

Notices

Easter Biscuits Thank you to all who baked biscuits for Prison Fellowship. This year 80,000 biscuits with an Easter message were given to prisoners.

Ladies Fellowship If you would like to go to St Edward's Ladies Friendship Group Luncheon Tuesday 2nd May at 12.30pm Box Hill Golf Club Bistro, Station St. Box Hill South, please let Alice or Beth know. All welcome.

BCA Boxes – please return them to the church office for counting.

Reminder Special Efforts meeting Monday 24th April at 7.30pm in church office.

Come and hear the Merle Street Jazz Band The concert this coming Sunday, the 30th April at 2.00pm in the hall. Tickets are \$15 per head which includes afternoon tea. The tickets are on sale from Eileen Comber, Beth and Alan Gibbs.

In response to the damage following Cyclone Debbie in Qld, the Anglican Relief & Development Fund has launched an appeal to assist victims of the cyclone. ARDFA has already sent funds to the dioceses of North Queensland (+Bill Ray), Rockhampton (+David Robinson) and Grafton (+Sarah Macneil). Funds raised from the appeal will also be sent to Emergency Chaplains serving in disaster areas. The Parish Council are sending \$300 to assist the Anglican churches. If you wish to add a donation of your own, please pass on to Eileen Comber (treasurer).

Prayer requests –Beth Gibbs.

Prayers of the people

- Peta Foote has returned home.
- For Des Nelson remains at the Epworth Eastern, Box Hill where he is recovering from heart surgery. He will move on Tuesday to the Donvale Rehabilitation Centre for ten days. Joy has moved back to the Seventh Day Adventist hostel, Centre Road.
- Pat Eagle has had a fall due to heart attack, but has been discharged from hospital and has been moved to the Vic Rehab Centre in Springvale Rd. Her phone number is 9566 2777.
- 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

We live in the era following the resurrection of Christ. The apostles and then the early church – the disciples of Christ, we not only convinced that God had raised Jesus from the dead, they made it the centre of their preaching (1 Cor 15:1-11; Acts 3:15). The resurrection was the defining evidence that Jesus was the Messiah/Christ (Acts 5:30-31; 42); and the Son of God (Rom 1:4). It lay at the heart of Paul's gospel (2 Tim 2:8). When we ask the question then, 'what is the church', and we move past the idea that the church is a building, the more common definition is that the church is 'the people of God'.

In 1 Peter, we begin to see that definition expanded to include the idea that the church is composed of those who have been called by God – under both the old covenant (Jews), and under the new (Christians), and that both share a common inheritance and calling. This is made possible by of the resurrection of Christ and the gift of the Spirit.

The New Testament era church is made manifest as it assembles in response to the resurrection just as the apostles assembled with the believers in Jerusalem in the days immediately after Easter Sunday. Today, we are the community brought into existence, because of the resurrection and our calling, is to be witnesses of this event and its promise that we can be transformed by the one raised from the dead.

St Edward's Anglican Church

2nd Sunday of Easter
23rd April 2017

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Verse of the day

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

(1 Peter 1:3)

Prayer of the day

**Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt:
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

8 AM. Holy Communion, 1st Order, APBA, p.101)

Readings

New Testament	1 Peter 1:1-12	(p. 1217)
Psalm	16	(APBA, p. 234)
Gospel	John 20:19-31	(p. 1089)

Hymns

245 “We have a gospel to proclaim”

28 “God is our strength”

MP 295 “I serve a risen Saviour” (OHP)

10 AM (Holy Communion, 2nd Order, APBA, p.119)

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 474 “Gather us in”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 Peter 1:1-12	(p. 1217)
Psalm	16	(APBA, p. 234)
Gospel	John 20:19-31	(p. 1089)
Sermon		
The Apostles Creed		(APBA, p. 171)

Hymn: 28 “God is our strength”

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: MP 995 “Jesus Christ I think about your sacrifice” (OHP)

Holy Communion – Easter 1st Preface (pp. 154, 128-129; 141.)

Prayer after communion: p. 155 (1st prayer).

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Hymn: 245 “We have a gospel to proclaim”

Sending out of God’s people.