

Notices

The Friendship (Charitas) group's next meeting is this 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.

While Rob is on long service leave: the Wednesday evening and Thursday morning bible studies will continue. So will the Thursday morning church services in the form of Morning Prayer led by Alan Gibbs.

"Where are you going on your holiday?!", Shirley and I are often asked. We leave very early on Friday 4th May (5 am), and fly to London for three days. We will then spend 7 days (with 10 night's accommodation), walking from northern Portugal to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. From there we will return to London and then spend a week in southern England before spending 5 days in southern Ireland and returning. The remaining time of my long service leave (about 2 wks), is still undecided.

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 is undergoing low level treatment for her lung cancer.

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

Welcome to St Edward's

The Bible does not offer long winded definitions about what love means. The reason is due in part to the more precise language used in both the Old and New Testaments (Hebrew and Greek). In English however, our word 'love' is defined by its context. For example, I love ice-cream, I love my dog and I love my wife. You would not for one moment think I loved each exactly in the same way or to the same degree.

The Bible prefers to give illustrations of what God's love looks like in action. For example, there is the parable of the farmer searching for his lost sheep (Matt 18:12-14); the husband who is willing to take back his adulterous wife (Hosea ch. 1), the father who waits at the farm gate daily, looking down the road into the distance waiting for his wayward son to return (Luke 15:11-32). In our reading of 1 John 4:1-21 today, John does not give a definition of God's love; he also prefers to tell us how this love is demonstrated. Actions, as the saying goes, speak louder than words.

God, John tells us, showed his love by sending his Son into our world, a world which is rejecting him and disinterested in him, so that we might live through him (1 Jn 4:9). Love is demonstrated by God making the first move; he sought us out before we were interested in him, and he gave his only Son to atone for our sins (4:10). Sacrifice we see in Christ's death, is the hallmark of genuine love. For this reason, John calls us to express our love for each other as God has for them (4:11). In contrast, those who have split from John's churches, do not. Love is the mark of a genuine disciple of Christ (Jn 13:34-35).

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Verse of the Day

“This is love, not: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us we also ought to love one another.”

(1 John 4:10-11)

Prayer of the Day

O God,
form the minds of your faithful people,
that we may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the many changes of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Gathering in God's name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 188 “Where wide sky roll down”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 John 4:1-21	(p. 1227)
Psalm	22:26-32	(APBA, 241)
Gospel	John 15:1-8	(p. 1048)
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 641 (Tune: 342 Rockingham) “This is my will, my one command”

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

Confession and Absolution (pp. 125-127)

Hymn 262 “When pain and terror strike”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 1, p. 128; + Easter Preface: (a) 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 be witnesses to the resurrection
and show your glory through our acts of love
to all the world.”
APBA, 155, (b)

Hymn 158 “God has spoken by his prophets”

Sending out of God's people