

## Notices

A big thanks to the Special Efforts Committee for their excellent organisation of the annual dinner last night. We would also like to thank those who donated prizes to the dinner as well. This year in particular had many donations which has helped make the dinner a success.

**Come on a journey to Spain** Rob will be giving a slide show and commentary on their walk through the north western part of Spain over 10 days in May. This Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2 pm. Afternoon tea will also be provided.

### Corrections to the parish telephone directory:

**The Nettleship's** phone number is 9893 3535 (not 9893 3525).  
**Katrina Foulds'** number is 9078 2082 (not 9878 2082).

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

### Prayers of the people

- Katrina's sister who has returned home but needs support.
- Sylvia Clark who has torn ligaments in her shoulder.
- Beryl Pakes recovering from a broken foot.
- For those who are struggling with infirmity: for Des Andrews and also Dorothy Miller who is in respite care in Stawell. Frank Dawe is at home now.
- For Peter, the brother of Liz, who has had surgery for kidney stones and is now recovering.
- 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

Worshipping God is not something to be entered into casually. To stand before him, or to encounter him in daily life, will give rise to an immediate awareness that God is holy. It is dangerous to think that God can be fooled or treated in an offhand way. In today's reading from the Old Testament (2 Samuel 6:1-23), we are left with three disturbing images of people who have made various responses to God's holiness.

The first is by Uzzah, who reaches out to steady the Ark of the Covenant which seems about to topple over on a cart. He is struck dead by the LORD. He has violated God's holiness (similar to the Philistines in 1 Sam ch 6). The next image is of David exuberantly dancing semi-naked before The Ark as it is brought into Jerusalem. He is full of joy that God's dwelling will now be in the new city he has founded. The third is the sour face of David's wife, Michal (2 Sam 6:20). She despises David's obvious love for God expressed enthusiastically in dance. As the daughter of Saul (2 Sam 6:16), she is bitter that her father was not the one doing what David has achieved and nurses deep resentment that she has been forcibly taken from her husband and given back to David who had won her as a trophy for getting 100 Philistine foreskins. She has been traded like war booty as a condition of his agreement to become king over Israel (2 Sam 3:13-16). The consequence of her bitterness was that she bore no children, probably because David refused to sleep with her, rather than as a sign that God's blessing had been taken from her. "Without holiness," writes the author of Hebrews, ". . . no one can see God." (Heb 12:14. See also Matt 5:8).

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

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## Verse of the Day

“Who may stand in the Lord’s holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false.”

(Psalm 24:3-4)

## Prayer of the Day

God of our salvation,  
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts  
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:  
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,  
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.  
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose Day draws near,  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

## Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	2 Samuel 6:1-23	(p. 309)
Psalm	24	(APBA, 244)
Gospel	Mark 6:14-29	(p. 1008)

## Hymns

216 “Rejoice the Lord is king”  
127 “Holy God we praise your name”  
152 “Joyful, joyful we adore you”

## Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 127 “Holy God we praise your name”

## Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

## Prayer of the Day

## Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	2 Samuel 6:1-23	(p. 309)
Psalm	24	(APBA, 244)
Gospel	Mark 6:14-29	(p. 1008)
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 568 “O for a heart to praise my God” (Tune: 35 Abridge)

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

## Confession and Absolution

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn 407 “Breathe on me breath of God”

Holy Communion – Prayer Book: Thanksgiving 2, p. 130.

Prayer after communion: p. 143 (a)

Hymn 572 (i) “O Thou, who camest from above”

## Sending out of God’s people

