

Notices

There are two thank you cards on the noticeboard. The first is from Alan Lyons' family for the many messages, cards, donations and flowers they have received. The second is from Shirley Gilbert for those at St Edward's who have organised to collect and bring her to church on Sunday mornings.

Friendship (Charitas) Christmas breakup lunch: this year it is at '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. Thanks.

*****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.
- 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.
- 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

Watching for the return of the master, Jesus, the Son of Man is not the same as waiting. Wheat and barley farmers watch the weather and their crops with the eyes of an eagle. Are they doing nothing while they watch for the best time to harvest? Certainly not. A sense of expectancy builds in the farming community; plans are put on hold as the season moves forward to the anticipated harvest day, which remains undetermined and subject to the local conditions. Storms are eyed warily, prayers are offered, the machinery is readied and checked, the talk down the main street inevitably turns to the DAY and how this will work in with the so and so's family wedding. Watching, whether for the famer or the disciple of Jesus, is doing something; it's anticipating and getting prepared. Watching (for the return of Jesus), shapes what we do from day to day.

Our attention at this time of year naturally shifts to one of anticipation: the Lord is coming again – and also to his first coming, the Incarnation, which has in these last days, become one overtaken with associations of commercialism and the necessity of spending big in order for it to be meaningful. Our readings for the next four Sundays of Advent will focus on his coming again (both first and second) and getting ready, a message which is quite out of step with our current culture.

St Edward's Anglican Church

**1st Sun Advent
3rd December 2017**

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Verse of the day

“Heaven and earth will pass away,’ says the Lord, ‘but my words will not pass away.’

(Mark 13:31)

Prayer of the day

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Readings

Old Testament	Isaiah 64:1-12	(p. 750)
Psalm	80:1-7, 17-19	(APBA,307)
Gospel	Mark 13:24-37	(p. 1019)

Hymns

271 “The Advent of our God”
272 “Come thou long expected Jesus”
626 “Lord of creation”

10 AM (Holy Communion, 2nd Order, APBA, p.119)

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 52 “Let us sing to the God of salvation”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Isaiah 64:1-12	(p. 750)
Psalm	80:1-7, 17-19	(APBA,307)
Gospel	Mark 13:24-37	(p. 1019)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 272 “Come Thou long expected Jesus”

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: 207 “Jesus shall reign”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 1 (p 130)

+ Advent Preface page 147.

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

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Hymn: 626 “Lord of creation”

Sending out of God’s people.