

Notices

The next **Friendship (caritas) meeting** will be on Tuesday 5th September at the church 1.30.pm. Dawn will have a presentation of her recent trip to Canada and Alaska. All welcome.

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.

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 has kept him in ICU.
- 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 has now returned home but 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

"All you need is love" sung the Beatles. But that rarely worked for my generation with high divorce rates. Jesus himself put love for God and love for others at the heart of his teaching. However, it is rare in the NT to find the various authors calling on the Christian to love God. They prefer to speak of faith and obedience instead. But they follow Jesus almost identically by making love for other people the focus of their application of what it is to be a Christian. Love is, after all, what should be the defining mark of those who are his disciples (John 13:35). But what it means to love can easily remain a vague idea.

Paul prefers to give instructions about what behaviours demonstrate love in action. (The Greek word used in the NT is *agape*, a sacrificial love.) So in our reading of Romans 12:9-21 we see a series of practical exhortations which express love practically. It is not surprising that this passage is sometimes read at weddings (or the other one which Paul wrote - 1 Corinthians 13). But when Paul writes about love, it is about how we as the church, express our love for each other and love the neighbour who is outside the church. Paul is seeking to establish a new, alternative, community to the human family and the Roman Empire. He wants the church to show God's love in our actions as this will promote the message of the gospel.

St Edward's Anglican Church

**13th Sun after Pentecost
3rd September 2017**

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

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Verse of the day

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
(Romans 12:2)

Prayer of the day

O God,
whose Son has shown the way of the cross
to be the way of life:
transform and renew our minds
that we may not be conformed to this world
but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
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 12:9-21	(p. 1139)
Psalm	105:1-6, 23-26	(APBA, 332)
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-28	(p. 984)

Hymns

550 (138 Melita) “Our Father God in heaven”
607 “Make me a channel”
599 (Tune ii Nottingham) “Take my life”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 474 “Gather us in”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Romans 12:9-21	(p. 1139)
Psalm	105:1-6, 23-26	(APBA, 332)
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-28	(p. 984)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 607 “Make me a channel”

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: 599 (Tune ii Nottingham) “Take my life”

Holy Communion - Thanksgiving 4 (APBA, 136)

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

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Hymn: MP 712 “Turn your eyes upon Jesus” (OHP)

Sending out of God’s people.