

This Week's Diary

Sunday September 22 <i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Holy Communion Family Service Bible Study Group	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Monday September 23	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Tuesday September 24	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Bible Study Group Vision and Mission Group	8:30am 5:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm
Wednesday September 25	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer	8:30am 10:30am 5:30pm
Thursday September 26	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Friday September 27	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Saturday September 28	Morning Prayer Ordination, All Saints' Cathedral Holy Communion	8:30am 11:00am 5:30pm
Sunday September 29 <i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Holy Communion Family Service Bible Study Group	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm

**Readings: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-14, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, Timothy 6:6-19;
Luke 16:19-31**

Please note that Children's Activities resume after the School Holidays

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

22 September 2013

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

When we met on Sunday, September 8, to review service times, we also spent a brief time reviewing the audited statements and the revised budget. For some years now, I have served as Chair of the Finance Committee. The revised Budget for 2013 already has a deficit. We are falling behind \$1,220 a month. Much of this is allocated for maintenance, particularly on the Bluestone Hall. We anticipated transferring \$1,000 per month, but we cannot do this.

So far this year, with the generosity of some parishioners making special, generous donations we have managed to stay "in the black" in our General, or working account, making it possible to support the Clergy, Staff and other costs. Although the parish has an overdraft facility of \$30,000, we are very reluctant to use it in the present financial climate.

The reality is, we are sliding backwards whilst trying to establish new ministries.

For many years, the offering envelope system proved an effective way for people to contribute the work of the church. In Australia, we are rapidly moving away from a cash society to an electronic one, with many transactions occurring online. There has also been a significant reduction in the use of offering envelopes over recent years.

The most effective way of supporting the parish is by Direct Debit giving. It allows a constant flow of income to come each month. Direct debit can be arranged, free of charge, through the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst. Cash is transferred into the parish account on the first day of each month. Authorisation forms are available at the back of the church.

You might like to consider giving in this way, and also reviewing your giving to the life of the parish. Funds are very carefully managed. We are grateful to people for their ongoing support, but we are rapidly reaching a "crunch time".

In the future we hope to broaden our Church Mission, requiring additional staff to cover several new visions we have for the parish.

Rod Wykes,

Churchwarden & Chair of Finance
Committee



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:

Help us, O Lord our God.

Save us for the glory of your name.

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian as he leads our diocese
- The Parishes of Warren, Wellington and West Wyalong
- Tim Fogo as he prepares for his ordination next Saturday
- International response to the conflict in Syria and Egypt
- Give thanks for this week's rain.
- Those caring for the handicapped and mentally ill
- The Peters family in their grief

ABM Reflection

Jeremiah 8:18; 9:1; Psalm 79:1-9,

1 Timothy 3:14 – 4:6; Luke 16: 1-13

What seems shrewd and sensible today can seem very different when circumstances change. God's people no doubt thought they were being wise until they experienced the consequences of their actions, as the laments in both Jeremiah and the psalm show. Jesus' parable speaks into a society where we fence ourselves with safeguards, relying on them rather than on God's providence.

Today's question: Where do I find security? Am I prepared to trust God?

Prayer: Disturbing Spirit, free me from lack of trust and release me from trying to control my future.

Give thanks for the work and witness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans.

Bush Church Aid

Please bring in BCA boxes this month, September for counting. Thank -you.

Ordination of the Rev Tim Fogo All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst, Saturday September 28 at 11:00m.

If you are planning to attend, and have spare seats in your car, **please complete the sheet 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.

Tim will be commissioned as the **Bishop's Priest at Holy Trinity, Kelso on Saturday, October 5 at 6:00pm.** It would be wonderful if representatives from our parish could attend. **A farewell** for Tim, Karen, Nicholas and Angus is planned **following the 10:30 am service this morning.**



Service Times to Change

The Special Meeting about Worship and Service Times was attended by over 50 people. There was excellent discussion and many views were aired. It was decided to move **the early service to 8:30am, from the beginning of October.** The 10:30 am service will continue in the parish Hall.

F.I.S.H. is happening - on September 27

Food In Someone Else's
Home



This is a new activity, providing a way of meeting other people over a meal. Please put your name on the sheet today if you wish to participate in the first of these evenings.

Theatre Restaurant at Saint Barnabas October 11 and 12.

Tickets are \$40. Gather some friends and plan a night out. There are leaflets at the entrances.

Spring Fair 2013 Saturday, 9th November

URGENT:

We still need an activity for Kid's Korner and someone to manage it!! Please ring Lynne 6362 0141. Can you take a raffle book to sell some tickets? Please see Joan or Lynne.

So far we have highlighted the Raffle (esp Hamper items), Silent Auction, White Elephants, Books, Craft and Jackpot Jars.

Our feature stall this week is the. . .

Help make this stall a bumper sell!

Organic produce from your garden?

Mother's Union will accept all donations!

Eggs from your henhouse go down a treat.

Baked cakes – all sorts are yummy. . .

Angelic cakes for the festive season,

Kookies, gingerbread men, rocky road. . .

Excellent treats to tempt your tastebuds.

Next meeting is Friday, 27th September in the Parish Centre.

The Next Parish Luncheon

is planned for Sunday, October 12 @ 12.30pm. This is a bring-and-share lunch in the Parish Centre. Guest Speaker is Dr Ed Furze: giving an illustrated talk on a series of day walks through parts of the Pyrenees, from St Jean de Luz on the French coast to Roncesvalles, just over the Spanish border.

It sounds like fun! All welcome.

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.

Parish Council Notes

Thursday, September 19

Apology: Mark Bessen, Ruth Jones, Julie Jeffriess

WHS Issues: Some issues to be taken care of at the Bluestone Hall; electrical inspections to continue: detailed list deferred to October meeting.

Easement: sale of water easement to be registered; discussion next month about application of funds for its sale.

Rabbits: L HPA Ranger to continue work.

Car park on the northern side of Hall: Trinity Village to pay for hot mix surface; increased rental to Housing Authority; Village Committee to meet costs, to be repaid over four years, then rental income to revert to parish (\$4,500pa).

Village Committee: Len Bailey appointed.

District Ministry Council Lyn Atkins appointed.

Parish Council Vacancy: nominations to be received next meeting.

General Account: 19.9.13: \$5,810

Trust Account \$57,314 (includes \$38,500 for easement sale)

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we have been able to maintain the positive position through August and hopefully through September.

The **Mission and Vision Committee** reported briefly on its first meeting.

Applications for faculties (a licence from the Bishop) to place new carpet in chapel, and later in the chancel and sanctuary, and another to move the pelmet to the eastern wall of the chapel from which banners will be hung.

40 Hour Famine

A **big thank you** from Heather Cummins to all who supported the Famine this year. \$860 has been banked - so not far off the target of \$1,000. Sponsorship is still open so please contact Heather on 6362 6882.