

Notices

We welcome Mr Ian Whitehall this morning who is representing Prison Fellowship.

Please tell Alan or Beth Gibbs whether you are either able or unable to help with the fete.

Don't forget to have a clean out at home and to begin collecting books, bric-a-brac, small furniture and plants for the fete on Saturday 11th November.

Donations are also required for the raffle, preferably cash.

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.

Prayer requests –Please let Beth Gibbs or Liz Helmond know.

Prayers of the people

- For Frank Dawe who has moved to Covenant House last 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 recovering from his 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.

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.

Introductory notes continued:

In recent years, the prison population has grown by as much as 8% per annum. At St Edward's, we have annually participated in the Christmas 'Angel Tree' which is run by Prison Fellowship.

Welcome to St Edward's

Christians have always held out the candle of hope in the darkest places. Prisons are no exception. They have campaigned for prison reform, like the Quaker Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845), who pioneered the campaign for better conditions in prisons during the Victorian Period in Britain.

Christians today, through the ministry of Prison Fellowship, provide inmates with training and transitional support as they move from custody back into the community. Their volunteers regularly spend time in each of Victoria's prisons, listening to inmates, building relationships and responding to needs as appropriate. This is a pastoral care style ministry where volunteers are able to spend time with those whom our society often forgets.

Prison Fellowship also offers 'SLAM' (Sport Lights A Message), where sport is used to build relationships with those in prison and to share the hope presented in the message of Jesus Christ. Volunteers also write to inmates, supplying a vital life-line to men and women who may otherwise have little or no contact with people 'on the outside'. Prison Fellowship also has a ministry to families and young people who have a loved one in prison. They provide camps, school holiday programs and Christmas & birthday presents to families free of charge. They also run a mentoring program and post release mentoring and community support.

In Victoria there were 6,522 prisoners on 30th June, 2016, which represents 138.1 per 100,000 of adult population. This was less than the Australian average of 208 prisoners per 100,000 of the population.

St Edward's Anglican Church

**20th Sun after Pentecost
22nd October 2017**

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**Sunday 8 & 10 am
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Verse of the day

“Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”

(Hebrews 13:3)

Prayer of the day

**Almighty and everlasting God,
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
grant that your Church throughout the world
may persevere with steadfast faith
in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal;
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.**

Readings

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| New Testament | Hebrews 13:1-8 | (p. 1211) |
| Psalm | 99 | (APBA, 325) |
| Gospel | Matthew 21:33-46 | (p. 990) |

Hymns

143 “Immortal, invisible God only wise”
129 “Amazing grace”
Covt Songs 3 “Blessed is the man”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 477 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

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| New Testament | Hebrews 13:1-8 | (p. 1211) |
| Psalm | 99 | (APBA, 325) |
| Gospel | Matthew 21:33-46 | (p. 990) |
| Sermon | | |
| The Nicene Creed | | (APBA, p. 123) |

Hymn: 129 “Amazing grace”

Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer

(p. 124)

Confession and Absolution

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| Prayer of Approach | (p. 125) |
| Confession | (p. 126) |
| Absolution and Greeting of peace | (p. 127) |

Hymn: 572 (i) “O thou who camest from above”

Holy Communion - Thanksgiving 5 (p 139).

Prayer after communion: APBA, p. 143 b.

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Hymn: 570 “Soldiers of Christ a rise”

Sending out of God’s people.