

Trinity News

Why do some make it and some do not?

Many fires are raging in New South Wales today and 42+ Celsius temperatures are expected tomorrow in many places. Helicopters loaded with water are dousing flames in inaccessible mountain crannies and stock and property are consumed by the hungry flames racing across flat grasslands. As in such disasters in the Philippines, lives have been lost and the treasures of the years reduced to ashes .

An enigmatic passage in Luke 13:3-4 recalls the crashing of the tower of Siloam in Jerusalem and the 18 deaths that it caused. In a small parish Church a small boy reads a eulogy for his still-young father who has died of a heart attack. Everyone cries. Empty beer cans (“tinnies”)are placed on the coffin by his mates as symbols of his life.

Afterwards the young friends of the deceased stand outside the church drinking from beer cans and smoking. No one has listened to the real funeral address. The little boy is patted on head. He has done well, but he carries his heartache away with him for the rest of his life. We all ask questions about **why** some vanish from our midst and some are saved. Life has no simple answers. But asking the right questions, as Rilke said, may introduce us to clearer traces of the answers.

I am thankful that I work with people who dare to ask the questions that the search for truth demands. Truth is not an abstract matter. It is doused with tears and encased in tribulation, but it surprises us in our moments of happiness with occasional glimpses of clarity. No one should apologise for being happy. It may be revealing something that for a moment is the greatest truth on the planet.

With loving care,
Bishop Arthur Jones

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR 2013

The Senior Warden, and Vestry Members of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity are pleased to announce that our Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM) has been scheduled for the 27th of January 2013 (last Sunday of January).

During the AGM, elections will held to replace Vestry Members, whose terms either have expired or have resigned. There are 6 vacancies to fill for 2013.

1. We enjoin all parishioners to check the parish bulletin board (by the parish church office) for the list of parishioners who are eligible to vote. If we missed your name, please advise our parish secretary, Claire Agustin, so the list can be corrected.
2. The list of Vestry Members who will continue to be part of the Vestry, and those who will step down or must seek reelection, will also be posted on the bulletin board.
3. Nomination forms are available in the parish office for those who wish to nominate a candidate. Candidates who agree to his/her nomination will have to sign the nomination form, with the confirmation that he/she will be present for the first Vestry Organizational Meeting on Monday, 28th of January, 2013. Last day for submission of nomination forms will be Jan. 20, 2013.
4. As per Vestry approved guidelines in the holding of Annual Elections for Vestry Members, no proxy voting will be allowed. Instead, advance voting shall be allowed starting from Thursday (Jan. 24) to Saturday (Jan. 26) for those who cannot be in church on Jan. 27. Ballots will be available at the Parish Office.

For information of all.

VICTORIA YU
Head, Vestry Election Process for 2013

TO PLAN THIS WEEK:

Saturday.

- Gen. ECW Meeting,
10:30-12:30, Parish Hall.
Potluck lunch follows.

NEXT WEEK'S

READINGS:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96
I Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11