

## Notices

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

**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

- Gwen Anderson who is suffering from shingles and sciatica.
- For Liz Helmond who is making good progress following her knee replacement operation. She is resting at home and having regular physiotherapy.
- Max McCann who is returning to his home on tomorrow (Monday), 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.
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- 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

In an age, long, long ago, before Christianity was legally recognised by the Roman Emperor, before there were church buildings and Christians met in homes and huddled outside after sundown on the Sunday when their work was finished; before dioceses existed with a bishop to oversee them, before there was a pope, before there was general acceptance of the Apostles Creed and what books were considered orthodox and compiled into what we would now call, 'The New Testament'; the fledgling early church relied on prophets, teachers, itinerant evangelists and the 'memoirs of the apostles' (the NT letters), which were read at their church services. A sense of orthodox 'tradition' guided local church leadership in their practice and doctrine (1 Cor 15:3; 2 Thess 2:15)

But it was a free for all religious world, with charismatic Christian leaders establishing their own churches. Often they broke away from a church which could trace its foundation to one of the apostles, or a second generation leader who had been instructed by that apostle (Heb 2:2-3). What was to be done when a group of Christians leaves an established church over a disagreement about who they believed Jesus Christ to be? How could a Christian identify a 'true' church from one which was heretical and had 'dodgy' practices and beliefs? Does it matter? Today, we face the same issue. What are we to believe? Is the church down the road part of the big 'Church' or just doing their own thing? Does the behaviour by people in any church tell us something about their beliefs? John believes it does. These issues are what the First Letter of John deals with.

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter**

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8 am & 10 am.

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