

This Week's Diary

Sunday November 18 25th Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Holy Communion	9:30am
	Bible Study Group	5:00pm
Monday November 19	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Tuesday November 20	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Bible Study Group	7:00pm
Wednesday November 21	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	7:30pm
Thursday November 22	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	OAGS Council	4:00pm
Friday November 23	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Saturday November 24	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday November 25 Christ the King	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Holy Communion	9:30am
	Bible Study Group	5:00pm

Readings: Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12, Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

On Advent Sunday, 2nd December, 2012, the Year C cycle of readings commences, focusing on the Gospel of Luke.

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In Christ

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

18 November 2012

Twenty - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector,

The proposed Royal Commission into sexual abuse of children is to be welcomed by churches and voluntary organisations across Australia. There has also been much discussion about the seal of the confessional, especially within the Roman Catholic Church.

We should never forget that the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been available to Anglicans in its formularies for generations. On page 773 of our present Prayer Book, you will find the "Reconciliation of a Penitent." Its preface provides a brief biblical and historical background.

Bishop David McCall produced a booklet entitled "The Ministry of Reconciliation" in 2009, at the request of the Australian bishops.

It contains a section on the Principles Applicable to Private Confession of Sins and Absolution, Relating to the Confession of Child Sexual Abuse. The guidelines include:

- An absolution should be according to an authorised rite of the church.
- The granting of absolution in confessions involving child sexual abuse is reserved to priests holding a special licence authority from the Bishop.

- All confessions involving child sexual abuse are to be referred to a priest holding the Bishop's licence to administer absolution in such cases. In other words the priest (unless specially licensed) must decline to pronounce absolution and refer the matter on.
- The penitent is to be given clear direction to seek help and counselling from people qualified to do so.
- Priests holding the Bishop's licence are to receive appropriate training and to be properly informed about what professional help is available.
- Absolution must be withheld until the priest is satisfied that there is genuine repentance and, apart from exceptional circumstances, until the penitent has reported the matter to police or other appropriate authority.

These matters are critical for our pastoral understanding and critical for the care for victims of abuse. Each edition of Anglican News advertises procedures and contact people for Sexual Harassment and Sexual Abuse Complaints Procedures (see page 8 of the present edition).

It is good to be reminded of what procedures are available to us as Anglicans.

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

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In our Prayers:

- The Anglican Church in Kenya
- The parishes of Cumnock, Dubbo and Eugowra
- The Bishop's Election Board
- Peace in Syria, Israel and the region
- All who serve in public office
- Those with concerns about the environment and mining development
- People who are hospitalised and those who are in nursing homes
- The Solling family in their sadness

A Request to all groups using the Memorial Hall: please ensure that the floor is swept; that garbage bins are lined before use; that the stove, sink, microwave oven and refrigerator are all clean and that the toilets are tidy when your activity finishes. There have been some difficulties in recent weeks because some of these things have not been done. Groups which use the Hall have been asked to help us by being vigilant in their use. Our paid cleaners come on Tuesday mornings.

Updated waiting list

The waiting list has been updated for our Retirement Village. Please contact the office if you or a family member would like to be added.

For Sale

**Trinity Retirement Village
refurbished 2 bedroom unit. All
enquiries to the Parish Office.**

Orange Community Christmas Lunch

Brochures are available today seeking support and helpers for this year's luncheon. The program runs from 12 pm until 2:30 pm.

At the time of choosing a Bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your church be built up and your name and glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thank you from the Rev. Tim Fogo. \$345 has been given so far towards the purchase of Bibles for the graduating class at OAGS. Gifts can still be made using the special envelopes.

Spring Fair 2012

What an extra ordinary event the Spring Fair turned out to be! **Congratulations** to everyone who helped organise it, and **thank-you** to everyone who helped make the day such a wonderful success. More money is coming in, but the following has been banked so far.

Plants are still available for sale. They can be inspected in the Rectory backyard!

<i>White Elephant</i>	\$1,688.75
<i>Garden Stall</i>	\$1,026.20
<i>Toys and Lucky Dip</i>	\$483.20
<i>Raffle</i>	\$1,545.00
<i>Book Stall</i>	\$973.55
<i>Kids Korner</i>	\$148.00
<i>Silent Auction</i>	\$1,202.45
<i>Craft Stall</i>	\$3,631.10
<i>BBQ</i>	\$433.00
<i>Morning Tea</i>	\$536.00
<i>Cake Stall</i>	\$906.95
<i>Jackpot Jars</i>	\$266.00
Total	\$12,840.20

ABM Reflections

1 Samuel 1.4-20; Song of Hannah (APBA p. 429); Hebrews 10.11-14,19-25; Mark 13.1-11

The story of Hannah in 1 Samuel is quite a remarkable one and gives many insights on a number of issues. But let us for today reflect on the significance of 'being in the presence of God'. Hannah was a troubled person for having not had a child and the situation worsened because she was bullied by her husband's other wife who herself had children. This story is very much unlike the story of Ruth and Naomi, save for the fact that Hannah's husband, Elkanah, loved her to bits and supported her despite her barren condition. Instead of being angry with God, or cursing her day of marriage, or the day she was born, or asking God to punish her rival who tormented her, Hannah simply drew closer to God and poured her heart in prayer. Her silent prayer became a great source of strength, and she went back home as a transformed person.

Pray that when we face difficult and challenging situations we may find courage and strength to be in God's presence, and that at all times we may strive to be sensitive to those who face difficulty and upsetting experiences.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Money boxes for ABM's work are available at the back of the church. Please take one and use it regularly. "From little things big things grow."

Christmas Service Rosters

Are you available to assist at any of the Christmas Services? If so, please indicate your availability on the sheets provided at the back of the Church or the cross aisle.

Parish Council Notes

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Apologies: Rod Wykes, Mark Bessen, Julie Jeffriess

1. Water easement through Retirement Village.
2. Maintenance and use of Memorial Hall.
3. Workplace Health and Safety.
4. Finances:
General Account \$18,386;
Trust Account \$17,314;
Rectory Maintenance Reserve \$9,500;
Church Maintenance Reserve \$40,221.
5. NCLS figures for 2013 planning.
6. Starting a new Sunday afternoon service for 2013.
7. Christmas Services to include an **"Advent into Christmas – Songs of the Seasons"** hymn festival on Sunday, December 23 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm, followed by Christmas cake and drinks.
8. **Services from December 30 until January 27 to be at 9:00 am.**
9. Lent commences on February 13. At present, suitable Lenten material is being researched.
10. The Rev Tim Fogo to work for two days per week, and Pastoral Worker, Rachel Budden voluntarily reducing her hours to one day per week.

Copies of **Anglican News** are available today. Please take one with you, and one for a friend.

