

## Notices

### JAZZ CONCERT

A Jazz Concert will be held in the hall on the **30<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm**. Tickets are **\$15** per head which includes Afternoon Tea and are on sale from **Beverley Gilbert or Eileen Comber**. Tables of 10 or varied to suit your needs.

Come along and have an enjoyable afternoon.

Volunteers needed to help with the offering counting following the 10 am service. Please speak to Stephen Smith or Joy Mitchelmore.

**Prayer requests** –Beth Gibbs.

### Prayers of the people

- Peta Foote has moved to Donvale Rehabilitation following her surgery.
- For Des Nelson is at the Epworth Eastern, Box Hill where he is recovering and waiting for heart surgery. Joy has been moved to the Seventh Day Adventist hostel, Centre Road.
- Please pray for healing for Lillian following an operation on neck gland.
- For Des Andrews who has a leg ulcer which is persistently refusing to respond to treatment.
- For Peter Phyland and Trish as Peter receives on going care for his cancer.
- Pray for Des Melder for renewed strength and as he continues to undertake further medical tests.

**Please pray for the work of** Michael, Melanie & Aaron Viljoen – Wycliffe Bible Translators. And also for the ministry of Rev. Anne & Noel Nixon – BCA, Qld.

## Welcome to St Edward's

Living as a Christian has never been easy, particularly when you belong to a minority religious group as many do throughout the world. Yes, Western culture appeared Christian throughout the Middle Ages up to the present era, but scratch the surface, and there were human rights abuses (slavery for example); misogyny, racism and the murky relations between Church and State – none of which can be justified by Scripture or the example of Paul and Jesus. Periodic reformers throughout history and even to this day, highlight that morally, there is still much which needs to be done both inside and outside of the church.

The New Testament persistently highlights that the Christian's lifestyle, morality and orientation in life are to be different from the prevailing culture of the day. This is sometimes done by using the metaphor of darkness and light (Matt 5:14; Rom 13:12-13). Sometimes this image of light/darkness is also used of God's purity which exposes what is hidden in the human heart. But in his letter to the Ephesian Christians, Paul draws attention to the reality that Christians now belong to the 'light'; whereas once they had belonged to the 'darkness' (Eph 5:8-20). They should no longer participate in the sins of the sexually immoral, the greedy or in drunkenness (Eph 5:3, 5; 17). A tension between the world and Christian is inevitable. Be wise, Paul says, about your conduct (Eph 5:15). The way to stand firm then, is by the strength which the Holy Spirit and our fellowship together gives us (5:17-20).

## St Edward's Anglican Church

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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Sunday 8 & 10 am

Thursday 10 am

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## Verse of the day

“I am the light of the world’, says the Lord; ‘those who follow me will have the light of life.’

(John 8:12)

## Prayer of the day

Gracious God,  
in order that we children of earth  
might discern good from evil  
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:  
as the light of Christ shines upon us,  
may we learn what pleases you,  
and live in truth and goodness;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## 8 AM. Holy Communion, 1<sup>st</sup> Order, APBA, p.101)

### Readings

New Testament	Ephesians 5:8-20	(p. 1176)
Psalm	23	(APBA, p. 243)
Gospel	John 9:1-41	(p. 1075)

### Hymns

246 “Christ is the world’s light”  
407 “Breathe on me breath of God” (Tune Trentham SM)  
145 “The king of love my shepherd is”

## 10 AM (Holy Communion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Order, APBA, p.119)

### Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

**Hymn:** 454 “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”

### Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

### Prayer of the Day

### Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Rom 4:1-17	(p. 1131)
Psalm	121	(APBA, p. 360)
Gospel	John 3:1-17	(p. 1065)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

**Hymn:** 407 “Breathe on me breath of God” (Tune Trentham SM)

### Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer

(p. 124)

### Confession and Absolution

Prayer of Approach	(p. 125)
Confession	(p. 126)
Absolution and Greeting of peace	(p. 127)

**Hymn:** 538 “Feed us now” (repeat)

**Holy Communion** – Preface: Ash Wed & Lent (pp. 151, 128-129; 141.)

Prayer after communion: p. 151.

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**Hymn:** 145 “The king of love my shepherd”

**Sending out of God’s people.**