

Notices

Friendship (Charitas) Christmas breakup lunch: 'Sawasdee' Restaurant, Blackburn Sth on 5th Dec at 5:30 pm. Please let Alice know as soon as possible if you are coming. Ph. 9893 3535.

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

- We give thanks to God for the healing in the life of Katrina's niece Allison Jessup whose scans show no sign of the cancer. For Pauline Robertson who has returned home and is still recovering from pneumonia.
- Please pray for Barbara Watt and a safe and healthy recovery from her foot surgery. She is now at home resting.
- Judy Gorringer who has remained at 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 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.

Sermon notes continued:

In the remainder of the NT, in Gal 6:10; 1 Jn 3:17; & Jas 2:14-17 it is the care of our fellow disciples of Christ who are emphasised – and this care demonstrates whether we belong to Christ's flock or not. Once again, well intentioned religious practice must be informed by the biblical text. It does not mean we ignore the needs of people generally, but that caring for our brothers and sisters takes priority and will be the demonstration to Christ that we genuinely belong to him.

Welcome to St Edward's

I grew up in country Victoria where sheep are obviously different from the goats. But in Palestine, the sheep are not white with ears that point out (like ours), but black faced with ears which hang down and look like goats until a closer examination shows the difference. Why the need by the shepherd to be separated? They are often grazed together and the sheep are prone to diseases which the goats are not; the sheep are shorn whereas the goats are milked.

At the end of time, Christ as King will come. He is called the 'Son of Man' – an image taken from Daniel 7:13-14 of a heavenly being who is given the authority from God's throne. The text highlights that just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, he will separate people into two groups. The basis of the division is whether a person has cared for the poor and vulnerable person. The righteous are surprised when they are separated from the goats and called, 'blessed by my Father', inherit the kingdom'. (vs 34)

It is often assumed (in error), that this passage grounds our eternal salvation on our works of kindness to all in need; that is, to merely minister to anyone is 'to do it to Jesus'. However, a careful reading of the text would suggest otherwise. The particular group which is ministered to is none other than the brothers and sisters of Christ – in other words, fellow disciples or Christians! We see this also in verse 40. In Matthew 10:40-42, Jesus highlights that offering even a cup of water in his name to one of his "little ones" who is a disciple will not lose their reward.

St Edward's Anglican Church

**Christ the King
26th November 2017**

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**9 :30 AM. Holy Communion, Christ the King
1st Order - APBA, p. 101.**

Gathering in God's name

Verse of the Day

"But we see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." (Hebrews 2:9)

Hymn: 227 "When morning gilds the skies"

Prayer of Preparation (APBA, 119)

The commandments of God (p. 102)

Prayer of the Day

God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free this world from its selfishness and sin,
so that it might rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	(p. 865)
Psalm	95:1-7	(APBA, 322)
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46	(p. 995)

Sermon

The Nicene Creed (APBA, p. 103)

Song: 473 "Community of Christ"

Prayers of the people (p. 106)

Preparation for the Lord's Supper (pp. 108-109)

Absolution (p. 109)

The Lord's Supper (p. 110)

The Lord's Prayer (p. 114)

The Hymn of Praise (Gloria) (p. 115)

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Song: 228 "Crown him with many crowns" (Vss 1-4, 6)

The Blessing

