

# TRINITY NEWS

## Sharing Jesus for Life

### THIS WEEK

#### Good Friday

9am All-Age Service

#### Easter Sunday

8.30am Traditional Service

9.30am Easter Craft,  
Easter Hunt & Morning Tea

10.30am Family Service

#### Tuesday 2 April

10am Church Family  
Prayer Gathering

1pm Tuesday Afternoon  
Fellowship Group

#### Wednesday 3 April

10.30am Traditional  
Service followed by  
morning tea

7pm Wednesday Evening  
Church Family Prayer  
Gathering

#### Thursday 4 April

10am Thursday Fellowship  
Group (ladies)

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### 7 April to 14 April

#### Got Questions? Meet Jesus!

A week of outreach in  
partnership with St  
Barnabas, to Share Jesus  
for Life in Orange

#### Sunday 21 April

Bishop Mark Calder visit

### From Andy's Desk...

"What right does Jesus have to say that he is the only way to God?" Have you ever asked that question?

Some people think that Jesus' claims are arrogant and exclusive. In a world of many competing views why on earth should we believe Jesus? Aren't there lots of ways to know God?

Easter is the proof we need.

At the first Easter, Jesus was crucified by the Roman execution squad on duty that Friday. These guys were experts in making people die horribly - and they made sure Jesus was dead.

Three days later, the first people to Jesus' tomb found it empty. Over the weeks that followed hundreds of people saw Jesus alive and well, and the authorities failed to produce any evidence to the contrary. Here is the Apostle Paul writing about twenty years later:

*"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:3-5.*

Notice that Paul says that most of the eyewitnesses were still alive - his readers could have tracked them down for themselves to ask them. In the years ahead some of these eyewitnesses were killed because they insisted Jesus had come back to life. In the gospels we have the eyewitness testimony of those people. These are ancient accounts written so that people through the ages could know the truth about Jesus. Even all the historians of the time, themselves not Christians, recorded that this was the news spreading like wildfire across the Roman Empire.

This is not just extraordinary. It also proves everything Jesus said about himself.

You see Jesus had said on many occasions that this is precisely what would happen. Here's Mark's gospel (8:31):

*"He then began to teach them that the Son of Man 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."*

Jesus predicted the manner of his death and the fact of his resurrection again and again. In fact, everything Jesus said proved to be true. Again and again, Jesus proved his credentials as God himself come to earth, and this came to an extraordinary climax when he came back to life three days after his execution, proving beyond doubt that Jesus is the Son of God and the king appointed by God over all his creation. When he says that there is no way to get to God except through him - you can believe him - his resurrection proves it!

In fact, Jesus is still living now, still doing business with people like you and me, calling us to follow him. Don't miss him.

With love in Christ,

Andy Martin  
Minister



## 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  
Visiting - School Chapel & Assemblies

There will be Sunday lunch for all at St Barnabas on 7 April and at Holy Trinity on 14 April

Please take some invitations to give to friends and neighbours

### **Bishop Mark Calder visiting - Sunday 21 April**

Mark will be with us for both services so please plan to come and 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.

**Leigh Knight's piano** is looking for a new home. Please contact Louise in the office for details.

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

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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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