

## Notices

**Next Sunday 24 December will be a combined service at 9:30 am with communion and Christmas carols and readings.**

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

### Prayers of the people

- Rev Ken Rogers who is having chemotherapy every three weeks until February. He is slowly improving which is encouraging.
- 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 as she recovers from her broken foot. She is now at home resting.
- For Peter, the brother of Liz, who is undergoing treatment for stomach cancer.
- Pray for Ken Rowe who has moved to Goodwin Close, Blackburn Sth where he is settling in, and for Frank Dawe who has returned home.
- For Peta Foote's daughter Lorna who has developed lung cancer.
- For Des Andrews whose ulcer on his leg is slowly healing.

**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 well-known English crime writer and poet of the 1930s, Dorothy L. Sayers, describes Jesus Christ as the man who

“cured diseases by any means that came handy, with a shocking casualness in the matter of other people's pigs and property...”

“We have very efficiently pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certified him ‘meek and mild’, and recommended him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious old ladies. To those who knew him, however, he in no way suggested a milk-and-water person; they objected to him as a dangerous firebrand. True, he was tender to the unfortunate, patient with honest inquirers, and humble before heaven; but he insulted respectable clergymen by calling them hypocrites; he referred to King Herod as ‘that fox’; he went to parties in disreputable company and was looked upon as a ‘gluttonous man and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners’ ... when confronted with neat dialectical traps, he displayed a paradoxical humour that affronted serious-minded people, and he retorted by asking disagreeably searching questions that could not be answered by rule of thumb. He was emphatically not a dull man in his human lifetime, and if he was God, there can be nothing dull about God either.”

Extract taken from, “Letters to a Diminished Church: Passionate Arguments for the Relevance of Christian Doctrine.”

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Advent  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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### Service times

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

### Wardens

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**Website: [stedwards.org.au](http://stedwards.org.au)**

## Verse of the day

“You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.”

(Isaiah 43:10)

## Prayer of the day

**Eternal God,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:  
grant us wisdom to see your purpose  
and openness to hear your will,  
that we too may prepare the way for Christ  
who is coming in power and glory  
to establish his rule of peace and justice;  
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Readings

Old Testament	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	(p. 748)
Psalm	126	(APBA, 362)
Gospel	John 1:6-8, 19-28	(p. 1063)

## Hymns

108 “You holy angels bright”  
287 “No wind at the window” (John Bell)  
276 “There’s a light upon the mountains”

## 10 AM (Holy Communion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Order, APBA, p.119)

### Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 108 “You holy angels bright”

### Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

### Prayer of the Day

### Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	(p. 748)
Psalm	126	(APBA, 362)
Gospel	John 1:6-8, 19-28	(p. 1063)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 279 “The king of glory comes”

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: 274 “The people that walked”

### Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 1 (p 130)

+ Advent Preface page 148.

Prayer after communion: APBA, p. 148 b + 144.

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Hymn: 287 “No wind at the window” (John Bell)

### Sending out of God’s people.