

## Notices

We welcome **Dr Jeff and Kay Pugh** this morning. Jeff will be preaching at our joint service to commemorate St Edward's Day on 13<sup>th</sup> October. A special morning tea will follow so please stay on and catch up with your friends.

**The Bush Church Aid boxes** are now due to be returned to the church. They can be left in the church office for given to either Marilyn or Stephen Smith.

**The TMA** is now available in the narthex.

**Prayer requests** –Beth Gibbs.

## Prayers of the people

- Rev Ken Rogers who has undergone surgery on Thursday. He has been diagnosed with a malignant tumour in his stomach. Please pray for his wife Susan and children.
- For Frank Dawe who has moved to Covenant House this week. Please give him a ring or drop in. The number is 9878 1628.
- Ken Rowe has returned to his home following his rehab.
- For Robin Helmond following surgery this week. Give thanks to God that Robin and Liz were able to make their trip to Sydney to care for their grandchildren before Robin's surgery.
- Alice Nettleship as she recovers from surgery last week.
- Mark Massoud as he recovers from heart surgery.
- For Peta Foote who is recovering from a shoulder injury last week and for her daughter Lorna who has developed lung cancer.
- Ken Rowe has returned to his home.
- On-going support and adjustment for Trish Phyland following the loss of Peter.
- For Des Andrews whose ulcer on his leg requires strong antibiotics to heal.
- For Alison Jessup, the niece of Katrina Foulds who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For the Diocese of Melbourne as it meets this week for its annual synod.

**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.

**Sermon notes cont'd** Paul's response to his situation is not to lose his head. Rather, it is to stand firm in the Lord (4:1); to rejoice in the Lord always (4:4). Don't be anxious about anything (4:6). Pray. Present your requests to God (6:6). Paul is not 'dreaming', but a realist. He knows the dark side of human nature (2:15; 3:19). But he knows the Lord even better. The Lord is near, bringing peace (4:9), and sustaining him during this difficult period.

## Welcome to St Edward's

We live in anxious times: the possibility of war to the north, a fragile economy and the worry of rising interest rates; the breakdown of moral values, rising numbers of refugees in need of a home, family disintegration and domestic violence and an epidemic of hard drug use And the church in Australia, like most Western countries, is in decline. There is one certainty in life: we always live in uncertain and challenging times.

In this, we differ little from the period when St Edward the Confessor King ruled from 1042 to 1066 during what would be the last days of the Anglo-Saxon world. (Harold Godwinson succeeded him and was briefly the last Anglo-Saxon king of England, being defeated at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 by the Norman, William 1.) St Edward is remembered for his piety and his re-endowment of the Benedictine monastery and building their first abbey church on the banks of the Thames River, Westminster, London. It was rebuilt in its current Gothic style by King Henry III and reconsecrated 1269.

For Paul who wrote the letter to the Philippians, it was an even more uncertain period politically and socially, under house arrest, awaiting trial in Rome. The Philippian church he writes to faces its own issues of Jewish Christians flaunting their superiority and questioning the validity of the Greco-Roman Christians' experience (3:1-11). A horrible division had occurred in the church due to two of the leading women falling out over some issue (4:2-3). And many were swollen with pride, grumbling about the rosters or some such issue in the fellowship (ch 2).

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**19<sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost  
15<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

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**Sunday 8 & 10 am  
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## Verse of the day

“This is our God for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

(Isaiah 25:9)

## Prayer of the day

Saving and healing God,  
you have promised  
that those who have died with Christ shall live with him;  
grant us grace to be continually thankful  
for all you have done for us,  
and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve  
and live for others,  
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## 10 AM (Holy Communion, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	Philippians 4:1-9	(p. 1180)
Psalm	106:1-6, 20-24	(APBA, 334)
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14	(p. 990)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 28 “God is our strength”

Prayers of the people & the Lord's Prayer

(p. 124)

### Confession and Absolution

Prayer of Approach	(p. 125)
Confession (Introduction: APBA, 159)	(p. 126)
Absolution and Greeting of peace	(p. 127)

Hymn: 216 (371 Darwall) “Rejoice the Lord is king”

Holy Communion - Thanksgiving 1 (p 128) with Preface ‘Saints’ (p. 159)

Prayer after communion: APBA, p. 159.

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Hymn: 233 “I will sing the wondrous story”

Sending out of God's people.