

Notices

We welcome Dr Jeff Pugh (with Kay, his wife), who is the preacher at St Edward's at both services this morning.

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

The Friendship (Charitas) group's next meeting is on Tuesday 1st May at 12:30 pm. We are going to the Blackburn Hotel for lunch. Please let Trisha know if you are coming to this as she is making a booking. Her phone number is 9877 4039.

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 14th 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

It sounds pretty easy doesn't it? Love one another. John's letter (1 John 3:11-20), merely reinforces what Jesus himself had said in John 13:34. One minister I heard of, stood up on Sunday morning and preached just this text for his sermon. Then he sat down. The next week, he preached the same message, 'love one another' and sat down. By the third Sunday, his congregation were getting uneasy. Then he did it again. Finally they understood. They had to actually practice what they had heard. Love is shown by our actions (1 John 3:16-17). The church became transformed and grew.

John makes a contrast between the person who loves their fellow Christian and those who claim to be a member of the church, but hate their fellow believer (1 John 3:12-15). They are like Cain who hated his brother Abel and murdered him. To hate is as good as murder. It also shows that the person who hates, remains in a place of death, not living in the life of God through his Spirit.

Why does John state things so bluntly and starkly? Because how we speak to each other, how we treat each other and how we fail to care for each other, indicate our love or lack of love. Those who speak ill and mistreat their fellow believer, do not demonstrate that they have passed from 'death to life' (1 John 3:14).

Love is the hallmark of a true believer. Jesus said: 'By your love people will know you are my disciples.' (Jn 13:34) No love, no indication that you are a disciple of Christ, and this in turn, is no indication that you really belong to God, or live in Christ (1 John 3:23-24).

St Edward's Anglican Church

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4th Sunday after Easter

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Verse of the Day

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

(1 John 3:2)

Prayer of the Day

**Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold:
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 John 3:11-24	(p. 1127)
Psalm	23	(APBA, 243)
Gospel	John 10:11-18	(p. 1041)

Hymns

147 “To God be the glory”
145 “The king of love my shepherd”
82 Copt “Jesus grant that we may follow”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 474 “Gather us in”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

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Psalm	23	(APBA, 243)
Gospel	John 10:11-18	(p. 1041)
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 601 “O Master, let me walk with thee”

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Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer

(p. 124)

Confession and Absolution

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn 145 “The king of love my shepherd”

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 147 “To God be the glory”

Sending out of God’s people