

Notices

The End is Nigh! (For Daylight Savings) This Saturday evening, 31st March, move your clock back one hour. This will enable you to arrive at church on 1 April on time which is both Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day.

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

Alan and Beth would like to thank everyone who baked biscuits for Prison Fellowship who will distribute them to prisoners in Victorian gaols.

SAVE THE DATE. The annual parish dinner will be held on Saturday 14th 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 who has shingles, and for her daughter Lorna, who has complications and illness due to her 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 in Cameroon.

Welcome to St Edward's

Before the big events in our lives, we prepare. From the arrival of our first child, to their first day at school, we prepare them (as much as ourselves), to ensure the transition will go smoothly. Getting married is another big event requiring months of planning and preparation, as does moving house, and for some, downsizing. But what about the final stage of life – especially when it is coming and must come and cannot be pushed away or denied? Jesus faced the fact that he would die young – but for a reason, not a cause. (He is no anti-hero like James Dean.) In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus preparing for the inevitability of his death.

On numerous occasions, he tried to prepare his disciples but they received this news with disbelief, even anger (Mk 8:31; 9:30; 10:32-34). They had a different idea in mind about their future with Jesus. It was one of glory, sitting on thrones next to him and ruling over the Israel (10:35-44). A few 'got it' though. They knew that not only death would come too early to Jesus, but it would be a violent one. A woman anoints him with fragrant oil as preparation for his death (Mk 14:3-9). Yet Jesus knew his death would be a meaningful one – and tried to prepare his disciples by taking the symbolism of the Passover Lamb, with its bread and wine, and applied it to his own (Mk 12-26). Jesus then tried to prepare Peter for his failure and denial (vs 27-31). Finally, in the brief time remaining, he sought to prepare himself in the quietness of prayer in the garden of Gethsemane (vs 32-42). His death is not too soon, or for a cause, but a reason: to die as our Passover Lamb, for our sins and to redeem us from death so we may be God's treasured possession.

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25th March 2018
6th Sunday Lent

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Verse of the Day

“At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

(Philippians 2:10-11)

Prayer of the Day

**Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your tender mercy
enable us to live in obedience to your will
and to share in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

Psalm	31:9-18	(APBA, 250)
Gospel	Mark 14:1-42	(p. 1020)

Hymns

279 “The king of glory comes”
357 “When his time was over”
347 “We sing the praise of him who died” (Tune: 120 Fulda)

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

Gathering in God’s name

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Hymn: MP 465 “Meekness and majesty” (OHP)

Prayer of Preparation (APBA, p. 119)

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Ministry of the Word

Psalm	31:9-18	(APBA, 250)
Gospel	Mark 14:1-42	(p. 1020)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 357 “When his time was over”

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

Confession and Absolution (pp. 125-127)

Hymn: 538 “Feed us now”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 1 (p. 128) + Lent Preface page 151.

Prayer after communion:

“Compassionate and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us
and reconciled your people to yourself.
Following his example of fasting and prayer,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love.”

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

Sending out of God’s people