

## Notices

**Pauline Robertson** has sent a card addressed to all the parishioners of St Edward's. She writes: "I would be most grateful if you would pass on my sincere thanks to my wonderful friends at St Eds. The beautiful orchid, phone calls and cards and most of all the prayers were greatly appreciated. I am now at home and getting much better each day, so will be back with you all very soon! With love to all, Pauline."

**Fete:** Saturday 20th October at Holy Name Anglican Church, 474 Burwood Highway (opposite Vermont South shopping centre), Vermont South.

### Monday Exercise Group

All are welcome to join in. They are conducted by an experienced and qualified trainer. Mondays at 3.30pm - 4.30. Cost; \$10.00 per person per head.

**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.

Bible study has resumed: Wednesday nights at 8pm and Thursdays after the 10am service. We are looking at the book of Revelation. All welcome.

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

### Prayers of the people

- For the conversational English classes that have begun that they will slowly increase in numbers.
- Trish Phyland is recovering from a crushed big toe and now back at home.
- Pauline Robertson who has returned home and is resting from her cracked vertebrae.
- Hyacinth Andrews recovering from cataract surgery and also Dawn Webb-Johnson who also has had eye surgery.
- 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

Today we remember St Edward the Confessor King after whom this church is named. He was a confessor of the faith rather than a martyr for his faith. He is perhaps best well known for building the original Westminster Abbey (later demolished and rebuilt by Henry III). He is buried in the Abbey and miracles of healing are said to have occurred near his shrine, a bit like those in the early church.

Our readings today challenge us also to be confessors: to be those whose lives are committed to living joyously in response to the mercy which God had shown us, especially in Christ. We can live confidently and boldly because we have a great High Priest who is able to sympathise with our weaknesses and knows what it is like to be tempted. We can live knowing that we are forgiven by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and indwelt by God Himself!

That gives us the motivation and desire to live our lives totally committed to God, knowing that all we are and all we have belongs to God and is to be used for His purposes. This is unlike the rich young ruler in the gospel reading, who thought that he could have a foot in two camps - to be a slave to mammon and also a follower of God. He thought that by focussing on the 'shoulds' and 'oughts' and being unconcerned about his heart, the part of him that God was most interested in, he would be saved. But he questioned this and asked Jesus. He went away sad because he realised that the cost of following Christ was too high. Christ had asked that his first allegiance was to be to God and he had to be prepared to give away everything he had. Jesus knew where his heart really lay and that was the problem.

Let's do a heart check on ourselves today. May God be honoured in our response to Him today and every day.

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

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## Verse of the Day

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet he did not sin.”

(Mark 10:29-30)

**Hymn 411** “Filled with the Spirit’s power”

**Prayer of Preparation**

(APBA, p. 119)

**Prayer of the Day**

**Merciful God,  
in your Son you call not the righteous  
but sinners to repentance:  
draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction,  
and guide us into the path that leads to eternal life,  
that in seeking your truth, and by obeying your will,  
we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Ministry of the Word**

New Testament	Heb 4:12-16	(p. 1203)
Psalm	22:1-25	(APBA, 241)
Gospel	Mark 10:17-31	(p. 1014)

Sermon

**Prayer following the sermon**

Almighty God,  
who gave to your servant St Edward the Confessor King  
boldness to confess the name of Jesus Christ,  
courage to live for him and a heart to serve him in prayer,  
teach us always to be ready  
to give a reason for the hope that is in us,  
and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord and Saviour;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Nicene Creed**

(APBA, p. 123)

**Hymn OHP** “Jesus, I am resting” (MP 362)

**Notices**

**Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer**

(p. 124)

(preceded by the opportunity to confess to God’s  
goodness to you in some way)

**Confession and Absolution**

(pp. 125-127)

**Hymn OHP** “How deep the Father’s love” (MP 988)

**Holy Communion** – Thanksgiving (APBA, 130)

**Sending out of God’s people**

Prayer after communion: 143 (d).

**Hymn 470** “Rejoice in God’s saints” (Tune: 188)

**The Blessing**