

Notices

Tonight the contemplative group 'Companions on the Way' will be meeting at 5:30 pm.

The Annual General Meeting of St Edward's will be held on 25th November following the 10 am service at 11:30 am.

There will be a BBQ following the AGM.

If you would like your name listed on the church's membership roll, please fill in a form this Sunday and the next. Forms are available from Rob.

New rosters are available in the narthex for November.

Freddie Dixon has changed his phone number. It is now 0487 206 878. Please update your phone and also your church directory.

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

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

Prayers of the people

For tomorrow, Monday (October 29th), Korus Connect (formerly known as ACCESS Ministries), will be attending a compulsory hearing at VCAT where they are defending the necessity that school chaplains in gov't schools need to have a Christian faith in order to be employed in that role. A complaint has been made that this discriminates against others and is an unnecessary requirement for the role.

- For the conversational English classes that they will slowly increase in numbers and have an impact on the lives of those attending.
- Trish Phyland who is recovering from a crushed big toe and now back at home.
- Pauline Robertson is at home and resting from her cracked vertebrae. She has been slowly improving.
- 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

This morning we have Zec Foo preaching to us for the first time. Zec is completing a Master of Divinity at the Melbourne School of Theology.

The passage he has chosen will be the Gospel reading of Mark 10:46-52. It is the story of a blind man called Bartimaeus. Jesus meets him as he leaves Jericho on his way to Jerusalem.

Bartimaeus' full-time occupation is begging, which, given that he is blind, is quite understandable. On hearing the noise of the crowd swelling as Jesus approached, he asks what's going on. He is told that Jesus of Nazareth is approaching. But in spite of being blind, Bartimaeus 'sees' what the crowd do not. For Bartimaeus it is an opportunity not to be missed out on; he could get healed. He must have heard about Jesus and his miracles judging by his response. He begins to call out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" The crowd tell him to be silent. But he sees something the crowd have missed. Jesus is more than what they expect. He is the 'Son of David', the messiah/king. He will not be silenced by the crowd when he calls out. He calls, then he shouts out in desperation. Finally he gets the attention of Jesus and Jesus stops and calls to him.

Life as Bartimaeus has known it, is about to change completely, for ever. But what is his response when he is given his sight back? He follows Jesus along the road (10:52). He becomes a disciple, following Jesus to Jerusalem. What do we see when we look at Jesus? What is our expectation about him? Desperation and an ability to see the opportunity Jesus offered led Bartimaeus to seek Jesus wholeheartedly for healing. What is preventing you to respond like Bartimaeus '... to call upon the Lord while he is near'?

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Verse of the Day

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.”

(Isaiah 55:6-7)

Prayer of the Day

**O God,
you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing,
and in your Son our Lord you have given us
a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:
hear the cry of your people
and lead us home to our true country,
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Hebrews 7:21-28	(p. 1205)
Psalm	34:1-10, 18-22	(APBA, 254)
Gospel	Mark 10:46-52	(p. 1015)

Hymns

447 Lord you almighty word
213 (ii) Father, whose everlasting love
106 (i) Now thank we all our God

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

Gathering in God's name

Verse of the Day

Hymn MP 465 “Meekness and majesty” (OHP)

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Hebrews 7:21-28	(p. 1205)
Psalm	34:1-10, 18-22	(APBA, 254)
Gospel	Mark 10:46-52	(p. 1015)
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Sermon

Hymn MP 545 “Open our eyes, Lord” x 2. (OHP)

MP 673 “There is a Redeemer” (OHP)

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

Confession and Absolution

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn 129 “Amazing grace”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 5, p 139.

Prayer after communion: p. 143 (a)

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

Sending out of God's people