

Notices

Please express your thanks to the Special Efforts committee for their organisation of the Merle Street Jazz Band last Sunday afternoon. They played a good mix of jazz standards and styles, and we had lots of lovely afternoon tea at intermission.

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

Working bee. Yes, just as winter gets going, we need to have one. It will be on Saturday 3rd June.

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.

Please note the change of address for Max and Alix Atkins and Muriel Fielding on a separate piece of paper.

Prayers of the people

- Peta Foote has returned home.
- Des Nelson has moved into to Adventist Care, Central Road, Nunawading. Seventh Day Adventist hostel, Centre Road.
- Pat Eagle has returned home as well.
- 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

What distinguishes the church from other organisations? Is it its history, or that it has some religious practices? Those hurt by clerical and lay leadership which the Royal Commission into institutional abuse has exposed would, with justification, say the church differs little from other organisations in regard to what has happened to them. Then there would be others who point to the philanthropic works performed in the name of Christ as a distinguishing feature of the church.

None of these observations hit the mark in my view. The church is composed of people, and these people have, whether they are able to recognise it or not, been called to live out God's values in a particular way of living. 1 Peter 2:1-12 highlights that the church is God's people – and they are to act differently from the rest of humanity. Certain positive qualities like forgiveness, love and forbearance are expected, and negative ones like malice, deceit, hypocrisy, slander and criticism banished. They are to habitually practice certain virtues which express the reality of Christ in their lifestyle. In fact, 1 Peter 2:9-10 describes what the church is – and what it is called to be and then what it is to set about doing. They are God's holy people, called to declare to others and the entire creation in their lives, what God is up to when he gives us his mercy that has transforms us.

St Edward's Anglican Church

**4th Sunday of Easter
7th May 2017**

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Verse of the day

“For you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

(1 Peter 2:9)

Prayer of the day

**God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep;
send us shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives 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 2:1-10	(p. 1218)
Psalm	23	(APBA, p. 243)
Gospel	John 10:1-10	(p. 1076)

Hymns

446 “Glorious things of you are spoken”
10 “The Lord’s my Shepherd”
147 “To God be the glory”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 147 “To God be the glory”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 Peter 2:1-10	(p. 1218)
Psalm	23	(APBA, p. 243)
Gospel	John 10:1-10	(p. 1076)
Sermon		
The Apostles Creed		(APBA, p. 171)

Hymn: 446 “Glorious things of you are spoken”

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: 10 “The Lord’s my Shepherd”

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

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

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Hymn: 681 “Lord let me see”

Sending out of God’s people.