

Notices

SPECIAL EFFORTS COMMITTEE PROPOSED DATES FOR 2019

- ☆ A Market Day will replace the annual fete on the 16th March 2019.
 - ☆ The annual dinner is proposed for October 2019. A specific date will be notified in due course.
 - ☆ An Afternoon Tea/Concert is planned on a date yet to be confirmed.
- Please note that we lack the resources to conduct a fete this year in November.

Join us on the last Sunday of the month here at St Edward's at 5:30 pm when we will be resuming the contemplative time of prayer, reflection and support that were begun with the Lenten studies earlier this year. The meeting is tentatively called. 'Companions on the way'. More details: contact Rob or Dennis Mills.

Corrections to the church 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

- Pauline Robertson who has been in Cabrini for surgery.
- Lorraine Palmer (a friend of Trisha's), who has cancer.
- Beth Gibbs who has been in Box Hill hospital but is now home.
- Liz Helmond, recovering from a broken wrist, will now need surgery for gall stones next week.
- Katrina's sister who has returned home but needs support. Thank God for the renewed energy and healing Katrina has received from her sore back.
- 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.

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

Welcome to St Edward's

In 1 Kings 2 we meet Solomon for the first time, famous for his wealth and glory ("surely Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed ..."), for his 700 wives, for his meeting with the Queen of Sheba and for building the first temple to God. But he is renowned most for his wisdom. He is the second son born to David and Bathsheba, and the first born in wedlock.

God appears to the young king in a dream and says: "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." If God appeared to us in this way, how would we respond? We are used to asking God for many things in our prayers, but with confidence that he will lovingly sift our supplications and grant only what is truly beneficial. This seems like quite a different proposition, and one that needs careful thought.

Solomon is thankfully free of the hubris of youth and deeply aware of the daunting job he has inherited, so he asks for wisdom and discernment so that he will govern well. God is so pleased with this answer that he also grants Solomon what he did not ask for – wealth and honour. Wisdom is not just intelligence or knowledge. We all know many clever people who are not wise. Wisdom is not a quality we seem to value any more in our culture, so it is not surprising that it seems in short supply. If we look back through the world leaders we have known, are there any we could call wise? Abraham Lincoln is one who comes to mind perhaps.

The paradox of this story is that Solomon must have been wise enough already in order to ask God for the gift of wisdom.

St Edward's Anglican Church

19th August 2018
13th Sunday after
Pentecost

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Verse of the Day

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.”

(James 3:13-14)

Prayer of the Day

Ever living God,
your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as the living bread
for the life of the world:
give us such a knowledge of his presence
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
to serve you continually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-15	(p. 336)
Psalm	111	(APBA, 343)
Gospel	John 6:51-58	(p. 1071)

Hymns

OHP “When we walk with the Lord”
538 “Feed us now”
636 “God has spoken to his people”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 636 “God has spoken to his people”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

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The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn OHP “When we walk with the Lord”

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

Confession and Absolution

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn MP 1129 “With a prayer” (OHP)

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 4

Prayer after communion: p. 143, a

Hymn 626 “Lord of creation”

Sending out of God’s people