

## Notices

**Next Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> September), will be a combined service at 9:30 am.**

**The 'Companions on the Way' group will be meeting next Sunday evening at 5:30 pm here at the church.**



**Remembrance Day Centenary** on Sunday 11 November 2:15 pm. Scotch College Memorial Hall, Morrison St, Hawthorn. Notable speakers will give the historical and personal accounts of the war. Bookings essential. Details on noticeboard.

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

### Prayers of the people

- For the commencement of the conversational English classes that began this Wednesday. Please pray for Peta Foote whose shingles have returned. Please pray for healing and efficacious medication.
- Pauline Robertson is at the The Avenue hospital in Malvern recovering from a painful cracked back vertebrae.
- Hyacinth Andrews recovering from cataract surgery and also Dawn Webb-Johnson who has had eye surgery.
- Max McCann who has bronchitis.
- 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.

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

## Welcome to St Edward's

Occasionally when reading the Bible we must ask ourselves the question: 'Who is this material I am reading written for and why?' In the case of our OT reading (Prov 31:10-31), whose voice do we hear and who are they instructing? (The answer is probably a woman, perhaps King Lemuel's mother, addressing her son (31:1-3). These two questions will clarify why the book of Proverbs ends with the description of a godly wife who is industrious, entrepreneurial, noble and a vital equal to her husband in society. Throughout the Proverbs, wisdom (ie: the LORD's wisdom), has often been pictured as a woman and contrasted with the seductive behaviour of a wayward one (1:20; 6:20; 9:1, 13). The quiet, but firm voice of the father (1:9, 2:1, 3:1, 4:1), instructs his son to make a choice between the two and consider the outcome which will follow if he chooses the loose woman who seeks to seduce him (5:3ff).

At the conclusion of the book, another image is given of the type of woman who will be an ideal wife for any man who is 'wise'. Her wisdom is evident in her actions – and also in her speech (vs 26). The admiration of her strength, normally showered on a man, is given her (vs 25). Israelite men, like men throughout history, were prone to demean women as 'the weaker sex'. This hymn of praise is to correct the cultural perception by men and to refocus their attention on what ought to be valued when considering marriage or when one is already married. Thus, the Book of Proverbs is primarily addressing young men, offering them guidance about the blessings of God's wisdom, contrasted with the destruction and death which follows those who are foolish. The book will be of course, relevant to any generation or gender because its counsel takes the Law of the LORD and applies it to daily life.

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

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## Verse of the Day

“Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.”

(Proverbs 31:30-31)

## 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 31:10-31	(p. 667)
Psalm	1	(APBA, 224)
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37	(p. 1013)

## Hymns

179 “Praise with joy the world’s creator”  
127 “Holy God we praise your name”  
599 (2) “Take my life” (Nottingham)

**10 AM (Holy Communion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Order, APBA, p.119)**

## Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 143 “Immortal invisible”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

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Old Testament	Prov 31:10-31	(p. 667)
Psalm	1	(APBA, 224)
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37	(p. 1013)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 127 “Holy God we praise your name”

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Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer

(p. 124)

Confession and Absolution

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn 516 “Here gracious Lord”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 5 (APBA, p 139).

Prayer after communion: 143 (a).

Hymn 599 (2) “Take my life” (Nottingham)

Sending out of God’s people