

Notices

Alice Nettleship has sent a note thanking “. . . everyone for all the good wishes, prayers, beautiful cards, flowers and food. This has illustrated what a wonderful and caring church St Edward’s is known for.”

Nominations for wardens, parish council members and incumbency committee members open this morning and will conclude before 8 am service on 12 November. Voting, if required will then occur until the morning of the AGM on 26 November.

On Sunday 26th November it will be a combined service at 9:30 am with the AGM following morning tea.

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

- Give thanks that Frank Dawe and Ken Rowe have both returned to their homes.
- Alice Nettleship as she recovers from surgery last week.
- For Peta Foote who is recovering from a shoulder injury last week and for her daughter Lorna who has developed lung cancer.
- 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.

Welcome to St Edward’s

This Tuesday 31st November will mark the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On that day Martin Luther issued 95 theological propositions (theses), which challenged the papacy’s power to issue indulgences which a person could purchase in advance, that would give them the forgiveness of sins before they had committed them. The legend is that Luther nailed the 95 theses on door of the Wittenberg Cathedral. What is more likely is that Luther wrote to his bishop, Albrecht von Brandenburg, protesting at the sale of the indulgences. He enclosed in his letter a copy of his "Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences", which came to be known as the Ninety-five Theses. Although written in Latin, by January 1518 Luther’s friends had translated them into German – and then printed them on what was the new communication device of the age: the printing press. Within two weeks, all Germany had copies, within two months, all Europe. Luther advanced the view that a person is forgiven their sins and justified by God, on the merits of the death of Christ, and by faith in Christ, not in our religious works or religious sentiment or piety. The shift away from the authority of the Catholic church, its councils, and the received tradition, back onto the teaching of the Bible, broke its right to determine religious matters. Luther’s emphasis on ‘faith alone’, ‘Christ alone’, and the ‘Bible alone’ then fuelled European nationalism and independence from Rome, the establishment of new denominations (including the Anglican church in England), and fed into the eventual flowering of democracy.

St Edward’s Anglican Church

**21st Sun after Pentecost
29th October 2017**

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**Sunday 8 & 10 am
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Verse of the day

“Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

(Psalm 1:1-2)

Prayer of the day

**Our loving God,
whose Son taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law:
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,
so that we may love you with our whole being,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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

New Testament	1 Thessalonians 2:1-13	(p. 1186)
Psalms	90:1-6, 13-17	(APBA, 318)
Gospel	Matthew 22:34-46	(p. 991)

Hymns

158 “God has spoken by his prophets”
209 “And can it be?”
233 “I will sing the wondrous story”

Praise and Thanksgiving to God

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

Thanksgiving prayer (OHP) (APBA, 36)

Song: 209 “And can it be?”

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 Thessalonians 2:1-13	(p. 1186)
Affirmation of faith		(APBA, p. 37)
The Sermon		

Song: 103 “A mighty fortress is our God”

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: 675 “Lord the light of love is shining”

Benediction

(APBA, p. 40)