

## Notices

**Envelopes are now available for donations to be made toward the cost of the renovations in the ladies toilets.** The floor of the toilet will also be sealed and painted. The cost for this work will be \$4,150. This includes the cost of upgrading the plumbing to current building standards in the toilet. (This work does not include the supply of hot water to the basins however.) Donations in the envelopes can be placed in the offering bag, or passed onto Eileen Comber (treasurer), or to the wardens.

**A reminder that the funeral of Alix Atkins** will held this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2 pm at the Boyd Chapel, Springvale Botanical Cemetery. Light refreshments, with speeches, will follow in the adjacent Clarence Reardon building function room.

**Friendship Group – Advance notice:** Ken Pakes will be giving a travelogue of his trip “In the steps of Paul” on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of July (4<sup>th</sup> July), at 1:30 pm. Cost: \$5. Afternoon tea will be provided.

**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 Max and the Atkins family following the death of Alix and her funeral this Friday.
- For Pauline Robertson who has returned home but is still ill with pneumonia. Her Achilles tendon continues to limit her mobility.
- 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 recovers from his surgery and adjusts to living at Adventist Care, Central Road, Nunawading.
- For Des Andrews as his leg ulcer heals and his general health.
- Pray for Des Melder who has bronchitis.

**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

Missionaries are speaking generally, out of fashion and viewed negatively now. But our reading from Matt 9:35 – 10:23 today highlights it was the initiative of Jesus who sent these disciples sent out, initially to Israel, but after the resurrection, to the world (Matt 28:18-20). This underscores the fact that the mission of the church to the nations is not a mundane project initiated and carried out by people who want to impose their religious views on others, but is part of God’s plan to bring all nations into the kingdom of God (Isaiah 2:2-4). But they will be persecuted for their mission. This should not surprise us. It now occurs overseas. but increasingly will here in the foreseeable future. Our reading highlights that suffering for one’s faith is not incidental to mission, rather, mission brings tribulation for the Christian (cf 1 Peter 4:12). Our faithfulness to our Lord’s sending will mark us out from the society. It is likely we will at first incur indifference (which we can live with); but then suspicion, then increased pressure to adhere to certain legal demands to endorse and promote certain views concerning sexuality, marriage and eventually, the practices of neo-paganism which are now openly promoted at the ‘Dark MOFO’ festival being held in Tasmania. Finally, with our unwillingness to adhere, there will be prosecution by the state in court. What will be markedly different is the pulpit will not be where Christ and the call to follow him is declared, but in the courtroom, as was the case for the disciples who are brought before courts for blasphemy, incitement to lawlessness, and their failure to comply with the law (Matt 10:16-20; Acts ch 4; 5:17; 6:8).

## St Edward’s Anglican Church

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sun after Pentecost  
11<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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## Verse of the day

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'  
(Matthew 9:37-38)

## Prayer of the day

All-powerful God,  
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,  
and defeat into victory:  
increase our faith and trust in him,  
that we may triumph over evil,  
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

### Readings

Old Testament	Genesis 18:1-15	(p. 17)
Psalm	116:1-2, 11-18	(APBA, 346)
Gospel	Matthew 9:35 – 10:23	(p. 974)

### Hymns

245 "We have a gospel to proclaim"  
"There is a redeemer" (OHP)  
119 Cov't "Go forth and tell" (Tune: Woodlands TIS 161)

## 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:** 245 "We have a gospel to proclaim"

### Ministry of the Word

Psalm	116:1-2, 11-18	(APBA, 346)
Gospel	Matthew 9:35 – 10:23	(p. 974)
Affirmation of faith		(APBA, p. 37)
The Sermon		

**Song:** "There is a redeemer" (OHP)

### 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 (APBA p. 40)

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Sending out of God's people (OHP) (APBA p. 40)

**Song:** 119 Cov't "Go forth and tell" (Tune: Woodlands, TIS 161)

Benediction (APBA, p. 40)