

Notices

Trish Phyland has sent a card thanking us for the wonderful support she has received during Peter's illness and the support following his death. It will be pinned on the noticeboard following the services.

A Saturday afternoon of **song and entertainment** will be provided by "**The Skylarkers**" - a group of retired professional and amateur singers and actors at 2 pm on Saturday 9th September. Afternoon provided. Tickets cost \$10. Ring Beth on 9874 8112 for more information.

Don't forget: the Fall Prevention Exercises Classes continue 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.

The Bible studies will continue on Tuesday evening and also Thursday mornings following the Thursday morning communion service.

Prayer requests -Beth Gibbs.

Prayers of the people

- Estelle has now returned home but is having out-patient physiotherapy once a week.
- On-going support and adjustment For Trish Phyland following the loss of Peter and his recent funeral.
- For Liz Helmond recovering from influenza.
- For Des Andrews whose ulcer on his leg requires strong antibiotics to heal.
- Please continue to hold in prayer Liz Helmond's brother Peter, for healing in his stomach and low energy levels.
- For the Alison Jessup, the niece of Katrina Foulds who has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment.
- For Jenny Lynch's father who remains very ill following surgery.
- For Pauline Robertson who is now at home and slowing recovering.
- For Peta Foote's daughter Lorna who has developed lung cancer.

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

'Who do people think I am?', Jesus asked his disciples. It is a searching question and our answer often reflects our expectations. His disciples reported the gossip surrounding Jesus. But he pushed them further: 'Who do *you* say I am?' (Matt 16:15) Peter characteristically voices the insight which the other disciples no doubt shared. 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Peter recognises that Jesus is the anointed representative and king of God; but also that he is the Son of God – a title pointing to his divine nature. In both Jewish and Roman thought, the 'son of God' embodied the reality of God in all his fullness in himself.

No sooner than they grasp this insight, Jesus tells them to tell no one that he is the Messiah. (Matt 16:20) Why? The answer is found in the verse which follows: 'From that time on Jesus began to explain that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things, be killed and raised from the dead on the third day.' (16:21) Jesus will define on his terms what his messiahship is like and it will not be one which fulfils popular expectations. Peter objects; it is incomprehensible to him. (16:22). Yet the example of Jesus the Messiah, of suffering, humiliation and death before vindication and exaltation – will be their pattern as they follow Jesus. They must pick up their cross and follow too. This surprises modern expectations concerning Jesus.

St Edward's Anglican Church

**12th Sun after Pentecost
27th August 2017**

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**Sunday 8 & 10 am
Thursday 10 am**

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Verse of the day

“Jesus said to them, ‘Who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”
(Matt 16:15-16)

Prayer of the day

**O God, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter,
you have shown us the foundation to our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, in recognising Jesus of Nazareth
as the Son of God,
our confession of him
may be the foundation for a renewed Church,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Readings

New Testament	Romans 12:1-8	(p. 1139)
Psalm	124	(APBA, 361)
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20	(p. 983)

Hymns

52 “Let us sing to the God of salvation”
222 “Rock of Ages”
140 (272) “Firmly I believe”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 133 “O worship the Lord”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Romans 12:1-8	(p. 1139)
Psalm	124	(APBA, 361)
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20	(p. 983)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: MP 465 “Meekness and majesty” (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: Song: MP 1129 “With a prayer” (New) OHP

Holy Communion - Thanksgiving 2 (APBA, 130)

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

Notices

Hymn: 570 “Soldiers of Christ arise”

Sending out of God’s people.