

This Week's Diary

Sunday September 2 14th after Pentecost	Holy Communion Family Service and BBQ Confirmation Class	7:30am 9:30am 4.00pm
Monday September 3	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Baptism Preparation	8:30am 5:30pm 7.30pm
Tuesday September 4	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Wednesday September 5	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer Choir Practice MAP Meeting	8:30am 10.30am 5:30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thursday September 6	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5.30pm
Friday September 7	Morning Prayer AWA Meeting Evening Prayer - <i>special prayers for the Parish</i> Women's Social Group	8:30am 2.00pm 5:30pm 7 :30pm
Saturday September 8	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 5:30pm
Sunday September 9 15th after Pentecost	Holy Communion Holy Communion with OAK Confirmation Class	7:30am 9:30am 4:00pm

Readings: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125, James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

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To:
Know Grow
Show Go
In Christ

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

September 2, 2012

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector,

In recent months, an enormous amount of energy has gone into the development of the Parish's Mission Action Plan. The MAP is being introduced to parish groups so that our ministries and life together may be strengthened.

The logo at the top of the bulletin is our Vision statement. The words, "*To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples*", form the Mission statement that lives alongside it. The goals are *to Know Him, to Grow in Him and to Proclaim Him*.

Alongside this discussion, to help implement these aspirations, a seminar has been developed in which all our parishioners are encouraged to share.

Called "*An Exploration of God's Gifts to Us*", it begins with the idea that everyone has gifts which are necessary for the work of God through his church.

The next one is planned for Sunday September 9 in the Parish Centre from 2:30 pm, to conclude by 5 pm. All parishioners are invited, indeed urged, to attend.

A first step is an exploration of gifts from a biblical perspective. The gifts we have as individuals are not the same, as each person has something different to offer.

Some gifts are exercised formally, through things like Parish Council, Licensed Lay Ministry, sharing in rosters or singing in the choir. Most are exercised informally, such as caring for a friend or sharing a 'cuppa.' All gifts are precious and all are needed in the life and ministry of the church. We are a gifted people.

I hope that by the end of November most people will have participated in one of these sessions. They are not designed to "hand jobs out to people", but to help us recognise the gifts that God has placed within each one of us.

In that way, we are encouraged to find new things in ourselves and in others. We grow together in trust, faith, service and confidence as the body of Christ.



"... not hearers who forget but doers who act."

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

Giver of every perfect gift, for your love and goodness,
we give you thanks and praise.

In our Prayers:

- Christians bearing witness for their faith in difficult circumstances
- The parishes of Mudgee, Narromine and Nyngan
- Fathers, on this Father's day
- Diocesan meetings this week
- Local Government Elections
- Places where there is conflict and violence, especially in Syria
- Asylum seekers
- The Neich, Paton and Spicer, families in their grief

Welcome to today's Family Service.

Happy Father's day to our Dads. Welcome to singers from Orange Anglican Grammar School who will help us make music for God. If you are able, please join us for refreshments in the Memorial Hall afterwards.

A New Youth Activity

Rachel Budden is leading **students in years 6 to 10 in a new group** that will meet on the last Sunday of each month with a view to participating in the family service the next week. Please speak to Rachel for more information.

Bible Study Groups

Sunday afternoon at 5 pm
Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm
Contact The Rev Noel Clarke on 5310 6632

September rosters are available today. Please take yours home with you. If you deliver the **Parish Papers** please check the bundles and take the papers with you for delivery. **Thank you.**

Back to Church Sunday September 16

Invitation cards and prayer cards are available at the entrances of the Church today. Please take one or two and invite someone to join us at 9 am that day.

There will be only one service, so please note the time change.

Please also bring some extra food for morning tea afterwards. Make this a day of celebration.

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.*

A Women's Cursillo is being held at the end of September. If you would like further information about the Cursillo movement, please speak to Heather Cummins on 6362 6882.

Book Group meets on Thursday 16 September, 7:30pm, at 80 Gorman Road, home of Martin and Sally Atkins. The book for discussion is 'Flynn of the Inland' by Ion Idriess. All Welcome.

Friday Prayers

Friday 5.30pm until 6pm, in the Chapel- for God's wisdom, guidance and direction for our diocese and parish. There are many things to hold before God. **All are welcome.** You may like to join in this prayer time from home.

ABM Reflections

Zephaniah 3.14-20; Psalm 130;
Romans 8.33-39; John 12.20-32

No matter how bad a situation, renewal in Christ is possible. Even death cannot separate us from God's love for us which heals and restores. If we want to bear fruit for Christ we need to die – not perhaps as the Martyrs of New Guinea were called to do, but in terms of ego and will. By aligning our lives with the mind of Christ, we bear fruit and bring God glory.

Today's question:

Which parts of my life need to die away so that I can bring glory to God and bear fruit?

Pray for all who are persecuted for their faith

Give thanks for the heroic and inspiring witness of martyrs.

Spring Fair:

Saturday November 10, 2012

The craft group have been busy again Making Manchester items for your house to gain-

Covers and cushions, runners for tables,

Baby sets with 'down front cables'.

Items for big kids, littlies and gifts...

Can you add to the number, giving our spirits many lifts?

Gabrielle Ironside is the person in charge of the Craft Stall. If you have items that 'fit' this stall or can offer some time to help out, please give Gabrielle a ring on 6362 8041.

Next Meeting: Friday 14 September, 11am, Parish Centre. All welcome.

Mark the date so this can be a great witness of our parish's life.

The Rev Jane Chapman

Jane moves to Sydney early next week. She will be at the service on Wednesday, September 5 and will conduct the services on the Synod weekend, September 22, 23. Her father has been admitted into a nursing home in Mosman.

Jane is torn between her ministry here, and the pressing need for care for her father. Please remember them both in your prayers.

She has a 3/4 bed, with linen, to give away. Please call her on 0412353010 to learn more. It will have to be picked up from her home this week.

10.30am Saturday September 29

Ordination Service:

Lots of helpers will be needed as sidespersons, altar servers, choristers, and with serving food in the hall afterwards. Please add your name to the list if you can help.

Tim Fogo will be made Deacon. A gift is being planned for him. Please place donations in a marked envelope and hand them in at the parish office or in the offertory.

Ray Tickle from Dubbo will also be made Deacon and the Rev. Anne Neville from Saint Barnabas will be ordained a Priest.

Appointment of Diocesan Archdeacon Bishop Richard has appointed Fr Frank as the Diocesan Archdeacon.

From the Bishop's retirement on 10 November, Frank will also be the Diocesan Administrator. Financial help will be provided to us to support the parish while he serves in this role. Steps to find a person(s) to help out here are underway. It is anticipated that this role will take one day per week.