

This Week's Diary

Sunday September 1 <i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Holy Communion Family Service Bible Study Group	9.00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Monday September 2	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Tuesday September 3	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Bible Study Group	8:30am 5:30pm 7:30pm
Wednesday September 4	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer Choir Practice	8:30am 10:30am 5:30pm 7:30pm
Thursday September 5	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Friday September 6	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Saturday September 7	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 5:30pm
Sunday September 8 <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Holy Communion One Service only to-day Bible Study Group	9:00am 5:00pm

**Readings: Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18,
Philemon 1-25, Luke 14:25-35**

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

1 September 2013

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector:

The following comments come from "Building the Mission Shaped Church in Australia", produced in 2006 by the General Synod of the Anglican Church in Australia.

They are particularly relevant as we prepare for next Sunday morning's meeting to review service times.

"While seeking to do new things, a fresh expression means that we don't have to abandon existing systems of parishes. The "both-and church" recognises that we need both the ongoing work of the church to continue and fresh expressions to emerge if we are going to grow the church. There are important implications for this. One of them is putting in place strategies and resources to assist in parish revitalisation. Healthy churches can be growing churches."

"It could be argued that many traditional parishes look like a proper church. They have a building, they have a priest, they offer worship services, they have some groups/activities/service programs. However while they look like a parish should, they can be likened to a car on blocks: there is a car, there are some passengers, but the car has no wheels. It lacks energy or capacity to really go somewhere. Part of the challenge is to

enable the church to get the wheels back on." In order to do that, the following ten key points are needed-

- ◇ a deep sense of dependence on God;
- ◇ an agreed and enunciated sense of purpose;
- ◇ understanding where the life of the church is; (A separate sheet from the NCLS explains this a little more. The sheet is available at the back of the church.)
- ◇ a strong biblical culture;
- ◇ uplifting and inspiring worship;
- ◇ effective leadership of teams;
- ◇ outward looking, community connected relationships;
- ◇ a diversity of people and programmes; partnership with other churches and the community;
- ◇ generosity in gathering and serving Christian work at home or overseas.

There are important conversations to be had in order to help our think into the future.

I commend all this to your prayerful consideration.



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:

Lord, as you call us,
make us worthy of our calling.

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian in his leadership of our diocese
- The Parishes of Mudgee, Narromine and Nyngan
- Tim Fogo as he prepares for ordination on September 28
- Fathers and 'father figures' in our lives
- International support for resolution to conflict in Syria
- Our nation in this election week (please use the enclosed litany during the week)
- Community agencies supporting folk with physical and emotional difficulties

ABM Reflection

Sunday 1 September 2013

Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Psalm 81: 1, 10-16;
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1-14

Excessive individuality precludes mutual love. The message to the Hebrews is still alarmingly relevant: we are bombarded with messages that tell us that we need to be more attractive, successful, healthy. Like Jeremiah's audience, we undervalue ourselves, following our own designs instead of the way God designed for us: a way of gracious humility, generous hospitality and love.

Today's question: Do I value my life and myself according to God's measure?

Prayer: Generous God, revive me and turn me from dissatisfaction and empty ambitions.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Australian Defence Force Chaplaincy.



Father's Day

Happy Fathers' Day

Service Time Review

On Sunday, September 8 there will be one service - at 9.00am - in the Church.

Afterwards, the present service arrangement will be reviewed.

- How are you finding the new service program?
- What are its strengths and weaknesses?

If changes were to occur, what would they be, but how would they affect you, and others?

In addition, a brief time will be spent in accepting the revised financial statements for 2012.

Spring Fair 2013

Saturday, 9th November

URGENT: Only a few energetic people to manage a stall are now required! No previous experience needed, just your time. Please ring Lynne 6362 0141.

Also pop-up pergolas are required on the day. Can you help with a loan of one, please?

Our feature stall this week is the. . .

Bookcases often hold stories no one reads anymore

Oldies, young 'uns, books for mums & dads

Oversee your stock & clean out your shelves

Kooking books, do-it-yourself books, craft books

Save old magazines for school projects - we don't sell these!

Lifeline, Central West

provides free and confidential financial counselling, gambling counselling 24/7
Telephone counselling on 131 114.

Parish Luncheon

12.30pm, Sunday 8th September: a bring-and-share lunch in the Parish Centre. This month: "Milestones in Mavas, 2013". This is an interesting update from Kathy Cummins and Bruce Cox about their work - via CD. **All are welcome**, and to bring family and friends too.

Parish Council Planning

Two new committees are being formed using the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) materials.

One will look at Worship and Faith. Parish Council has taken over the responsibility for Mission Action Planning. This sub committee will develop longer term goals, including vision, ministry for the future and long term maintenance. It has power to co-opt for specific input. The group will report by Easter, 2014.

The Worship group will review current worship patterns and make recommendations for the future.

Name Badges

If you have not yet picked up your new name badge, **please contact Lynne as soon as possible** (6362 0141). There are a number still to be collected. If you have still to pay, it is very helpful if you can provide the correct money. Thank-you.

Peaceful Central Quality Retirement Villa – Holy Trinity Village

This is a comfortable 2 bedroom villa set amongst beautifully maintained gardens with only 8 other villas, new paint and carpet. It also features air conditioning and a single garage with internal access.

All enquiries to the Parish Office.

Ordination of the Rev Tim Fogo

*All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst,
Saturday October 28 at 11 am.*

If you are planning to attend, and have some spare seats in your car, please complete the sheet at the porch today. It may be that transport can be shared.

If you would like to make a contribution to an ordination gift for Tim, please place it in the offertory in a specially marked envelope. Thank you.

Annual Parish OHS/WHS Review

It's that time of the year when we have to review the Parish operation, and send in a report to the Diocese, and parts to Council etc...

IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER, PLEASE leave your thoughts at Parish Office or talk to Mike Middleton (0418 435 250) by the end of August/early September. Thank you.

Thank you for Last Weekend

Thank-you to Pam Brooks and everyone who assisted with the organisation for the Centenary of the Organ's Dedication. It was a wonderful occasion. The rector has written to Graeme Rawson to thank him for his participation in the event.

Theatre Restaurant at Saint Barnabas

A great night of entertainment is promised on the nights of October 11 and 12. Tickets are \$40. If you are interested in attending, please speak to the rector so that a Holy Trinity table can be booked. Don't delay!

**The flowers at the Pulpit
this weekend
are in loving memory
of
Bruce Seale**