

Notices

On behalf of the Parish Council, thank you to all who have contributed to the ladies toilet upgrade. The cabinet has been ordered and the painting of the floor is proceeding.

Ladies Fellowship meet this Tuesday at 1:30 pm.

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 moved to rehab at Donvale rehabilitation.
- For Trish Phyland following the funeral of Peter on Friday.
- For Des Andrews whose ulcer on his leg has flared up again.
- Please give thanks and praise that Liz Helmond's brother has had a good report from the doctor following the surgery on his lungs.
- For Jenny Lynch's father who has had surgery for his lungs and is recovering.
- For Pauline Robertson who has had influenza.
- For the Alison Jessup, the niece of Katrina Foulds who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- 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

There are always some surprises when a well-known story from the gospels is read. Take for example, today's reading of Jesus feeding the 5000. Matthew's account notes this number did not include the women and children (Matt 14:21), so there were more present than commonly remembered. Is this story merely one about Jesus having compassion on the needs of crowd late in the day who were running short in food? Yes, but not quite. There is something else going on that is highlighted by understanding why Matthew has included it in his gospel. To do this we need to recognise that each gospel writer of the NT wrote their gospel with the intention of explaining the significance of Jesus to their intended readership. For Matthew, it was predominately a Jewish audience. His intention is to show that Jesus is the Messiah (Matt 1:1, 17-18), fulfilling the promises made to David and Abraham. But Jesus the Messiah is also the Son of God (4:1, 6; 14:33 & 16:16), and furthermore, he is superior to Moses and has the right to reinterpret the Law of Moses and restate its intention which has been lost under layers of legalistic interpretation (15:1-20). The Sermon on the Mount specifically deals with this, particularly 5:17-20. Keeping this in mind, we can now see the significance of Jesus feeding 5000 in the wilderness. Jesus gives bread to the crowd; Moses 'fed' or gave the people manna in the wilderness. The crowd are satisfied (14:20); the people of Israel complained and were not. Jesus brings life; the people under Moses died for their disobedience and lack of faith. Jesus is superior to Moses in every way. Which one will you listen to and follow then, Matthew asks? Jesus or Moses?

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Verse of the day

“The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry and saves them.”

(Psalm 145:18-19)

Prayer of the day

O God, giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us
to hunger and thirst for justice:
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who 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

New Testament	Romans 9:1-18	(p. 1135)
Psalm	17:1-7, 16	(APBA, 235)
Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21	(p. 981)

Hymns

129 “Amazing grace”
Cov’t 158 “Father I thank you”
595 “O Jesus I have promised”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: Cov’t 158 “Father I thank you”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Romans 9:1-18	(p. 1135)
Psalm	17:1-7, 16	(APBA, 235)
Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21	(p. 981)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: “In Christ alone” (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: 595 “O Jesus I have promised”

Holy Communion - Thanksgiving 4. (APBA, 136)

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

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Hymn: 129 “Amazing grace”

Sending out of God’s people.