

Notices

Join us tonight (and for all the last Sunday's evenings of the month) 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.

Next Sunday Rob will be away attending a conference in Canberra for the weekend. The conference is an annual event for spiritual directors in Australia. Rev'ds Graeme and Maree Vines will be the locums.

New rosters for September are available for collection in the smaller boxes on notice board next to the rosters on display.

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.

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

Prayers of the people

- Pauline Robertson who has been in Cabrini for surgery.
- Liz Helmond has had gallbladder surgery and is now recovering at home.
- Lorraine Palmer (a friend of Trisha's), who has cancer.
- Beth Gibbs who is now home at taking life at a slower pace.
- 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

Throughout our long history as God's people, we have periodically seen and heard God affirming that he is with us. Think of Christmas time when we often hear the words (referring to Jesus): 'Emmanuel: God with us' (Matt 1:23). John's Gospel begins with the tremendous affirmation that 'the Word dwelt among us and we have seen his glory' (Jn 1:14). As the people of God wandered for 40 years in the wilderness before entering the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, they were guided by the presence of God revealed in the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. The Ark of the Covenant which was housed in the tabernacle, accompanied Israel and into the promised land where it was the focus of national religious life. Eventually David brought the Ark of the Covenant into his new capital, Jerusalem. Despite his desire to build a temple, a more permanent structure, he was prevented by the LORD. David had shed blood. It would be his successor Solomon who would build it. Today's reading in 1 Kings 8, this achievement and affirms God's desire to dwell among his people. But Solomon's temple eventually mislead Israel into thinking that its mere presence would protect them against disaster or conquest by their enemies (Jeremiah 7:3-14). Trust in God had shifted to trust in the building and it became in effect, an idol. Another problem was that it reduced God to a particular locality and they lost sight that he was a universal God, who more than filled heaven and earth. This is why it had to be destroyed. But something better replaced it: God's indwelling Spirit, not in a temple of stone, but in the Church and also our bodies (1 Cor 3:16; 6:19). See also Acts

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Pentecost

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Verse of the Day

“How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!
Better is one day in our courts,
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.”

(Psalm 84:1, 10)

Prayer of the Day

**Ever living God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called them
each may serve you in holiness and truth;
through Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	1 Kings 7:51 – 8:11, 22-30, 41-43	(p. 344)
Psalm	84	(APBA, 310)
Gospel	John 6:56-69	(p. 1071)

Hymns

279 “The king of glory”
44 “How lovely is your dwelling place” (Tune: 485 St Peter)
284 “O bless the God of Israel”

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

Gathering in God’s name

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Hymn 279 “The king of glory”

Prayer of Preparation (APBA, p. 119)

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Sermon

The Nicene Creed (APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 44 “How lovely is your dwelling place” (Tune: 485 St Peter)

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

Confession and Absolution (pp. 125-127)

Hymn 578 “How firm a foundation” (Tune: 143 St Denio)

Holy Communion – OHP (Common Worship Thanksgiving D)

Prayer after communion: OHP (APBA, p. 150. ‘Epiphany’)

Hymn OHP “Meekness and majesty” MP 465

Sending out of God’s people