

Notices

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who donated cash, time and effort, especially to those who attended our Annual Dinner last night for their contributions.

Reminder: the Women's Fellowship is meeting Tuesday 11th July at 1:30 pm.

Des and Joy Nelson would like to thank the congregation for their cards, phone calls and especially their prayers over the past few months as they have undergone a challenging time with Des' health.

Envelopes are still available for donations to be made toward the cost of the renovations in the ladies toilets. Donation 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.

Rob and Shirley will be on holidays after today for two weeks, returning on Monday 24th July. The locum will be Rev Graeme Winterton who has visited here on many occasions.

The Bible studies will resume on the evening Tuesday 25th July (not Wednesday) and Thursday morning 27th July.

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 the Atkins family following the death of Max last Sunday morning.
- 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.
- 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

Everyone had an opinion about Jesus when he was preaching, teaching and ministering to the crowds. But there was a problem. He was not fulfilling the expectations held by many, particularly the religious leaders, about what a messiah looked like. They remained indifferent and then became hostile to him. The religious leaders attributed John the Baptist's harsh asceticism and message of judgment to demonic influence (Matt 11:18). But they were no less scandalised by Jesus who freely mingled with the unrespectable people. They described him as "a glutton and drunkard." (Matt 11:19) Jesus sharply criticised their attitude: they were like children playing a 'Pied Piper – follow the leader game'. Jesus and John the Baptist had 'piped' a song of joy at a marriage, but they had not danced to their tune; Jesus and John had sung a funeral dirge, but they had not mourned (Matt 11:17). The religious leaders' response was a sulky refusal to respond to their message. Jesus had failed to satisfy their expectations; he didn't fit their 'image'.

Nothing much in this regard has changed. We have a preference for what Jesus must be like for us. We accept Jesus as the 'Good Shepherd', but shy away from his title 'Son of Man' with its overtones of apocalyptic judgment and power who will divide sheep from goats (Matt 25:31-46). Part of the solution is to pay attention to the titles Jesus used to identify himself with and the titles the Gospel writes also use. They disclose an image about who he is which keep breaking down our preferred images that create within us a prejudice against who Jesus might actually be found to be.

St Edward's Anglican Church

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9th July 2017**

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Verse of the day

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

(Matthew 11:28-29)

Prayer of the day

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
yet 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

Old Testament	Genesis 24:34-38; 42-49; 58-67	(p. 23)
Psalm	45:10-17	(APBA, 268)
Gospel	Matthew 11:15-30	(p. 976)

Hymns

517 "Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus"
665 "Jesus Christ is waiting"
215 (Hanover) "You servants of God"

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

Gathering in God's name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 284 "O bless the God of Israel"

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Genesis 24:34-38; 42-49; 58-67	(p. 23)
Psalm	45:10-17	(APBA, 268)
Gospel	Matthew 11:15-30	(p. 976)

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 158 "God has spoken by his prophets"

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: 499 (Tune: 601 'Maryton') "Lord Jesus joy of loving hearts"

Holy Communion - Thanksgiving 4 (APBA, 136)

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

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Hymn: 224 "All hail the power of Jesus name"

Sending out of God's people.