TRINITY NEWS

SHARING JESUS for LIFE

THIS WEEK

Sunday 1 November
8.30am Traditional Service

10.30am Contemporary Service with Crèche, Kids' Group & Youth

Tuesday 3 November
10am Prayer Group

1pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship Group

5pm & 7.30pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship Groups

Wednesday 4 November
7am Wednesday Early Men's Fellowship Group

10.30am Wednesday Service

7pm & 7.30pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Groups

Thursday 5 November
7am Thursday Early Ladies' Fellowship Group

10am Thursday Morning Ladies' Fellowship Group

5pm Kids' Club

7pm & 7.30pm Thursday Evening Fellowship Groups

Friday 6 November
6pm Friday Youth

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 11 November
Remembrance Day - church building open to community

Saturday 21 November
Working Bee

Saturday 28 November
Women's Christmas event

Sunday 29 November
Combined Service and Church Family Brunch

Saturday 16 January
Bishop Stephen Carnaby's installation service at Bathurst Cathedral

From Andy's Desk…

Genesis centres on God's promise to bless the world through Abraham's descendants. The promise has been passed on to Isaac, then Jacob (=Israel), and now Jacob's twelve sons… but they are not promising material!

Joseph, Jacob's favourite son and proud owner of a colourful coat, was hated by his jealous older brothers who plotted to kill him (which seems to be something of a recurring theme), and sold into slavery.

However, even though Joseph was now a slave far from home, the Lord was with him. Joseph's life was something of a roller coaster: even though a slave in Egypt, because the Lord was with him, Joseph thrived. He was such an industrious and reliable slave that his Egyptian master *"saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did… Potiphar put him in charge of his household and entrusted to his care everything he owned" (39:3-5).* The result was the Lord's blessing on everything Potiphar had (5). The Lord was keeping his promise to bless the nations through Abraham's descendants!

Now, I did say roller coaster. Just when everything was on a high, it came crashing down. The handsome Joseph caught the eye of Potiphar's wife who falsely accused him of assault and he was thrown into prison. But the Lord was with him and Joseph was put in charge of everything. *"The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in everything he did." (39:23).*

The roller coaster continued (you can read the details in Gen. 40 and 41) for Joseph was catapulted to the heights. The Lord so directed events that Joseph was appointed to rule all Egypt: *"Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." (41:39-40).* Joseph organised the first recorded famine relief operation and saved thousands.

God is faithful! Joseph's life shows that difficult circumstances do not mean that God has abandoned us. He has promised to be with His people all the time, everywhere; and to bring blessing to the nations through Jesus, Abraham's great descendant. God is faithful!

Can we learn more from Joseph? He teaches us what faithfulness looks like in the face of suffering and injustice. Despite his painful circumstances, he knew the Lord was with him. Joseph didn't despair but served God by serving those over him without complaint, with complete integrity, and refusing to sin against God. Let's pray that we would likewise trust the Lord.

And lastly, Joseph's life foreshadows the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus is his Father's beloved son, rejected by his brothers, handed over to foreigners, and not only imprisoned but executed, raised up by God to be the source of salvation and blessing for the whole world. In Joseph's story, we recognise early echoes of our greater Saviour who rescued us, and now rules over all things at the right hand of God, for His glory and for our good.

With love in Christ,
Andy Martin, Rector

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR CHILDREN AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS AT ALL TIMES

Ideas from the Bookstall
We have a church bookstall full of great Christian resources to buy as gifts or for yourself - Bibles for all ages, books for kids & teens, devotionals to help you read the Bible on your own, and more.

Thanksgiving Service for Daniel Willis - Friday 13 November 10am at Holy Trinity

Garage Sale Trail - Saturday 14 November 6am-1pm - see Lynne Middleton

Working Bee - Saturday 21 November 8am-2pm including BBQ lunch
Please join us for as little or as long as you can, to help with the upkeep of our buildings and grounds.

Women's Christmas Event - Saturday 28 November 10.30am-12.30pm
Join us for a lovely morning of wreath making, with a delicious morning tea and a short talk about the real meaning of Christmas. Bookings now open on ChurchSuite or through the office. $30 per person. See Bec Choi for more details.

Combined Service - Sunday 29 November 9.30am followed by 11am Brunch in the Hall
Join our whole church family as we come together for ONE service followed by a Bring&Share Brunch - please bring bacon for the BBQ, bread rolls, pastries, fruit platters, fruit juice, etc. (**NO 8.30am or 10.30am)**

Anglicare

MISSION NEWS
Anglicare exists to share the love of Jesus and value all people as made in the image of the living God. Pray for our local team in Orange as it expands and grows, and for each of them as they work and minister in our area - Claire, Scott, Dallas, Theo, Amanda and Liam.

PARISH COUNCIL Next Meeting: 23 November
Rector: Andy Martin Wardens: Lynne Middleton, Garry West, Steve White
Councillors: John Bosanquet, Andy McMaster, James Morrison, Megan Nicholson, Steve Price
If you have feedback, comments or questions for Parish Council, or WHS matters to report, please contact Wardens or Louise Wythes in the church office. Meeting Minutes are available to read in the church office.

GIVING FOR THE GOSPEL
If you would like to give financially to support the work at Holy Trinity of Sharing Jesus for Life, please take a copy of our ***Giving*** leaflet and prayerfully consider how you might contribute. Gifts can be placed in the baskets or gift-box at church, or given online:
Holy Trinity Anglican Church Orange
Bank: NAB BSB: 082 774 Account: 391-842-618

SAFE MINISTRY
At Holy Trinity Orange we are committed to Safe Ministry and have zero tolerance for any kind of abuse. We adhere to the NSW Child Safe Standards (see posters on noticeboards for more details). If you need to speak to someone about a concern please contact Andy Martin or our Safe Ministry Coordinator, Louise Wythes. Alternatively, you can contact the Bathurst Diocesan Office: office@bathurstanglican.org.au

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