

## This Week's Diary

Sunday September 30 18th after Pentecost	Holy Communion	7:30am
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Monday October 1	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Tuesday October 2	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Bishops Leadership Team, Dubbo	10.00am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Wednesday October 3	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	7.30pm
Thursday October 4	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5.30pm
Friday October 5	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer - <i>special prayers for the Parish</i>	5:00pm
Saturday October 6	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday October 7 19th after Pentecost <i>Daylight saving Commences</i>	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Family Service	9:30am
	Exploring Spiritual Gifts	2.30pm

**Readings: Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22, Psalm 124,James 5:12-20, Mark 9:38-50**

*Children's activities are in recess during the School Holidays, and resume on Sunday, October 14*

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## Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

**To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples**

September 30, 2012

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### From the Rector,

Last Wednesday, along with some others, I received an e-mail of encouragement from Bishop John Stead. John was reflecting on Psalm 56, v 8 :

*You have counted my anxious tossings,*

*Put my tears in your bottle:*

*Are not these things noted in your book?*

He said that "God notes our tribulations, and our tears are counted, they matter in a deep way to God. God knows and can be trusted. I pray that you may have a deep and profound trust in God even in the midst of darkest darkness. There is a light that will, given time, drive away the darkness."

I found John's message very timely and a great strength to refocus on the God who calls us. In the last couple of weeks, life has been overly busy.

Maybe you feel times in your own life when you want to "wave a white flag", simply to catch up with yourself.

So my question for myself is "Where is your faith, and are you looking for signs of light in the midst of everything that seems to be happening?"

If you come into the church via the northern door, you will pass the labyrinth. It has covered over beautifully, in creeping thyme, which has a wonderful aroma and

produces small white flowers.

It can provide a bridge into worship. You might like to take time to pray the path. There is a brochure at the entrance of the church that suggests ways to use it for personal prayer. Take one and use it to help your own devotion.

But the Labyrinth is also a reminder that our own prayer matters, and that prayer can be profoundly shaped by Scripture.

The supportive messages, like the email from Bishop John, that we give to others, can have a profound effect. Let's remember to use them, too!

Where are the moments where you have felt lost or alone? Where are the moments when your darkness has been driven away? Who were the people who encouraged you?

Give thanks for them all.



## 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:

- ABM's Climate Network
- Bishop Richard, our Diocesan Archdeacon and Youth Ministry
- Ann, Tim and Ray who were ordained yesterday
- World leaders planning to overcome environmental issues
- Those travelling on our roads this long weekend
- All emergency service workers
- Families suffering from breakdown
- The Donlan and Peters families in their sadness

### ABM Reflections

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22; Psalm 124; James 5.12-20; Mark 9.38-50

In today's gospel reading, St Mark focuses on the unity of the Christian community. He urges us to have 'salt within ourselves' and to be at peace with one another. Salt preserves, and so we are urged to preserve the faith within ourselves. Salt also flavours, so we are encouraged to have lives flavoured by our faith.

**Today's questions:** How do I contribute to the peace of the Church? In what ways does my faith flavour my life?

Pray for peace among Christians, and for peace throughout the entire world.

Give thanks for the role that faith plays in society, reminding us all not to forget the poor and the needy.

**The ABM Magazine** is available today at the entrances. It shows how ABM is a supportive partner in many places. Do take a copy home with you. Last weekend, at Synod a parish target for 2013 of \$4770 was accepted for ABM; \$865 for National Home Mission and \$1510 for the Company of the Good Shepherd (CGS).

**A BIG Thank you to everyone who** assisted with all the arrangements behind the scenes for the Ordination Service yesterday. It was a wonderful team effort.

**Congratulations to the Rev Tim Fogo** on his ordination as a Deacon, a different function within the family of faith. Tim will continue with his chaplaincy role at Orange Anglican Grammar School while continuing to study and also be available to assist within the Parish. Please take the opportunity to sign an Ordination Card for Tim to go with a presentation gift.

### Praying at the Hospital

Three of our parishioners have agreed to pray Morning Prayer in the Prayer Room on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 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.

### Discovering Spiritual Gifts

Canon Margaret Finlay is offering to lead another Seminar next Sunday, October 7 from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. Please be in touch with her if you are interested in attending. It is a wonderful way of learning about the things that you are good at, getting some pleasant surprises and learning about others as well.

Make the best of this opportunity.

### Bible Study Groups

Sunday afternoon at 5:00pm and Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. Contact the Rev. Noel Clarke for details on 5310 6632

A new Bible study group will commence next Tuesday at Dorothy New's home, 4 Red Gum Avenue, 6362 4144

### For Sale

**Retirement Village  
newly refurbished 2 bedroom Unit.  
All enquiries to the Parish Office.**

## Diocesan Synod Last Weekend

A full report will be given in Anglican News which will be available next weekend. Ray Norman was re-elected to Bishop in Council. Father Frank was commissioned as Archdeacon of Bathurst and Administrator. The picture below tells the story.

Gifts for a Farewell Presentation for Bishop Richard can be placed in specially marked envelopes at the offertory or send to P.O. Box 23 Bathurst, 2795



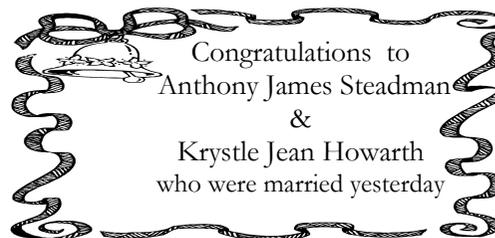
### A Prayer for use at the time of choosing a bishop.

Please use it regularly.

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  
Anthony James Steadman  
&  
Krystle Jean Howarth  
who were married yesterday

**Bush Church Aid Boxes** are due to be returned by the end of September. Thank you!

### Spring Fair:

**Saturday, November 10, 2012**

*Chris & Tina*

*(not Bill & Ben)*

*Run the plant stall*

*And they have a yen*

*For all things green -*

*Like trees and flowers,*

*Shrubs, ground covers*

*Veggies and herbs,*

*Garden seats for lovers*

*Pots and tools that have better been -*

*Really, anything for the garden!*

Chris and Tina Mills are hoping that you can clean out your garden shed and pot up plant cuttings from your garden. All items for this stall can be brought to the church grounds on Friday November 9.

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.

*The next meeting will be held on Friday 28 October, 2012 11:00am in the Parish Centre.*

All welcome.

### Organ Centenary Celebrations

A committee headed by Pam Brooks and Julie Jeffries is planning for a **special weekend of music** on 23, 24 March 2013. Please contact them if you have any information about the organ or former organists. On **Trinity Sunday**, June 26 2013, the Rev Dr Ben Edwards will be the preacher and present an organ recital.

**The Rev Doug Peters:** Doug grew up in Orange and served his entire ordained life in this region, including 20 years at Forbes. He died last Saturday. His funeral will be held in Holy Trinity next Tuesday at 2pm.

### Book Group

The next meeting of the Book Group will be on Thursday 11 October at 10 Lucas Street, the home of Noel and Margo Clarke. The book for discussion is 'The Book Thief' by Marcus Zusak.