

## Notices

**The Friendship (caritas) next meeting** is on Tuesday April 3rd at 1.30pm at the church. Please bring a photo of yourself as a baby (or young child) for a fun competition. All ladies welcome.

**Missing tea towels from the kitchen.** Please check your cupboards and return any church one that you might have.

**SAVE THE DATE. The annual parish dinner will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

**New offering envelopes** are available to be collected.

**Don't forget to wear your name tags.** This will make it easier for Zec to learn who you are as well as for those visiting St Edward's.

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

### Prayers of the people

- Gwen Anderson who is suffering from shingles and sciatica.
- Lillian Sheppard as she recovers from keyhole surgery.
- For Liz Helmond who is making good progress following her knee replacement operation. She is resting at home and having regular physiotherapy.
- Please pray for Dawn's granddaughter Alysha who has been diagnosed with a brain malformation which is the cause of her epilepsy.
- Max MacCann has moved to the Peter James Centre, West Ward, where he will remain for the next three weeks. Ph: 9881 1888.
- For Peter, the brother of Liz, who is undergoing treatment for stomach cancer.
- For Peta Foote's daughter Lorna, who has complications and illness due to her lung cancer.

**Please pray for the work of Michael, Melanie & Aaron Viljoen** – Wycliffe Bible Translators in Cameroon.

## Welcome to St Edward's

Differences between eyewitnesses are by no means an uncommon phenomenon. It makes for good drama in a criminal trial on the television. The evidence of the various eye witnesses is tested under examination until a general impression or conclusion is reached about a particular event and the reliability of the eyewitness's account or the guilt of the accused. When we read both Mark's account, the other three Gospels, the report by Luke in Acts 10:34-48, also Paul's account (1 Cor 15), we are left with witnesses who collaborate each other's testimony, even if they differ in certain details. It would be in fact be suspicious, if each witness's account agreed exactly. The discrepancies are good evidence that we do not have in Mark's account (ch 16:1-9), a carefully fabricated one of deceit, or collaboration designed to pass off an agreed on position. When eyewitness accounts agree, it is often a sign that the course of justice is being perverted.

One telling piece of evidence of the truthfulness of the eyewitnesses is that they are women. It is this feature which the early Church would not be likely to invent. Entrenched prejudice existed in both Judaism and Greco-Roman culture due to patriarchal attitudes toward women. Yet is women who are the first eyewitnesses of the empty tomb, not the disciples.

When we remember the resurrection of Christ, it does fill us with hope: death does not have the final say. We will be like Christ when he comes again, as he has shown in his own resurrection, that he has the power to transform our bodies, so they are like his glorious body (Phil 3:21; 1 John 3:2).

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2018  
Easter Sunday**

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8 am & 10 am.

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## Verse of the Day

The Lord is risen. **He has risen indeed!**

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

(Psalm 118:24)

## Prayer of the Day

**Brightness of God’s glory,  
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:  
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,  
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;  
let no shadow of the grace terrify us,  
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.  
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,  
as the First and Last,  
the Living One,  
our immortal Saviour and Lord. Amen**

## Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Acts 10:34-48	(p. 1104)
Psalm	118:1-2, 14-24	(APBA, 347)
Gospel	Mark 16:1-8	(p. 1024)

## Hymns

362 “Jesus Christ is risen today”

376 “I know that my Redeemer lives”

390 “Alleluia, alleluia”

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

### Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

**Hymn 362** “Jesus Christ is risen today”

**Prayer of Preparation**

(APBA, p. 119)

**Prayer of the Day**

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Sermon

The Nicene Creed	(APBA, p. 123)
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**Hymn 390** “Alleluia, alleluia”

### Notices

**Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer** (p. 124)

**Confession and Absolution** (pp. 125-127)

**Hymn 378** “The head that once was crowned with thorns”

**Holy Communion** – Thanksgiving 1, p. 128; + Easter Preface: (a) 154; 129, 141.

### Prayer after communion:

“Eternal God, giver of life,

in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.

May we who celebrate this holy feast

walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation.”

APBA, 155, (a)

**Hymn MP 295** “I serve a risen Saviour” (OHP)

### Sending out of God’s people