

Notices

This Tuesday (4th July) at the Friendship Group, Ken Pakes will be giving a travelogue of his trip "In the steps of Paul" at 1:30 pm. Cost: \$5. Afternoon tea will be provided.

ANNUAL DINNER Please continue your support of St Eds by coming to the Annual Dinner on the 8th July. Tickets are \$40 each for two courses with a delicious spit roast main and dessert. Tickets are available after each service.

Envelopes are available for donations to be made toward the cost of the renovations in the ladies toilets. The cost for this work will be \$4,150. This includes the cost of upgrading the plumbing to current building standards in the toilet. Donations in the envelopes can be placed in the offering bag, or passed onto Eileen Comber (treasurer), or to the wardens.

FALL PREVENTION EXERCISES Classes have started each Monday afternoon at 3.30pm with gentle exercise routines. All welcome to join at any time with a highly qualified and experienced trainer. Fee is \$40 per month. Please speak to Alan Gibbs for any further details.

ADVANCE NOTICE: We will be having a **combined communion service on the 30 July at 9:30 am.**

Prayer requests –Beth Gibbs.

Prayers of the people

- For Jenny Lynch's father who has had surgery for his lungs and is recovering.
- Please give thanks and praise that Liz Helmond's brother has had surgery on his lungs and has moved out of ICU.

For Max and the Atkins family following the death of Alix.

- For Pauline Robertson who has returned home but is still ill from pneumonia. Her achilles tendon continues to limit her mobility also.

- For Peter and Trish Phyland and for the on-going medical care of Peter.
- For Peta Foote's daughter Lorna who has developed lung cancer.
- Dorothy Miller is now at home following her stay at the Box Hill Hospital.
- Des and Joy Nelson as Des regains his strength and they adjust to living at Adventist Care, Central Road, Nunawading.

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

Like many children, I could not wait until Christmas came each year. Christmas meant school holidays, endless days at the beach (only a 25 minute bike ride away), relief from the cold westerly wind which buffeted the SW of Victoria and of course the Christmas presents. It seemed forever between a new school year and what Christmas promised. Similarly, Abraham waited for ages for a long promised son (Gen 15:1-6). He had only God's word to put his hope in (Gen 17:1-19; 18:10). Eventually the long promised heir Isaac was born to Abraham. But then everything which God had promised is threatened. A shadow darkens the story. The LORD calls Abraham to sacrifice his one and only son Isaac (22:1-18). Abraham obeys - probably and understandably reluctantly. But just before Isaac is slain, God intervenes and provides a ram instead. Abraham is commended by God for his faith expressed by his obedience. But what does this story say to us? We learn, as Abraham did, that the God we worship is not a blood thirsty god who demands human sacrifice as the gods of the ancient world demanded like Molech (Lev 18:21; 20:2). He is a God who makes promises which he keeps; and he provides (Gen 22:14). What Abraham did by his sacrifice of 'his one and only son' (Heb 11:17), prefigures what the LORD would later do in offering his 'one and only son' (John 3:16). The son of Abraham became the bridge across which God would bless the Israel and the nations, and the offering of his one and only Son Jesus Christ, became the means by which that blessing was extended to all the nations.

St Edward's Anglican Church

**4th Sun after Pentecost
2nd July 2017**

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Verse of the day

‘The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.’

(Romans 6:23)

Prayer of the day

O God,
your Son has taught us
that those who give a cup of water in his name
will not lose their reward:
open our hearts to the needs of your children,
and in all things make us obedient to your will,
so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift,
eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Readings

Old Testament	Genesis 22:1-14	(p. 22)
Psalm	13	(APBA, 233)
Gospel	Matthew 10:40-42	(p. 976)

Hymns

83 “Let us with gladsome mind”
602 “O love that wilt not let me go”
222 “Rock of Ages”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: MP 465 “Meekness and majesty” (OHP)

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Genesis 22:1-14	(p. 22)
Psalm	13	(APBA, 233)
Gospel	Matthew 10:40-42	(p. 976)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: MP 995 “Jesus Christ, I think about your sacrifice” (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: 602 “O love that wilt not let me go”

Holy Communion - Thanksgiving 5 (APBA, 139)

Prayer after communion: p. 143, (b).

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Hymn: 154 “Great is your faithfulness”

Sending out of God’s people.