

This Week's Diary

Sunday May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	Holy Communion 8:30am 10:30@HTO 10:30am	
Monday May 12	Morning Prayer 8:30am Evening Prayer 5:30pm Clergy Retreat commences at Galong	
Tuesday May 13	Morning Prayer 8:30am Evening Prayer 5:30pm	
Wednesday May 14	Morning Prayer 8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Evening Prayer 5:30pm Choir Practice 4:30pm	
Thursday May 15	Morning Prayer 8:30am Evening Prayer 5:30pm	
Friday May 16	Morning Prayer 8:30am Evening Prayer 5:30pm Clergy Retreat concludes	
Saturday May 17	Morning Prayer 8:30am Holy Communion 5:30pm MU Conference in the Parish Centre	
Sunday May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion 8:30am 10:30@HTO 10:30am Holy Communion	

Readings: Apostles 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5,17-18, Peter 2:11-25

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

11 May, 2014

The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

From Canon Margaret

Seven weeks ago, the Parish embarked upon a "Talents Festival".

We are all unique individuals, each with our own God-given gifts or talents - although we don't always recognize them, or accept the value of them! We need to give thanks to God for our gifts, and use them - noting how we grow from doing so.

Through the Talents Festival we have been encouraged to:

Explore what our God-given gifts might be, and

Recognise these for ourselves, and

Find a creative, fun way of using such gifts for the growth of the church - sharing them with people both inside and outside the church. (We might find *new* ways of using a particular gift, or ways of *increasing* the way we currently use it.)

The \$10 we were given is a *symbol* of the gifts that God has given us, and it was given with the hope that, with reflection on the Gospel passages, we would use the \$10 in a way that will increase it, and then bring back the results to God - on Pentecost Sunday, just 4 weeks away!

Some of our gifts don't easily lend themselves to 'making money', but I urge you to think laterally about this, and to not be deterred, for all our gifts are important to God and to us.

In any case, the exploring and growing of the gifts has the first importance, and I hope there is enjoyment in using the gifts and sharing them to honour God.

If you are having difficulties with being involved in the Talents Festival, I encourage you talk with others, or ask questions. It is not too late to do so, and you will reap rewards along the way.

This could be a wonderful time of thinking about God and His gifts to you, and of having an excuse to talk to your friends about this Talents Festival and your faith in God and membership of the Church.

On Pentecost Sunday (8 June), please bring your "Talents" envelope (with the money and your comment about what you have learned), and please also bring something representing one (or more) of your gifts - all of which we will display in front of the Altar and give thanks to God.



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 Shepherd,
guide us and lead us.

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz, and Diocesan leaders at this time
- The parishes of Eugowra, Forbes, Gilgandra and Grenfell
- The Company of the Good Shepherd
- The Clergy Appointment's Board seeking an appointment for this parish
- Father Frank & Marilyn as they begin life in semi retirement
- Clergy going on Retreat this week
- Give thanks and pray for Mothers and Mother figures
- Pray for the school children held hostage in Nigeria, and efforts to free them
- Peace in our world
- The Branwhite family as they mourn

ABM Reflections

Acts 2.42-27; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.1-10;
John 10.1-10

Pastoral Care

As in the early church ministry of pastoral care is a foundation of our life as a community of faith. Pastoral Care includes an emphasis on a gathered community, the offering of compassion and empathy and the leadership of people who care. Our engagement in pastoral care is as strong as our relationships with each other. Our common life and mutual care is expressed in the companionship of the table where bread is broken and in the foundations of a spiritual house where we are living stones. Pastoral care can result in both personal empowerment and social advocacy for positive change. Jesus is both the Good Shepherd and the Gate of the Sheep. Jesus gives us access to what we need to be a genuine community of faith as we listen to his voice and know him as the true source

of our salvation and our wellbeing. This ultimately leads to fullness of life in Christ and with each other as companions and living stones in God's house.

Questions: How do we engage in pastoral care as givers and receivers? How can we make pastoral care more accessible to people beyond our community of faith?

Pray for those who seek and offer pastoral care that they may find each other and together gain access to a genuine community of love in Jesus Christ.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Bishop's Visit in July

Bishop Ian is coming to lead a Retreat, **"Healing in a Broken World"** on the weekend of July 11, 12, 13.

Clergy Appointment's Board

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. AAPB p 212*

The DVD

of Archdeacon Frank's last Service

is now available and can be ordered at the Parish Office. Cost: \$10 - to be paid when ordering, please. A great memento of the occasion.

**Today, the flowers at the Pulpit
are in loving memory
of
Dick Godson**

Next Parish Luncheon:

TODAY commencing at 12:30pm. Please 'bring a plate' to share.

Guest Speaker: Rev'd Brian Schmalkuche, Parish Priest from Trundle who was formerly in the Company of the Good Shepherd. **All Welcome.**

Talents Festival

A "Talents Festival", where people are invited to use and reflect on their gifts or talents to the glory of God, is being held at present. How are you enjoying being involved?. For more information, please contact Canon Margaret.

Christian Women's Conference

17 May, 2014, Orange Function Centre

Speaker is Jenny Salt, Dean of students at Sydney Missionary and Bible College, on the theme, "Not Forsaken - Studies in Joshua." Application forms are on the notice board, or: rego@orangeccwc.org.au. Cost is \$40.

Confirmation Classes

The adult confirmation classes are held on Thursday evenings: 6:45pm-7:45pm (started on 1 May) or Sundays after the Family Service - at 12midday (started on 4 May). People to attend only one or the other.

Kids' confirmation classes are held on Sundays, (started on 4 May): 1:30-2:30 pm.

There will be a total of around 6 - 8 classes for both adults and children, and the Confirmation service will be conducted by the Bishop on Sunday 13 July.

For more information, please contact: Louis Christie on 6365 3702 or landjchristie@bigpond.com

Father Frank's Farewell

The Service of Farewell and Luncheon for Father Frank and Marilyn were very fitting occasions to show our appreciation of their time with us, and to wish them well for the future. The presentations to them included a hand made pen display rack, framed photographs (which may be seen **in the church to-day**), a beautiful bowl of flowers for Marilyn, and a very generous cheque with all our good wishes.

A **BIG thank-you** to Kathie Mills, Ann Holden, Gabrielle Ironside and David Ironside for undertaking the planning and preparations for the luncheon, and very ably supported by Leslie Tyrrell. The results were much appreciated by all.

Father Frank and Marilyn presented a pair of beautiful brass candlesticks to the Parish on behalf of their family, which are very elegant additions to the Altar in the Chapel.

Transitional Priest

Bishop Ian has advised that retired priest, the Rev'd Ian Crooks, will act as Transitional Priest in the parish for 3 days per week, for 3 months, commencing on 1st June. More details to come.

An Ecumenical Anglican/Catholic Covenant Day in Wellington: 19 June

This a gathering of Clergy and Laity alike. Theme: Worship and Liturgy. Lunch and fellowship will follow the Speakers. Full details are available at the entrances. **Are you going? Perhaps some 'car pooling'?**

Offering Envelopes

New sets of offering envelopes are available today. **Please take your set home** with you. **Extra sets** of envelopes are also available for others who would like to begin using a set. Offering envelopes help to maintain a regular giving to the parish, with the duplex side of the envelope available for mission giving.

