

Notices

Today (Sunday 21st) at Inala Village Chapel at 2pm there will be a performance by the Ringspiration **Bell Ringers**. The event is open to everyone and there is no charge. It should be a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

You are invited to a **World Community Day** at the Nunawading Uniting Church, 355-357 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading. Date: Thursday 25th October at 10 am. Speaker: Sr Margaret Burchell. See Joy Mitchelmore for more details.

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."

Bush Church Aid boxes can now be returned to Stephen or Marilyn Smith. Thanks.

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

Human ambition is one of those things which is given a mixed response in the New Testament. From reading today's story in Mark 10:17-31, you may get the impression Jesus was against any ambition. What happens is that two of his disciples, the brothers James and John, make a pitch to sit on the right and left hand of Jesus in his glory might confirm this view. They are diplomatically told by Jesus that they won't be sitting in the best seats because it has already been decided and he is not the one who makes the decision. The other ten disciples are not impressed with the naked ambition of James and John when they hear about their plans. If the two brothers had been granted their request, they would have missed out on the opportunity too.

When we think of someone having ambition, it is often associated with an ability to dominate others to achieve their goals or to control certain outcomes that suit them. Consequently, it with some justification that the word 'ambition' is often associated with a person acting out of self-interest.

Jesus however, redefines what ambition looks like and its place in our lives. First he asks whether they are prepared to suffer for him ('drink the cup' and 'be baptised as I am baptised'). They say they are, so Jesus then highlights that his style of leadership will be different from the Gentiles who think of ambition and leadership in terms of domination and control (Mk 10:42). Instead, he reverses the order – and shocks everyone's expectations. The greatest in the kingdom will be the one who serves; their ambition is that others will succeed. This requires humility ('a servant of all'). He concludes by pointing to his own behaviour – and its purpose: that "... he came to give his life as a ransom for all." (10:45)

St Edward's Anglican Church

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Verse of the Day

“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them . . . Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Mark 10:42-44)

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and everlasting God,
help us by the example of Christ,
who did not come to be served but to serve
and give his life for others,
to proclaim that the cross is the way that leads to life eternal.
Grant to your Church throughout the world
that it may persevere with steadfast faith to proclaim this,
our hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Hebrews 5:1-10	(p. 1204)
Psalm	104:1-10, 26	(APBA, 330)
Gospel	Mark 10:32-45	(p. 1015)

Hymns

477 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”
256 “The Servant King”
228 “Crown him with many crowns” (omit vs 6)

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 477 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Hebrews 5:1-10	(p. 1204)
Psalm	104:1-10, 26	(APBA, 330)
Gospel	Mark 10:32-45	(p. 1015)
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 665 “Jesus Christ is waiting”

Notices

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

Confession and Absolution

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn 538 “Feed us now”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 5, p 139.

Prayer after communion: p. 143 (a)

Hymn 228 “Crown him with many crowns” (omit vs 6)

Sending out of God’s people

