

This Week's Diary

Sunday October 14 20th after Pentecost	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Holy Communion	9:30am
Monday October 15	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Tuesday October 16	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Wednesday October 17	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Bishop in Council	9:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	7:30pm
Thursday October 18	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Parish Council	7:30pm
Friday October 19	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer - <i>special prayers for the Parish</i>	5:00pm
	Confirmation Service	7:30pm
Saturday October 20	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday October 21 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Holy Communion	9:30am

Readings: Job 38:1-7, Psalm 104:1-10,26, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Parish Office:

Phone: 6362 1623 **Fax:** 6361 9237

9.00am - 1.00pm Monday to Friday
Cnr Anson & Byng Streets, Orange 2800

Email: office@holytrinityorange.org.au

Rector

Archdeacon Frank Hetherington 6362 1623
rector@holytrinityorange.org.au

Associate Priest

Canon Margaret Finlay 6362 5166 (H)
associate@holytrinityorange.org.au

Deacon Assistant

The Rev Tim Fogo 6362 0065

Pastoral Worker

Rachel Budden 6360 2862 (H)
pastoralworker@holytrinityorange.org.au

Website: www.holytrinityorange.org.au

Know Grow
Show Go
In Christ

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

October 14, 2012

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector,

I am drawn by the sheer majesty of the words which we have before us today from the letter to the Hebrews (4: 12-16).

There are two great themes-the power of God's word, and the boldness by which we may draw near to God. Echoes of the Prayer of Preparation from the First and Second Order Holy Communion services come readily to mind (APBA, p 101, 119).

The themes of power and grace seem to go in opposite directions. Verses 12-13 describe the word of God as a two edged sword that lays open our innermost thoughts and intentions. The word of God places us under judgement. Someone said "It puts your soul on the operating table." The movement is from God's majesty and holiness to human weakness and limitation.

The second part of the reading moves in the opposite direction-from human frailty and temptation to Christ the high priest, who enables us to approach God's throne of grace.

The reading fits into the two different paragraphs, making the distinction easy. There are two different trains of thought. We are invited to wrestle with the tension between God's word to us and our words to God, between God's judgement that lays us bear and God's grace that empowers us

to ask help of God in our time of need, and between God's claim on us and our claim on God by virtue of Christ's saving work.

It is Christ alone who resolves these seemingly contradictory elements. We are reminded in Hebrews 1:2 that God has spoken most fully to us in his Son. The word of God is not an extra revelation beyond what we know in Jesus; the word of God is not a mysterious, overwhelming power that operates outside of what God does in Christ. Where God speaks, Christ is present, who has fully entered into a human condition yet without sin.

It is a challenge to absolute personal honesty before God so that we might know the absolute gift of grace, personally.

(Based on "Feasting on the Word", Year B Volume 4, pages 158 ff, WJK Publishing 2009)



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

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In our Prayers:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministries
- Wisdom for world leaders
- Orange Hospitals, Bathurst Gaol, Dubbo Juvenile Justice
- Those being confirmed next Friday
- Give thanks for the gift of spring
- The part we play in addressing Social Justice Issues
- The Powe family in their sadness.

Pastoral Letter

Bishop Richard's letter can be read at both entrances to the church. It is vitally important for us to be aware of its contents. It complements the front-page article in Anglican News, also available at the entrances of the church today.

Confirmation Service

Next Friday at 7:30 pm, one adult and a number of young people will be presented to Bishop Richard. Please pray for them. This will be Bishop Richard's last official visit to the parish before his retirement.

Praying at the Hospital

Three of our parishioners have agreed to pray Morning Prayer in the Prayer Room on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30am at the Orange Health Services. Would you be interested in praying on a Monday and/or Tuesday? Please talk to the Rector if you are interested.

For Sale

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



Fellowship Luncheon 12:30 pm

in the Parish Centre today. Please bring some food and drink to share. All welcome

Bible Study Groups

The Sunday afternoon Bible Study is re-commencing - 5:00pm in the Choir Vestry. Contact the Rev. Noel Clarke for details on 5310 6632.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study at Noel and Margo's (phone 5310 6632) is starting a new series on Philippians (7:30pm-9:30pm, including: 'catch-up', study/discussion, supper/fellowship, prayer.)

All are welcome.

Noel suggests people open: "the good book talks vimeo" on 'Google', and click on John Dickson's talk: "Why trust the gospels?"

Helpful, brief biblical reflections are available at the entrances to the church. Please do take a copy home with you if you are interested.

Farewell Gift for Bishop Richard

A presentation is being prepared for Bishop Richard and Christine for the Bishop's final service on Saturday, November 10, 10:30 am. Gifts can be made to P.O. Box 23, Bathurst 2795.

Bush Church Aid Boxes.

These are due to be returned by the end of September. Thank you!

Organ Centenary Celebrations

Pam Brooks and Julie Jeffriess are planning a special weekend of music on 23, 24 March 2013. Please contact them if you have any information about the organ or former organists. Thank you.

The flowers at the Pulpit this weekend are in loving memory of Julien Dedoncker

Spring Fair

Saturday 10 November, 2012

*There is a bunch of lovely ladies,
Known as the AWA.
They can make an awesome cuppa
For our special day-
Not to mention cakes and slices,
and the biscuits by the dozen.
So make a beeline for the hall
To check out where things are buzzin'.*

If you have gifts for the White Elephant stall, please contact Ray Norman on 63614385 so that items can be delivered directly into the shed.

Do you have any quality goods that could be placed into the silent auction? Either new or unusual items are great. Give Lynne a call on 63620141 if you can assist. Also needed donations of eggs for the cake makers and the BBQ. Thank you. The next meeting is on Friday, 19 October at 11 in the Parish Centre. All Welcome.

Raffle tickets are available from Joan Rout or the Church office - please collect some as soon as possible.

A Prayer for use 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 glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congratulations to

Matthew Culverson & Kylie Southwell and to Scott Burns & Rachel Whitton who were married yesterday.

ABM Reflections

Job 23.1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22.1-15;

Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31

The passage in Mark's Gospel and other similar scriptures has often led many to regard wealth and wealthy people as bad or evil, and as such unworthy of God's Kingdom.

Sermons are preached against riches and wealth. Being rich or even poor is not the point but rather this passage is inviting us all to consider our attitude towards God and people in relation to wealth in particular and material possessions in general. Material possessions can give us a great opportunity to honour and serve God but they can also be a hindrance.

Today's question: Thinking about your personal situation or your community, in what way would material things be a means to honour or dishonour God? Pray that material possession becomes a means, rather a hindrance to honour and worship God. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

On the Noticeboard

- A men's health night
- The latest information from Bruce Cox and Kathie Cummins
- A musical afternoon at St John's Molong next Sunday, commencing at 12.30pm (see Anglican News p 4)

Note the date, Sunday, November 4; 9:30 am Baptism Bears Reunion; 3 pm A Service for the Bereaved

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church of God today:
Flynn David Paterson
Jensen Philip Purss
and Riley Brian Whitford Jones