

## Notices

**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 Wednesday evening and 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 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.
- Praise and thanksgiving for Pauline Robertson whose foot is now out of the boot and she is feeling quite well. However, please pray for Pauline's daughter who has a broken femur.
- For Peter and Trish Phyland and for the on-going medical care of Peter who is at Epworth Box Hill.
- For Katrina Foulds niece 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

A knowledge of God is dependent on a knowledge of God's word. Yes, God has certainly revealed himself, through the creation as we see in Psalm 19:1-6. (The prophet Isaiah 40:25-26; 45:18-19; highlights this too as evidence of why the LORD is superior to the idols which had waylaid Israel.) But there is an inability by the creation to 'speak' to us as we ourselves, silence that voice and are blind to it due to the power of sin (Rom 1:18-32). What is the solution? Paul persistently highlights that God's word needs to be preached, taught and meditated on. Without it, men and women are unable to believe in Christ (Rom 10:14-15).

But it is not just a matter of gaining a knowledge of God's word, the Bible to know God intimately. God word must like the seed in the parable of the sower, and be planted in our hearts where it takes root and grows (Matt 13:18-23). There are many things which threaten this seed's growth and we need to be aware of them as this parable highlights. Faith is nourished by God's word with its promises. God word provides us with the assurance that the God we see in the historical acts of God, recorded in Scripture is still the same God today. We see what God is like in action and especially his character.

Yet something more needs to be said: we need Jesus, the Word incarnate, the very message of God to us. As the letter to the Hebrews puts it: "he is the exact representation of his (God's) being" (Heb 1:3), who speaks to us and expresses in our human history, what God is really like. But without God's word explaining and interpreting God's actions, they would remain meaningless and we uncertain about their reliability. To conclude: God's word expresses what God intended to say to us so that we can be assured that his work in salvation, is true and that he is "... able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them." (Heb 7:25)

## St Edward's Anglican Church

8<sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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**10 AM (Holy Communion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Order, APBA, p.119)**

**Verse of the day**

‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honour and glory and praise!’

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the  
earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be praise and honour and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!’

The four living creatures said, ‘Amen’, and the elders fell down and  
worshipped. (Revelation 5:11-13)

**Hymn 158** “God has spoken by his prophets”

**Prayer of Preparation** (APBA, p, 119)

**Prayer of the day**

**Blessed Lord,**  
**you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written**  
**for our learning:**  
**grant that we may so hear them,**  
**read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,**  
**that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word,**  
**we may embrace and ever hold fast**  
**the blessed hope of everlasting life,**  
**which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Ministry of the Word**

New Testament	2 Timothy 3:10-17	(p. 1196)
Psalm	1:1-7	(APBA, 224)
Gospel	Matthew 5:17-24	(p.969)

‘Sermon through poetry’ led by Beth Gibbs  
The Apostles Creed (OHP or APBA, p. 171)

**Hymn 578** “How firm a foundation” (Tune: 143)

**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 223** “How sweet the name of Jesus sounds”

**Holy Communion** - Thanksgiving: Common Worship “E” (OHP)

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

**Father,**  
**we offer ourselves to you**  
**as a living sacrifice**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**  
**to live and work to your praise and glory.**

**Notices**

**Hymn 675** “Lord, the light of your love is shining”  
**Sending out of God’s people.**