

Notices

There will be a **working bee** on Wednesday 14th March at 9 am for those able to attend. Pls see Alan or Stephen for more information.

There is a form on which suggestions for the type of trees which will be planted in the carpark along the east boundary can be made and then passed onto Freddie Dixon. (Ph: 0487 088 676; or at freddixon75@gmail.com)

Please introduce yourself to Zec (Zac) Foo who will be employed on a part-time basis for one day a week to help us transition to a more diverse parish. Zec is completing a M.Div at the Melbourne School of Theology (which is at Wantirna). **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.

Lenten studies on Sunday evenings have commenced at 6 pm. This year's theme: "The art of contemplation in a noisy world. Seeking Christ through silence." No, contemplation is not for hermits but for everyday people too.

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

Prayers of the people

- For Liz Helmond who is making good progress following her knee replacement operation. She thanks everyone for their cards, calls, etc that have encouraged her.
- Max MacCann has moved to the Peter James Centre, West Ward, where he will remain for the next three weeks. Ph: 9881 1888.
- Des Melder who is recovering from deep vein thrombosis and is now at home.
- For Peter, the brother of Liz, who is undergoing treatment for stomach cancer.
- 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.

Sermon notes continued: What Christians overlook when they speak as if the 10 Commandments are irrelevant or say they are superseded by Christ's law of love, is that they ignore the fact that virtually the entire New Testament teaching about our behaviour as God's people is based on these commandments. Love is, as Paul highlighted, the fulfilment of the Law (Romans 13:8-10).

Welcome to St Edward's

The Ten Commandments are often viewed negatively as a series of 'Thou shalt not's'. This view sees them as a control mechanism for our behaviour, a standard which marks a line between what we are tempted to do and our committing the act. But this misses their point. They are not primarily meant to control our behaviour or convict us of lawbreaking, which they certainly do as the New Testament makes clear. They are to state in a minimal way, what God's expectations are of his people who he has redeemed. The phrase: "I am the LORD who brought you out of Egypt out of the land of slavery." (Ex 20:2), is a way of saying: 'I am the God who has redeemed you from slavery because I love you – now you belong exclusively to me. Therefore, this is how you are to act, so you reflect my values and priorities in life.'

Seen from this angle, the 10 Commandments are a guide on how to live according to God's ways which will bring life, community cohesion and peace to those who accept the LORD as their God.

The first four commandments express how we are to demonstrate our love to God; the remaining six commandments show how we are to honour one another in love. We are to honour our parents, to honour human life by not committing murder, to honour marriage by not going outside of it to commit adultery; to honour private property by not stealing; to honour the truth by not slandering a person, which is to destroy their reputation by our gossip; to honour contentment and not covet your neighbour's things or status or wealth.

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3rd Sunday Lent

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Verse of the Day

“God spoke these words and said, ‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.’

(Exodus 20:1)

Prayer of the Day

Lord our God,
by your Holy Spirit,
write your commandments upon our hearts
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,
we may become a living temple of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Exodus 20:1-21	(p. 77)
Psalm	19	(APBA, 239)
Gospel	John 2:13-22	(p. 1065)

Hymns

347 (Tune 120) “We sing the praise of him who died”
534 “Love is his word”
282 (Tune: 411) “The word of God”

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

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

Old Testament	Exodus 20:1-21	(p. 77)
Psalm	19	(APBA, 239)
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Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 284 “O bless the God of Israel”

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

Confession and Absolution (pp. 125-127)

Hymn: 232 “O the deep deep love of Jesus”

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 have 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: 282 (Tune: 411) “The word of God”

Sending out of God’s people