

TRINITY NEWS

Sharing Jesus for Life

THIS WEEK

Sunday 24 March

8.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

10.30am Contemporary Service followed by morning tea

Monday 25 March

7pm Monday Evening Fellowship Group

Tuesday 26 March

10am Prayer Group

1pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

7pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship Group

Wednesday 27 March

7am Wednesday Morning Fellowship Group (men)

10.30am Traditional Service followed by morning tea

7pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Group

Thursday 28 March

10am Thursday Fellowship Group (ladies)

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 29 March Good Friday

9am All-Age Service

Sunday 31 March Easter Sunday

8.30am Traditional Service

9.30am Easter Craft, Easter Hunt & Morning Tea

10.30am Family Service

7 April to 14 April

Easter Outreach in partnership with St Barnabas, to Share Jesus for Life in Orange

Sunday 21 April

Bishop Mark Calder visit

From Andy's Desk...

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, where we remember the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey with the crowds cheering him on, laying palm branches and their cloaks on the road in front of him. They welcomed him like a king and it is clear from what they said that they were expecting to see the beginning of a new kingdom with a new king from David's line on the throne.



"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"
Mark 11:9-10

It must have been utterly thrilling for these Jewish men and women; and yet they had missed something critical. They had missed something that the disciples themselves didn't understand until several weeks later, after Jesus had been crucified and raised to life again, and Jesus had sent the Holy Spirit to equip and empower them to take the good news of Jesus to the ends of the earth. They missed just what kind of King Jesus was, and what he had come to do. Many of them expected a conqueror who would throw out the Romans and establish a global kingdom with Christ on the throne, and the Jewish people firmly on top.

Mark shows us that Jesus had something very different in mind. Mark answers two key questions in his gospel: Who is Jesus? Why did he come? In chapter 8 we reach the climax of the first half of Mark's gospel as we hear Peter declare confidently "You are the Messiah." *Messiah* is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek word *Christ*, and both words mean *God's anointed King*. Peter has drawn the right conclusions for all the evidence given by Jesus: Jesus is the King.

But what kind of king? What had God's King come to do? What follows shocks the disciples and the Jewish people.

"[Jesus] then began to teach them that the Son of Man (one of Jesus' ways of referring to himself) must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Mark 8:31-32

Jesus had not come to establish global rule with a sword and army. He had come to die, betrayed and rejected by the Jewish people and their leaders. The crowd that cheered Jesus into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday was replaced by a crowd baying for Jesus' blood less than a week later in the early morning of Good Friday. Jesus' death was a ransom (Mark 10:45), a wonderful demonstration of the love of God as Jesus gave his life to set us free from sin (Romans 5:8). Jesus died the death we deserved so that we might become children of God with all the rights of heirs as though we had lived the perfect life of Jesus.

And what does it mean to follow this King? As Jesus himself says: *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."* Following our King, we are called to a life of sacrifice and service.

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin
Minister

EASTER**Good Friday 29 March**

9am All-Age Service followed by morning tea

Easter Sunday 31 March

8.30am Traditional Service

9.30am Family Easter Craft & Morning Tea

10.30am Family All-Age Service

GOT QUESTIONS? MEET JESUS**Sunday 7th to Sunday 14th April**

A week of joint activities with St Barnabas to share the good news of Jesus with Orange

Playgroup - Kids' Club - Family Fun Day

BBQ with Q&A - Dessert Evening with Q&A

Parish Visiting - School Chapel & Assemblies

Orange Easter Festival - TODAY 12-3pm in Robertson Park

Orange churches are hosting a Family Easter Festival to share the great news of Jesus! See flyer for more details including how to get involved on the day.

Bishop Mark Calder visiting - Sunday 21 April

Mark will be with us for both services so please plan to come and do say hello to Mark at morning tea.

Diocesan Day Conference on 'Prayer' - Saturday 18 May in Dubbo

Join with others from around our Diocese to enjoy a great day of fellowship, teaching and practical help with a focus on **Prayer**: Why we pray, how we pray and practical 'all-in' seminars to rejuvenate and challenge our prayer life. Speaker Peter Rodgers, former International Director of CMS Australia and now Assistant Minister at Newtown Erskineville Anglican Church. Morning Tea and Lunch provided. Kids' & Youth programmes plus Crèche. See flyer for more details and information on how to register.

Fellowship Groups

Our midweek small groups are a great time to meet together over coffee to chat, study the bible, pray and encourage each other. If you'd like to join a group contact Andy Martin:

Monday 7pm - Tuesday 1pm & 7pm - Wednesday 7am (men) & 7pm - Thursday 10am (ladies)

Church Directory

We are currently looking into establishing an online Holy Trinity Directory for church family to use, which we hope to launch in the coming months.

PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: Sunday 28 April 3-5pm

Andy Martin - *Rector*, Garry West - *Rector's Warden*, Rod Wykes - *Warden & Treasurer*,

Lynne Middleton - *Warden*, Sandy Bosanquet - *Secretary*

John Bosanquet, Charles Jones, Elyse Gilbert, Steve White, Daniel Willis

If you have feedback, comments or questions for Parish Council please send an email to holytrinityorangesec@gmail.com or leave your contact details with the office and a member of Parish Council will contact you. Minutes will be available to read afterwards, in the church office.

GIVING

If you would like to give financially to support the work at Holy Trinity of Sharing Jesus for Life, gifts can be placed in the baskets or gift-box at church or given online:

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