

Notices

Last Sunday morning the sale of cards raised \$398.50 for CMS!

Gayelene Harrower writes: Please pass on our thanks to all who supported us. Thank you so much. We continue to pray that the cards and Buddies will bring the gifts of much pleasure and grace to both the recipients and to those who gift them. And that seeds of interest and thought about the faith of those who send them may lead to people coming to know Jesus.

We are always looking for more card stock as we go through just so many of them! :) We are always needing used (and unwanted new) cards to continue to raise money for CMS. Children's, Men's and Women's Birthday, Sympathy, Christian, Blank and Get Well do especially well - but any cards are welcome!

The key thing is that the cards donated must be complete - just as the recipient received them. That is, they must not be cut nor the writing scrawled out. I need the whole card- including the writing. (The writing is carefully covered over, of course.) The cards must also be no older than 10 years old.

The Art Show frames and boards will be put on a trailer and sent to the tip on Saturday 23rd. If you are able to help with loading the trailer, please speak to Alan.

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 is at Epworth Richmond after a shoulder operation.
- 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

Christians have never found it easy to get along. It is not just personality differences which are the cause, it is how we see things and what we consider important. Consider the different views Christians have had over music and even whether organs can be used in a church. Canadian Christians live happily under a constitutional monarchy (like Australians do also), while Christians across the border in the United States believe a republic is better.

Paul knew the Roman church was divided over the issue of whether a Christian had to keep a Sabbath (like their brothers with Jewish heritage), or whether it was optional (Romans 14:1-6). How do we live together when we disagree? Paul distinguishes between what might be called 'foundational' truths and 'secondary' issues. A foundational truth is one on which our faith rests. Change it, and you change the very nature of Christianity. The rejection of the resurrection would be a foundational truth. When Christians differ over 'secondary' issues, like wearing hats in church, or women wearing trousers, Paul's concern is that the one who is 'more permissive' and accepting of things, does not treat with contempt the person who is convinced their narrow view is true. Conversely, the person who is convinced their position is right and it is a black and white issue, is not to judge the person who is more liberal in such matters (Rom 14:3). The person with the liberal view will be answerable to Christ. Then Paul reminds us that we will all appear before Christ and be answerable to him (14:12). We need to argue with and respect them (14:15).

St Edward's Anglican Church

**15th Sun after Pentecost
17th September 2017**

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Verse of the day

"If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered." (Psalm 130:3-4)

Prayer of the day

O God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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 14:1-23	(p. 1140)
Psalm	114	(APBA, 345)
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35	(p. 986)

Hymns

152 "Joyful, joyful Lord we adore you"
533 "I come with you to meet my Lord"
154 "Great is your faithfulness"

10 AM Prayer, Praise and Proclamation (APBA, p. 35)

Praise and Thanksgiving to God

Welcome, Verse of the Day and verses of scripture (Sitting)

Thanksgiving prayer (OHP) (APBA, 36)

Song: "Speak O Lord" (OHP) (Getty & Townend)

MP 1214 "Have faith in God" (OHP)

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Romans 14:1-23	(p. 1140)
Affirmation of faith		(APBA, p. 37)
The Sermon		

Song: 626 "Lord of creation, to you be all praise"

Confession of sin

Confession and Absolution (OHP)	(APBA p. 38)
Declaration of God's forgiveness	(APBA p. 39)
Assurance of God's forgiveness	(APBA, p. 39)

Ministry of prayer + Lord's Prayer (APBA p. 40)

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Sending out of God's people (OHP) (APBA p. 40)

Song: 154 "Great is your faithfulness"

Benediction (APBA, p. 40)