

Notices

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

Prayers of the people

- For the commencement of the conversational English classes that begin this Wednesday 14th.
- ACCESS ministries is facing a Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) case in late October. A claim has been made against the right by ACCESS to advertise for School Chaplains who are Christian. A person has claimed this discriminates against them applying for a position as a school chaplain.
- Pauline Robertson is at the The Avenue hospital in Malvern recovering from a painful cracked back vertebrae. She may be coming home this weekend.
- Hyacinth Andrews recovering from cataract surgery.
- Max McCann has bronchitis.
- Lorraine Palmer (a friend of Trisha's), who has cancer.
- 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

Commentary is now offered on our televisions, radios and Internet on every conceivable issue. It is now both expected and also tolerated as part of daily life. This might be due to the era when men brought their heavy transistor radios to the football matches, with long ariels poking out the back. Commentary on sport became the norm. But I wonder, is the commentary necessary when the game is right there before your eyes? Perhaps. It does add to the atmosphere of the game and it is certainly useful when listening to a test cricket match. Some noise is needed to fill the silence when nothing much is happening on the field.

Even the commentary has continued about the recent change of prime ministers and the reasons for the change. Cooking shows serve up commentary about a contestant's ability and renovation shows thrive on it. Sometimes it offers insights and helpful background, such as when the Olympic games are being broadcast. But most commentary is really, just an opinion being aired or someone stating the obvious and retelling it, over and over again.

When we read the Bible, particularly the book of Proverbs ch 1, and the Psalms like No. 19, there is no commentary offered on how we are to understand them or how they are to be interpreted. It couches its truths in things like 'personification', that is, the description of an idea is presented as a person. Psalm 19 lays down its truths in paradoxes. The heavens have no speech, yet they speak to us about their creator, God. Then after describing the creation, the Psalm abruptly shifts to the OT Law and its ability to 'speak' and 'illuminate' our eyes. The Bible respects our intelligence and wants us to think about what it is saying. It is rare for it to offer an explanation or commentary. It leaves you, if you are wise, to have the ears that hear its message (Mark 4:9, 23; 8:19).

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Pentecost

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Verse of the Day

“The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.”

(Psalm 19:7)

Prayer of the Day

**God and Father of all,
you have taught us through your Son
that the last shall be first,
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:
give us the wisdom from above,
so that we may understand that in your sight
the one who serves is the greatest of all.
We ask this through 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	Prov 1:20-33	(p. 635)
Psalm	19	(APBA, 239)
Gospel	Mark 8:27-38	(p. 1012)

Hymns

626 “Lord of creation”
583 “Take up your cross”
167 “How deep the riches of our God” (Tune: 25 Martyrdom)

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 100 “All creatures of our God and King” (vss 1,2, then 5-7)

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Prov 1:20-33	(p. 635)
Psalm	19	(APBA, 239)
Gospel	Mark 8:27-38	(p. 1012)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 746 “The heavens shall declare”

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

Confession and Absolution (pp. 125-127)

Hymn OHP “Turn your eyes upon Jesus” (“O soul are you wearied and worried?” MP 712)

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 2 (APBA, p 130).

Prayer after communion: 143 (d).

Hymn OHP “There is a redeemer” (MP 673)

Sending out of God’s people