

Notices

Nominations for wardens, parish council members and incumbency committee members open this morning and will conclude before 8 am service. 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.

***** All reports for the AGM will need to be with Rob by Thursday 16th. *****

A big thanks to all who have helped with the fete yesterday from the Special Efforts Committee.

Ladies Fellowship will be meeting this Tuesday at 1:30 pm.

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

Prayers of the people

- For Pauline Robertson who is very ill due to the recurrence of pneumonia and is in Cabrini hospital.
- Please pray for Barbara Watt and a safe and healthy recovery from her foot surgery. She will be sent home shortly.
- Judy Gorringer who was admitted to the Box Hill hospital for tests.
- Pray for Ken Rowe who has moved to Goodwin Close, Blackburn Sth for a few weeks.
- Give thanks that Frank Dawe has returned to his home.
- Alice Nettleship as she recovers from recent surgery.
- For Peta Foote who is recovering from a shoulder injury 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

What happens to Christian when they die? This question disturbed the Christians at Thessalonica. It is possible they understood all believers would live to see the coming of Christ (the Parousia), before they died (Matt 16:26; Mk 9:1). So Paul writes to them out of pastoral concern, not theological one, although theology must undergird the pastoral counsel or its merely wishful thinking. His reply is very simple. He does not want his readers, the Thessalonians (or us for that matter), to grieve like the rest of humanity. The non-Christian may not have any hope, especially if they believed in the classical Greek and Roman gods - but the Christian does. The Christian's hope rests on the death and resurrection of Christ (vs 14), which has the power to transform and raise believers from the dead. Yes, many people have a belief in the after-life but it is more like the Vikings - an image of banquets and celebration. So Paul writes: those who have died will be brought back with Jesus when he returns. Those alive at the time of his coming (vs 15), will not be resurrected first, but will wait until his resurrection and will go out to greet him by being swept up into the clouds. There is an order (vss 16-17). The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, a trumpet call of God. Much of this imagery is taken from the OT which is not surprising where in Exodus ch 19, Zeph1:14 and Is 27:13, these signs are associated with the End; and the cloud is the presence of God. Matt 24:31 and 1 Cor 15:52 also highlight these signs. Yes, Christians have a reason to be genuinely hopeful about their future in an age when hope is in short supply.

St Edward's Anglican Church

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Verse of the day

“Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”

(Matthew 24:42, 44)

Prayer of the day

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love 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.

Readings

New Testament	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	(p. 1187)
Psalm	78:1-8	(APBA, 301)
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13	(p. 994)

Hymns

216 (Tune: 371) “Rejoice the Lord is King”
145 “The King of Love”
385 “Now is eternal life”

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 132 “Holy, holy, holy”

Prayer of Preparation (APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	(p. 1187)
Psalm	78:1-8	(APBA, 301)
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13	(p. 994)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 273 “Lo! he comes with clouds ascending”

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: 145 “The King of Love”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 5 (p 139).

Prayer after communion: APBA, p. 143 b.

Notices

Hymn: MP 266 “I cannot tell” (OHP)

Sending out of God’s people.