorify God through our lives!

- Pray for those whose hour of need and trial has come; pray that the Lord would glorify his servants.
- Give thanks that even this late in Lent there is still time to turn towards God and repent.

Please remember that Bush Church Aid money boxes should be returned this month.

Meals on Wheels

A reminder it is Holy Trinity Team's turn do Meals on Wheels this week! March 26

Some Parish Papers are still to be delivered. Please check the table at the rear of the Church and take a pile if you are able to take them to their intended owners. They are sorted into areas, for simplicity.

Lenten Reflections 2012

A number of typographical errors have been found in the document prepared within the parish. Please contact the Parish Office for the corrected version.

Rosters for April and Easter are available today. Please take yours home with you.

Theatre Luncheon Thursday, 29 March - proceeds to Blayney Anglican Parish. Tickets available - please see notice board for details.

Bible and Lenten Study Groups

Christian Life and Witness training sessions are being held at the Christian Outreach Centre, Cecil Road at 7:30 pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and 10 am on Thursdays, in preparation for the **Reality Event** in May.

The Tuesday evening Bible study group is in recess until after Easter.

“Towards the Light” Studies:

Tuesday, 10 am to 11:30 am for women; contact Julie Jeffriess 0458910034

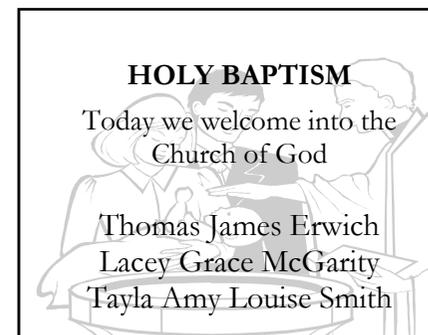
Wednesday, 12.30pm-1.30pm in the Choir Vestry with Jane; bring your lunch.

“And it was good”:

Thursday, 12.30pm in the Choir Vestry; please bring your lunch.

Copies of “Towards the Light” are available from the Parish Office for \$10. They provide excellent reflections on the gospel readings for Lent.

Easter Family Festival will be held on Palm Sunday in Robertson Park. There are lots of activities planned for children and families. This is one of the longest running festivals of its type in Australia!



Diocesan Income Account. Last Monday the Rector and Churchwardens met to discuss and recommend a response to Parish Council regarding second round support being asked for by the Diocese. On Easter Day, a letter from the Bishop will be distributed seeking support from individual parishioners.

Working Bee: Easter Eve

April 7, from 9:30 am

There are lots of jobs, like applying ‘Mr Sheen’ to the pews and screens, removing cobwebs, tidying gardens etc. Participants are asked to bring along furniture spray, cleaning cloths, cobweb brooms, garden tools. Ladders will be supplied!

If you could come just to make a cuppa for the workers, you will become an instant legend!

If you have a ute or a trailer, please bring it. Some things need to be taken to the tip.

Please make an effort to help out. Having tidy grounds is a witness to the community about how we view our faith.

Anne Cirson, who worshipped at the 9.30am Service, now lives at Mirinjani Retirement Village, 15 Conder Street, Weston ACT 2611 Phone 62884955. Anne asked for her new address to be made available for people who may wish to contact her.

