

## Notices

**Bible studies resume** this Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

**Next Sunday**, Dr Jeff Pugh will be the preacher at St Edward's at both services.

**Please note: the Sunday service on 29<sup>th</sup> April** will be a fifth Sunday of the month. In response to a request by a parishioner, the Parish Council have decided to use the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month to have a combined **service at 9:30 am**.

**On ANZAC Day at 7:30 pm**, at St Hilary's Anglican Church, 12 John St, Kew, there will be speeches with videos and slides on the leadership of Sir Harry Chauvel and Sir John Monash who both helped end WW1. Another topic covered will be the Light Horse Charge at Beersheba, Israel. It will be presented by Peter Kentley and the author Jill Curry. A donation to defray costs will be received.

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

**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

- For Liz Helmond who is making good progress following her knee replacement operation. She is resting at home and having regular physiotherapy.
- Max McCann has returned to his home from rehab at the Peter James Centre.
- Please pray for Dawn's granddaughter Alysha who has been diagnosed with a brain malformation which is the cause of her epilepsy.
- 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

For many years, Australia's economy has grown without a recession. To all appearances, our prosperity has increased (if we ignore the unemployed and poor). Living in the 'most liveable city in the world', Melbourne, is good, and people are generally law abiding and neighbourly. It might come as a surprise then, to read John's view of our society and our relationship to it. He is negative about it and critical of those who 'love' it. He describes our society as 'the world' (1 Jn 2:15). His use of this description refers to a quality within our society which is in rebellion against God and coolly indifferent to him. It is not a criticism of the material world that we live in, or else Christ himself would not have taken on our flesh (materiality), and lived amongst us. It is criticism of the spirit which animates our society and all those who do not belong to God. The 'world's values' are expressed by our preoccupation and love of things and pleasure (1 Jn 2:16). It is one which celebrates ruthless ambition and success, yet it is indifferent to the poor and disadvantaged (1 Jn 3:17). The world, for John, stands in stark contrast to the love we are to have for God. A love for this world creates within a disciple of Christ a divided loyalty to opposing and irreconcilable claims.

Those who do the will of God, will live for ever; those who do not, dwell in the darkness, and will perish with this world (1 Jn 2:17). But, as God's children who are called to live in the expectation and hope of seeing Christ, this hope leads them to purify themselves from this world's empty promises, so that we might not be ashamed when we meet Christ again (1 Jn 3:1-6).

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter**

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## Verse of the Day

“Dear friends, now we are children of God and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”

(1 John 3:2)

## Prayer of the Day

**Lord of life,  
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;  
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all people to you;  
by being raised from the dead,  
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:  
be with us in your risen power,  
that in word and deed we may proclaim  
the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection.  
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

## Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 John 2:15-17; 2:28-3:6	(p. 1126)
Psalm	4	(APBA, 225)
Gospel	Luke 24:36-49	(p. 1061)

## Hymns

385 “Now is eternal life”  
448 “Blest are the pure in heart”  
246 “Christ is the world’s light”

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

### Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

**Hymn 449** “Stand up and bless the Lord”

**Prayer of Preparation** (APBA, p. 119)

**Prayer of the Day**

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Psalm	4	(APBA, 225)
Gospel	Luke 24:36-49	(p. 1061)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

**Hymn 454** “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”

**Notices**

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

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

**Hymn MP 995 OHP** “Jesus Christ I think about your sacrifice”

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

**Prayer after communion:**

“Most glorious Lord of life,  
we thank you that you nourish us  
in these Easter mysteries.  
Fill us with the Spirit of love  
and unite us in faith,  
that we may witness to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world.” APBA, 155, (b)

**Hymn 217 (i)** “Love divine, all loves excelling”

**Sending out of God’s people**