

## Notices

**The Medical Mission Australia** is raising money for a scholarship fund in memory of 13 medical graduates killed in the plane crash at Kathmandu airport. They were returning home after 5 yrs of study. At the Parish Council meeting on Thursday night, it agreed to forward \$200 toward this appeal. The Women's Fellowship is also giving \$200. Gifts can be forwarded to Eileen Comber or Joy Mitchelmore.

Don't forget to purchase tickets to **the annual church dinner** on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

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

## Prayers of the people

- Misinformation in the news concerning ministry and chaplaincy work undertaken by Christians in Australia. It was reported recently that an ACCESS chaplain at a Victorian high school had given inappropriate advice to a student suffering anorexia, by quoting the Bible. This was first reported in Federal Parliament to the Senate Estimates, Committee by Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, when questioning the Education Minister, Simon Birmingham about the federal funding for the chaplaincy program. Senator Hanson-Young claimed that a Monash Associate Professor identified an ACCESS chaplain who had allegedly made these comments. Very quickly Senator Hanson-Young's statement was reported as virtual fact on the radio news, in newspapers and on television news. (The ABC news online was more cautious calling it 'an allegation'.) However, ACCESS ministries disputed this claim and has received formal confirmation from Monash University that no report was ever produced by the University according to recent media reports. Such reports create and reinforce a negative view about Christians participating in our society.

For those who are struggling with infirmity: for Des Andrews and also Dorothy Miller who is in respite care in Stawell. Frank Dawe has been in hospital again but is at home.

- Max McCann has returned to his home and is having physiotherapy.
- For Peter, the brother of Liz, who has had scans for kidney stones.
- For Peta Foote following the loss of her daughter Lorna.

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

## Welcome to St Edward's

Many a Christian has not progressed far in their spiritual life beyond the first base of believing and trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ. The reason is simple. The first thing they must learn to go deeper with God and to enjoy the slow, but steady transforming work of the Holy Spirit in their lives, is that obedience to God is not optional, but essential. Many a 'would-be' believer, has fallen by the wayside, because they have not understood this simple truth. You see, Jesus is called, 'the Lord' for good reason. He is the Lord over heaven and earth, which is confirmed by his resurrection, and he is the Lord over the lives of men and women. He holds the keys to death and Hades (Rev 1:18).

King Saul, who precedes King David, learnt the truth painfully that obedience to God takes priority over all other things. He failed God's command to destroy the Amalekites completely (1 Sam 15:7-14). He withheld some of the cattle and sheep and did not kill Agag the Amalekite king. Perhaps he thought that kings deserved special treatment (1 Sam 15:15-20). Saul justified his actions by appealing to his intention to offer them to the Lord (vs 21). Samuel the prophet differs and accuses him of acting in self-interest. Saul has not understood the seriousness of disobedience. He has, as so many have thought, that by offering the right sacrifices and do the 'right thing religious things' (actions) for God, he will justify himself. It won't. His actions are equated with rebellion and idolatry and have brought upon him God's rejection.

For the Christian today, we are to question ourselves: is our heart right and obedient toward God?

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

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## Verse of the Day

“In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.”

(2 Corinthians 5:19)

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,  
without you we are unable to please you;  
and without your love, we are unable to truly love;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
so that Jesus Christ our Lord may be seen  
in all we do and say each day.  
Amen.

## Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	1 Samuel 15:1-35	(p. 285)
Psalm	22	(APBA, 240)
Gospel	Mark 4:26-34	(p. 1006)

## Hymns

597 (Tune: 312) “Master speak, thy servant hearteth”  
626 “Lord of creation”  
83 “Let us with gladsome mind”

## 10 AM (Holy Communion, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

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Gospel	Mark 4:26-34	(p. 1006)
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn MP “Speak O Lord” (OHP)

### Notices

Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer

(p. 124)

### Confession and Absolution

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn 585 “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 5, p. 139; then p. 141.

Prayer after communion: p. 143 (a)

Hymn 626 “Lord of creation”

### Sending out of God’s people