

## This Week's Diary

<b>Sunday May 6</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	Holy Communion Family Service	7:30am 9:30am
<b>Monday May 7</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
<b>Tuesday May 8</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
<b>Wednesday May 9</b>	Morning Prayer Bishop in Council, Bathurst Holy Communion Evening Prayer	8:30am 9.30 am 10.30am 5:30pm
<b>Thursday May 10</b> Diocesan Retirement Village Council, Grenfell Holy Trinity Village Committee Evening Prayer Mission Action Planning Committee	Morning Prayer  Evening Prayer	8:30am 10.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm 7.30pm
<b>Friday May 11</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Pastoral Partners Network	8:30am 5:30pm 6.00pm
<b>Saturday May 12</b>	Morning Prayer Working Bee Holy Communion	8:30am 9.00am 5:30pm
<b>Sunday May 13</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	Holy Communion Holy Communion	7.30am 9.30am

**Readings:** Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-12; John 15.9-17

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# Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

Growing, loving and serving God in the Community

May 6, 2012

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

### From the Rector,

The last five of the seven "I am" sayings in the Gospel of John occur quite close together. Like the Bread of Life and Light each opens a window into God. The Good Shepherd; the Door; the Resurrection and the Life; the Way, the Truth and the Life; and, from the Gospel reading today, the Truth Vine. Each of them relate to Jesus' the journey to Jerusalem.

In Orange's autumn, as the grape harvest concludes, the time for pruning draws near. The vine and the branches are linked.

The closeness of the relationship between us and Jesus is just like that. One gives life to the other, and draws life from the other.

It is the relationship of abiding-of being at home with Jesus. Being at home with him means sharing his life and giving glory to the Father. It is also the life-giving; at once loving, healing, and challenging. The relationship bears fruit, bringing to life body and spirit; the loving and energetic quality that flows from the True Vine.

Next year's grape harvest depends on what happens before buds begin to appear in spring. Pruning is a painful, but necessary stage in the life of the plant. And for us, pruning may mean reviewing our lives to see what gives peace and what does not. As

As Jesus speaks to us, there may be a need for repentance; a prayer of confession; loosening my grip on my plans and my purposes; the opportunity for old-growth to be cut away and new growth to begin.

Jesus wants us to be free. His gift contains both joy and peace. The relationship is offered freely, and in and through his love, we are grafted into the very life of God.

Respond to his invitation "Abide me and I in you." He is not only our Vine, but also our Good Shepherd; our Door; our Way, Truth, and Life; our Resurrection; the Light of our world and the Bread of our life who sustains eternally our relationship with the Father.



## To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.  
We hope you enjoy your worship here today.  
Please stay for a cup of tea after the services if you are able.



## Prayer Response

Living Christ Jesus, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

## In our Prayers

- That we may be grafted into the true Vine
- The parishes of Cudal, Cumnock, Dubbo and Eugowra
- The Reality Event as it concludes this evening
- Political leaders in Australia as the new federal budget is prepared
- Those who are ill at home and all who suffer from broken relationships.

Immediately after the 7.30am service today, **A Service for the Internment of Ashes** for the late Les Hughes will be held at the columbarium. Please join the family.

Welcome to today's Family Service. Please do join us in the Memorial Hall for a cuppa and a sausage sandwich afterwards. The next family service takes place on June 3, Trinity Sunday. Because of the importance of that day,, Holly Communion will be celebrated at 9:30 am.

A Prayer Request update from Bruce Cox and Kathy Cummins is available at the church entrances. Copies all the Parish prayer diary are also available.

**A Special Meeting** to receive the 2011 audited financial statements and the 2012 budget will be held at **11:00 am** in the Parish Centre. Copies of the report, plus a single page summary of balances held in the Trust Account to the end of January are available at the back of the church. Please bring copies to the meeting.

**A working bee is planned for May 12, commencing at 9.00am. Please bring tools to work in the grounds. Morning tea will be provided.**

## ABM Lectionary Reflection

- Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.26-32;  
1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8

Vineyards are interesting places to visit at any time of the year and can provide us with real insight into this teaching of Jesus. The vine-grower is vigilant about his or her vines because a disease in one part of the crop can quickly ruin the whole plantation. Good branches are pruned back in order to become more fruitful, dead branches are cut off, bundled up and removed from the area. Our union with Jesus will not exempt us from pain and suffering. It is Christ's life that must flow through us and be seen in us. In being 'attached' to the vine which is Christ we will bear fruit, we will accomplish great things for God's Kingdom and God will be glorified.

- Let us give thanks for the fruitfulness we see in the lives of others and pray for those who are experiencing trying times in the service of the Gospel.
- Pray for all those who will be grafted into Christ's death and Resurrection through baptism this year.

**The Book Group** meets on May 10, at 80 Gorman Road. The discussion book is "The Novel in Viola", by Natasha Solomons. Phone 63600639

**Pastoral Carers' Encouragement Evening:** Friday 11 May - 6-8pm. Please bring along a dish to share, and enjoy some great company and conversation. Apologies to Lynne on 6362 0141.

**A Fellowship Luncheon** will be held next **Sunday, May 13.** from 12.30pm. It will include a farewell for the Rev Dr Howard and the Rev Joan Smith. Howard and Joan, who have been so much a part of our parish life and community are moving to Canberra. They will be sorely missed from both the parish and wider communities. We wish them well.

**New Sets of Offering Envelopes** are available today. Please take your set home with you if you haven't already. They are a convenient way to maintain regular giving to the parish and to other agencies (through the duplex envelopes).

If you would like a set, please write your name on the sheet for parish records.

A number of folk use Direct Debit, arranged through the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst, at no cost. Some of these people use offering envelopes each Sunday, so that they have "something to put on the plate". Information sheets are available on the table near the offering envelope sets.

**Saturday May 12, 7.30pm.** The Woman's Social Dinner Contact Rachel Budden for details.

## From the noticeboard:

Information from NALAG (National Association for Loss and Grief) regarding a number of seminars to be held in Dubbo in May.

**Wanted:** accommodation is offered in a home 22 km from town in return for limited care for a person with a number of health problems. Please speak to Father Frank for further information.

Please do take home a copy of "**Anglican News**" with you today. Take one for a friend.

## Out of School Child Care:

We have been contacted by a family who are desperately looking for before and after child care, for a fee. If you are able to help, or would like further information, please talk to Father Frank or the Rev Jane Chapman. Thank you.

## National Trust Award.

The Trinity Foundation was awarded the "Conservation-Built Heritage-Community Group Category" for 2012. It is a recognition of the dedicated and hard work of Ernest Shave, Rob Westcott, Garry West, John Gibb, and Mayor John Davis. Congratulations and thank you for all that you continue to achieve.

The concrete apron between the southern porch and tower has been removed to allow a new, properly aligned and drained surface to be laid.

A scaffold for the removal of concrete render on the western end of the building is expected to be erected next Wednesday. Removal of the concrete render on the western end will commence to reduce water penetration and falling damp.

**The Food Trolley:** each Sunday at the offertory, the trolley is taken forward as part of the gifts that we are offering to God. The food is repacked for distribution by **Orange Anglicare** from its emergency food service each Sunday afternoon. It is an excellent way of caring for people in need. Nonperishable food, War prepackaged food such as cereals, tinned food is best.

