

Notices

The reports for the AGM are now available for collection this morning.

Nominations for wardens, parish council members and incumbency committee members open this morning and will conclude before 8 am service 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. We will be using the First Order of Holy Communion.

The Special Efforts Committee want to thank all who contributed their time, effort and dollars to make of our annual Strawberry Fete a success. We especially thank those who worked outside in the heat and the additional family members who were recruited. About \$5,000 will be added to the churches funds.

****Please return all washed and ironed T-shirts, aprons etc. used at the Fete as soon as possible.**

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

Prayers of the people

- For Pauline Robertson who is recovering from pneumonia and has been discharged from Cabrini hospital on Friday.
- Please pray for Barbara Watt and a safe and healthy recovery from her foot surgery. She is now at home resting.
- 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.
- For Alison Jessup, the niece of Katrina Foulds who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Alice Nettleship as she recovers from recent surgery.
- For Peta Foote's 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.

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

The result of the plebiscite was not a surprise for me when 61.6% voted in favour and 38.4% against 'same sex marriage'. All participants for and against did so for a variety of reasons which will be for them valid ones. For Christians however, the bigger issue (and long term one), will be to come grips with the reality that the opinion of Christians is no longer valued by the society we are part of and that it will not necessarily support our aspirations or values. We are often viewed in a negative light and find ourselves on the margins of society. We now live in what is termed 'a post-Christendom era' and have much in common with the Church of the first four centuries and in particular, the situation which the 1st letter by Peter addresses.

However, this week's 'Prayer of the Week' follows and is quite apt given the result of the plebiscite. It reminds us that God's sovereign purpose will ultimately prevail and this encourages us to shift our attention to the calling the church has been given to preach the gospel, make disciples, mentor and train leaders, and to teach and encourage congregations so they can intelligently engage with their neighbours and express in practical ways, the love of Christ so they are seen and heard as 'good news'. The Prayer of the Week follows:
Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
(A Prayer Book for Australia: Prayer of the Week (Sunday between 13-19 November), p. 603.

St Edward's Anglican Church

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19th November 2017**

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Verse of the day

“For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:9, 11)

Prayer of the day

Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
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 5:1-11	(p. 1188)
Psalm	123	(APBA, 361)
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30	(p. 994)

Hymns

570 “Soldiers of Christ arise”
609 “May the mind of Christ”
246 “Christ is the world’s light”

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 179 “Praise with joy the world’s Creator”

Prayer of Preparation (APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	(p. 1188)
Psalm	123	(APBA, 361)
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30	(p. 994)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: MP 473 “My hope is built on nothing less” (OHP)

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: MP 988 “How deep the Father’s love” (OHP)

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 2 (p 130) + page 141.

Prayer after communion: APBA, p. 143 b + 144.

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Hymn: 246 “Christ is the world’s light”

Sending out of God’s people.