

This Week's Diary

Sunday September 8 <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Holy Communion One Service only to-day Parish Luncheon Bible Study Group	9.00am 12:30pm 5:00pm
Monday September 9	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Tuesday September 10	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Bible Study Group	8:30am 5:30pm 7:30pm
Wednesday September 11	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer Choir Practice	8:30am 10:30am 5:30pm 7:30pm
Thursday September 12	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Friday September 13	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Saturday September 14	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 5:30pm
Sunday September 15 <i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Holy Communion Family Service Bible Study Group	9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm

Readings: Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28, Psalm 14, Timothy 1:-2, 12-19a, Luke 15:1-10

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

8 September 2013

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector:

Today's congregational meeting provides some amazing opportunities for us - to listen and care for one another; to think about how we engage people in the life of faith; to take tentative steps forward.

As I prepared for the meeting, my mind turned to four aspects of congregational life, listed by the American writer, Lauren Mead in "*Transforming Congregations for the Future.*" They are:

- **The Congregation as Community**

"The regular oscillation of the church person between the outward life of the public on the inner life of the congregation is the stage for much transformation. Facing outward, congregations open up to a public world in which their members engage, are influenced, and exert influence. Facing inside, congregations are an environment for growth and support. In community, a member of a congregation lives in the tension of religious heritage and public arena."

- **The Proclamation of Good News**

"Churches .. understand "the power of the Word" to mean scripture, yes, but also profound reflection upon it. They have experienced its transformative power in the act of preaching. In response to that strange, familiar activity of preaching, for generation after generation, gathered congregations have been transformed by

the spoken word."

- **The Teaching**

"We simply must invest major energy across the board to build adult education to bring this generation of adults on board the biblical story and the heritage of faith. This may be the most important task of the clergy for the next generation."

- **The Serving Role**

"It is this image of the servant as leader that we bring as a gift to our world and as a vocation for ourselves.... As Jesus demonstrated, by going to the places of hurt and bringing healing, by going where ever there is bad news to proclaim the good news."

Aspects of these four things lie in the background of our decision making today. Pray for one another, and for courage as we seek God's Spirit for our future.



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, guide us
and grant us a glimpse of your glory

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian as he leads our diocese
- The Parishes of Oberon, Orange and Orange East
- Tim Fogo as he prepares for ordination as a priest
- A newly elected Federal Government
- International response to the conflict in Syria and Egypt
- Voluntary agencies working for the benefit of the community
- Those recovering from illness, surgery and hay fever sufferers
- The Draper, Ezzy and Anderson families in their sadness

ABM Reflection

Jeremiah 18: 1-11; Psalm 139: 1-5,
Philemon 1-25; Luke 14: 25-35

God gives us freedom to choose. The readings suggest that there are consequences for all choices we make. The image of the potter suggests the consequences of disobedience. Jesus shows that God wants us to turn to him freely and joyfully, understanding that there is also a cost to discipleship. Yet, like Philemon, we have the opportunity to do the right thing out of love.

Today's question: Do I turn to Christ today, in joyful and loving obedience?

Prayer: God of love and justice, take me and shape me to your will.

Give thanks for ABM's Encounter Program, for this year's Encounter Visitors and for the host parishes in Australia.

Something F.I.S.Hy is happening in September!

Service Time Review Today, there is one service: 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, how would they affect you, and others? In addition, a brief time will be spent in accepting the revised financial statements for 2012.

Parish Luncheon

12.30pm, **TO-DAY:** a bring-and-share lunch in the Parish Centre. Presentation: "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.

Spring Fair 2013

Saturday, 9th November

URGENT: Kids' Korner and Gardening are the stalls where we need managers! No previous experience needed, just your time. Please ring Lynne 6362 0141. Can you take a raffle book to sell some tickets? See Joan or Lynne.

So far we have highlighted the Raffle (esp Hamper items), Silent Auction, White Elephants & Books. Our feature stall this week is the . . .

Cushion covers, tea cosies, hand towels,
Runners for the table, hand knits too
Anyone can sew, knit or make items for this stall

Further details can be obtained from Gabrielle 6362 8041

Trendy ideas for Christmas gifts

Meals on Wheels Reminder

It is Holy Trinity's Team to do Meals on Wheels on Monday 9 September.

Cursillo Gathering

The next Cursillo Gathering at St Barnabas Church will be held on to-day at 4:00pm. Heather Cummins will be the guest speaker. All welcome.

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.

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 am.

If you are planning to attend, and have some 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.

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.

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 items that need to be considered leave your thoughts at Parish Office or talk to Mike Middleton (0418 435 250) this week. Thank you.

Theatre Restaurant at Saint Barnabas

A great night of entertainment is promised on the nights of **October 11 and 12**. Tickets are \$40. One table of six is already booked from this parish. Grab some friends and plan a night out. There are leaflets at the entrances.

Stewart Town– Centenary of Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Sunday 29 September, 11 am. Bishop Ian is the preacher. For more information, please contact Clare White on 6846 8308 or Jill Stanton on 68468308

Thoughts On the Letter to Philemon.

The idea that Paul could have kept Onesimus with him to minister to him in Philomen's place shows the great power of gospel: that the servant is made equal to the master.

(Theodoret of Cyr, Interpretation of the Letter to Philomen)

A prayer for Australia on this day after yesterday's election

**God, bless Australia,
guard our people
guide our leaders
and give us peace;
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen**

F.I.S.H. on September 27.....