

Notices

Envelopes are now 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.

No more bottles please. Beth has informed me that she has enough bottles for the annual dinner.

Friendship Group – Advance notice: Ken Pakes will be giving a travelogue of his trip “In the steps of Paul” on 1st Tuesday of July (4th July), 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.

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 Max and the Atkins family following the death of Alix and her funeral on the Friday just gone.
- 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.
- For Des Andrews as his leg ulcer heals and for 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

I am uncertain whether I would like the Jesus portrayed in Matthew’s gospel to be in our church. Consider the following: in Matt 10:24-39, he admits the allegiance he demands of his disciples will create divisions within families, not peace (10:37). He demands precedence over natural love for one’s family members. The Christian may need to leave one’s family (Matt 19:29), as the first disciples’ actions highlight when they left their fathers in the fishing boats to follow him. He asks us to ‘pick up our cross’ (10:38), if we are to follow him - just as he did himself. This means we die to our causes, our aspirations and place our ambitions second and subordinate to his. “To find one’s life” (10:39), is not found navel gazing in Tibet, or pursuing self-fulfilment. Nor is it a philosophical maxim. It is found by dying to ‘self’ and living for Christ. It may mean the loss of one’s life literally, but it certainly means in principle, that Jesus will come first. And finally, there is the knotty problem that Jesus does not endorse the social welfare carried out in his name if we want to use 10:42 to justify our practice. ‘A cup of water given in his name’ is a reference to the common practice of hospitality in the East. His statement does not have philanthropy in view but hospitality, and the reception of a person ‘because he is a disciple’. The expression ‘little ones’ is similar to its use in 18:6, 10, 14. It designates God’s people generally, not children. Throughout the passage, Jesus’ demand centres on loyalty to himself in full awareness of the conflict this may generate with those we love and this is why it makes for uncomfortable reading.

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Verse of the day

'Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.'

(Matthew 10:39)

Prayer of the day

Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may live the new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Readings

Old Testament	Genesis 21:8-21	(p. 21)
Psalm	86:1-10, 16-17	(APBA, 312)
Gospel	Matthew 10:24-39	(p. 975)

Hymns

555 "Put all your trust in God" (Tune 234)
583 "Take up your cross"
594 "Fight the good fight"

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

Gathering in God's name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 477 "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Genesis 21:8-21	(p. 21)
Psalm	86:1-10, 16-17	(APBA, 312)
Gospel	Matthew 10:24-39	(p. 975)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 473 "Community of Christ"

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: 675 "Lord the light of your love"

Holy Communion - Common Worship: Thanksgiving D
(This will be on the OHP.)

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

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Hymn: 594 "Fight the good fight"

Sending out of God's people.