

Notices

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.

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.

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 has nearly concluded his time in rehabilitation and will move onto to Adventist Care, Central Road, Nunawading. 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.

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

There are two essential qualities which define both the Church and also the individual Christian. The first would be that the person loves God and their neighbour, especially their brothers and sisters in Christ. The second essential quality of a Christian (and the Church), is that they are holy. Now I know as soon as I type the word 'holy', that all sorts of responses will be made – and most will be negative. Let's consider what might be the first response: I can't be holy. In reply: you are made holy – which means set apart for God's use, and you are called to make choices and build a lifestyle that expresses your commitment to put God first. The second negative response is that holiness is associated with men wearing long black coats and saying no to everything in life that might be good or enjoyable. Joy is not what would be associated with these men either.

Israel was called by the LORD to be holy (as seen in Leviticus ch 11, especially 11:44-45), which meant it was to be set apart for God's exclusive use. Because it was 'separated' for God's use, it was also expected to express that holiness morally and in its personal life by its inner transformation. The same thing occurs for the Christian: they are called to be separated from the world, and to belong exclusively to God (ie: holy). They are also called to be transformed into greater degrees of holiness – and purity, reflecting God's holiness. For this reason, 1 Peter 1:16 quotes from Lev 11:44-45. Yet holiness is the 'salt' which enables us to have something distinctive for others to taste. No holiness (or love), and we have no identity and we forfeit our calling.

St Edward's Anglican Church

3rd Sunday of Easter
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Verse of the day

“Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.”

(Psalm 24:3-4)

Prayer of the day

**Gracious Father,
who in your great mercy made glad the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such awareness of his presence with us
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life,
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Readings

New Testament	1 Peter 1:13-25	(p. 1217)
Psalm	116:1-4, 11-18	(APBA, p. 346)
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35	(p. 1061)

Hymns

387 “Christ is alive”
76 “I to the hills”
“Amazing love” (OHP, Kendrick)

10 AM Prayer, Praise and Proclamation (APBA, p. 35)

Praise and Thanksgiving to God

Welcome, Verse of the Day and verses of scripture (Sitting)

Thanksgiving prayer (OHP) (APBA, 36)

Song: MP 1122 “We are a moment” (OHP) x 2

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 Peter 1:13-25	(p. 1217)
Psalm	116:1-4, 11-18	(APBA, p. 346)
Affirmation of faith		(APBA, p. 37)
The Sermon		

Song: MP 476 “My Lord, what love is this?” (OHP, Kendrick)

Confession of sin

Confession and Absolution (OHP)	(APBA p. 38)
Declaration of God’s forgiveness	(APBA p. 39)
Assurance of God’s forgiveness	(APBA, p. 39)

Ministry of prayer + Lord’s Prayer

Notices

(APBA p. 40)

Sending out of God’s people (OHP)

(APBA p. 40)

Song: 572 (i) “O Thou, who camest from above”

Benediction

(APBA, p. 40)