

## Notices

**Friendship meeting** will be held on Tuesday 6th June at the church 1.30pm.

**St Edward's has sent \$450** in response to the damage following Cyclone Debbie in Qld, to the Anglican Relief & Development Fund to assist victims of the cyclone. Thank you to those who contributed to this need.

**Working bee: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.** There is a list of jobs on the notice board which needs to be completed. Please put your name beside a task. Some specialised tools and materials will be available as needed, otherwise please bring your own along with gloves, protective glasses and clothing etc.

**Avoiding trips and falls:** Alan Gibbs is providing an information session with a experienced physical trainer on how some regular exercises can help prevent falls and trips. Time and date: 3:30 pm, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Please speak to Alan to register your interest.

**Annual Dinner 8th July.** Request: Beth would like empty Australian wine bottles with undamaged labels please. The theme of this year's dinner is Outback Australia. Don't forget your own diary entry !!!!

**Prayer requests** –Beth Gibbs.

### Prayers of the people

- For Beth Gibbs who has spent the week in Knox Private with a swollen knee.
- For Peter and Trish Phyland and for the on-going medical care of Peter.
- Give thanks that Peta Foote has returned home as is improving considerably.
- Alix and Max Atkins as they adjust to living in supported accommodation.
- Des Nelson has joined Joy at Adventist Care, Central Road, Nunawading. Seventh Day Adventist hostel, Centre Road. Please use gate 1, which is closest to Springvale Road, into the aged care centre.
- For Des Andrews who has a leg ulcer which is persistently refusing to respond to treatment.
- 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.

**Pray** that many more children will become involved with the SRI program in their local schools as interest in it continues to develop.

## Welcome to St Edward's

Margaret Court, AO, MBE, former tennis great and senior pastor of a Pentecostal church in Perth, has been in the news this week. She has dared to say publicly which many Christians now only dare think in the privacy of their homes for fear of censorship. She does not accept gay marriage and that a lesbian couple should not have children as it deprives the child of a father. She made her comments concerning the Australian tennis player Casey Dellacqua whose partner has had a baby. She has also criticised Qantas for its support of gay marriage and will refuse to fly with it where possible. Calls are now being made for her name to be removed from the tennis centre here in Melbourne and it renamed. It seems Margaret Court is prepared to suffer the loss of her reputation and the removal of her name from the court on which she won many titles in her past because of her Christian convictions. She has now joined an illustrious class: those who suffer for confessing Christ and maintaining their Christian values. Christians have generally stood out and suffered rejection and persecution for their faith. (The recent history in the West of tolerating Christianity has lulled us into thinking otherwise.) There is no doubt that this is what Peter's letter addresses along with the issue of how one lives in a society which views them suspiciously. The word 'suffering' is used of Christ four times (for them), but for the Christian who follows the one whose example cost him his life, the word 'to suffer' is used eight times in his letter. It will increasingly be the new 'normal' for the person who dares to be a Christian.

## St Edward's Anglican Church

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
**28<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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Sunday 8 & 10 am  
Thursday 10 am

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**Website:** [stedwards.org.au](http://stedwards.org.au)

## Verse of the day

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

(John 17:3)

## Prayer of the day

O God,  
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,  
and sent them into the world  
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:  
by your Holy Spirit,  
hold the Church in unity,  
and keep it faithful to your word,  
so that, breaking bread together,  
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

### Readings

New Testament	1 Peter 5:1-14	(p. 1220)
Psalm	68:1-10, 32-35	(APBA, p. 288)
Gospel	John 17:1-11	(p. 1085)

### Hymns

52 “Let us sing to the God of salvation”  
MP 712 “Turn your eyes upon Jesus” (OHP)  
112 “Through all the changing scenes of life”

## 10 AM (Holy Communion, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5:1-14	(p. 1220)
Psalm	68:1-10, 32-35	(APBA, p. 288)
Gospel	John 17:1-11	(p. 1085)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: “Speak O Lord” (Getty & Townend) OHP

### 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 1122 “We are a moment” OHP x 2

### Holy Communion – Easter 1<sup>st</sup> Preface (pp. 154, 128-129; 141.)

Prayer after communion: p. 155 (1<sup>st</sup> prayer).

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Hymn: MP 712 “Turn your eyes upon Jesus”

### Sending out of God’s people.