

## Notices

This morning **Gayelene Harrower** will be here (with John) selling cards and chocolates. Beautifully hand-decorated, new and recycled \$1.40 cards **for sale for CMS** for almost every occasion. (Christmas cards for 70 cents). The cards are beautifully hand embellished and many come with hand written calligraphy-style messages. All money received goes to CMS!

**Congratulations** and many more years of blessing to John and Eileen Comber for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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.

**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

- Mark Massoud following heart surgery and complications which have kept him in ICU. He is slowly recovering.
- Ken Rowe who has had a shoulder operation to deal with an infection.
- On-going support and adjustment for Trish Phyland following the loss of Peter and his recent funeral.
- 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 Peta Foote's daughter Lorna who has developed lung cancer.
- Estelle who is having out-patient physiotherapy once a week.

**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

Have you had the problem assembling the Ikea furniture or using paint at home? Our response is then to read the instructions. For Christians, when confronted with something they have not considered before, their response is to consult the 'instruction book', the Bible, to find out what it really says.

Our reading from Romans 13:1-7 is one of these passages. When the ruler of the day begins to impact their life, Christians turn to it to see what it really says about our relationship to the state and its laws. Few passages in the NT have been studied and analysed over the years than this one. The history of interpretation has largely been the history of attempts to avoid what the passage at first sight plainly seems to say. Paul appears to be demanding that every person always obey whatever any government authority tells them what to do, for God has appointed every authority that exists. But Christians in every generation have questioned whether we should obey rulers who are corrupt, advocating policies they disagree with or persecuting the church. We remember the German people's unquestioning obedience to the Nazi government and the consequences which followed, so we are reluctant to obey the government without questioning its policies and practices. Yet it is God's goodness in creation which makes civil order possible, but it is the corruption of sin which makes civil order necessary. Paul does not say that a government must be 'Christian' or democratic to fulfil their duty. But it must reflect the divine order of honouring good and punishing evil. When it fails, personal resistance as seen in Revelation, may be then be necessary.

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**14<sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

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

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## Verse of the day

“For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.” (1 Peter 2:15-17)

## Prayer of the day

**Go before us, O Lord,  
and further us with your continual help,  
that in all our works,  
begun, continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;  
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, 1<sup>st</sup> Order, APBA, p.101)

### Readings

New Testament	Romans 13:1-10	(p. 1140)
Psalm	149	(APBA, 379)
Gospel	Matthew 18:10-20	(p. 985)

### Hymns

477 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”  
245 “We have a gospel to proclaim”  
473 “Community of Christ”

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

### Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

**Hymn:** 216 (Tune: 371 Darwall) “Rejoice the Lord is King”

### Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

### Prayer of the Day

### Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Romans 13:1-10	(p. 1140)
Psalm	149	(APBA, 379)
Gospel	Matthew 18:10-20	(p. 985)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

**Hymn:** 215 (Tune: 188 Hanover) “You servants of God”

### 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:** MP 1129 “With a prayer” (OHP)

**Holy Communion** - Thanksgiving 2 (APBA, 130)

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

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**Hymn:** 245 “We have a gospel to proclaim”

**Sending out of God’s people.**