

Notices

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

- Please pray for Barbara Watt and a safe and healthy recovery from her foot surgery at Epworth Eastern on Friday.
- 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

You have to be at least mildly impressed by the appearance of the Pharisees and scribes. They were über (extremely) serious about their religion and showed this by their appearance. They made their phylacteries wide (the leather straps which held a portion of the Law in a box on their forehead or hand (see Deut 6:8; 11:18), and made the tassels on their garments and prayer shawls long. Their clothes and religious symbols became their badges of pride. And they liked titles such as 'rabbi' which helped send the message they were better teachers than anyone else and deserved more respect.

Like many executives today, Jesus' followers were effected by this projected leadership status and position of the Pharisees and scribes. In Matt 23:1-12, Jesus teaches his disciples not to get caught up in their image of spiritual superiority. They were hypocrites and laid legalistic burdens on people but did not give relief to the lawbreaker. They were all law and no grace. But Jesus offered an alternative. No-one in his new community (called the church), is to be called 'rabbi' (meaning 'my great one'), because God will be their Teacher. They were now a community of brothers and sisters with an equality in status and positions of superiority were gone. Neither were any to be called 'father', because this title would be reserved only for their heavenly Father. Nor are they to be called 'instructors', because they now have one called the Messiah (Matt 23:10). Leadership would be demonstrated in their humble service, not by flaunting their religious badges which projected their self-importance.

St Edward's Anglican Church

**22nd Sun after
Pentecost
29th October 2017**

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Service times

**Sunday 8 & 10 am
Thursday 10 am**

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Verse of the day

“The greatest among will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

(Matthew 23:11-12)

Prayer of the day

Creator God,
you have filled the world with beauty;
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works,
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness,
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son 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 3:1-13	(p. 1187)
Psalm	107:1-9, 33-43	(APBA, 337)
Gospel	Matthew 23:1-12	(p. 991)

Hymns

601 “O Master let me walk”
211 (ii) “Jesus lover of my soul”
448 “Blest are the pure in heart”

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 347 (Tune 120) “We sing the praise of him who died”

Prayer of Preparation (APBA, p, 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 Thessalonians 3:1-13	(p. 1187)
Psalm	107:1-9, 33-43	(APBA, 337)
Gospel	Matthew 23:1-12	(p. 991)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 147 “To God be the glory”

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: “Create in me a clean heart” (Keith Green) (OHP)

Holy Communion - Thanksgiving 4 (p 136).

Prayer after communion: APBA, p. 143 a.

Notices

Hymn: MP 1072 “In Christ alone” (OHP)

Sending out of God’s people.