

## Notices

**Women's Fellowship** meets this Tuesday at 1:30 pm.

**Next Sunday** we will remember St Edward the Confessor whose commemoration falls on the preceding day, the 13<sup>th</sup> October. This will be a **joint service at 9:30 am**. Please bring finger food (hot or cold), for a special morning tea.

**Parish Council** meets this Thursday at 7:30 pm.

### MONDAY EXERCISE GROUP

All St Edward's people, their family, friends and neighbours are welcome to join the exercise group for very easy and fun exercises to help with balance and general health. 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.

**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.
- Please pray for Peta Foote whose shingles have returned. Please pray for healing and efficacious medication.
- Pauline Robertson has returned home and is resting from her cracked back vertebrae.
- Hyacinth Andrews recovering from cataract surgery and also Dawn Webb-Johnson who also has had eye surgery.
- Max McCann who is recovering from pneumonia.
- 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

Divorce is a deeply painful experience for all concerned and has been the experience of God's people in both the Old and New Testament periods. When one turns to the Bible, a number of different, but related responses to divorce are made. As a consequence, Christians have formed different opinions on the matter. Some have taken a 'narrow' reading of the texts: no divorce is acceptable, unless the other person has committed immorality of some kind or adultery (Matt 19:9). Others have taken a wider and more permissive position, highlighting marriage is an ideal, but people fail to fulfil the ideal, so it must be permitted.

Jesus clarifies his position on the matter of divorce when the Pharisees come to him to trap him with the question: is it permissible for a husband to divorce his wife? (Mark 10:2-12) Jesus would be aware of the two schools of Jewish rabbinical thought on the matter. If he argued for a narrow view, that it was not permissible, despite the permission given in the Law of Moses in Deut 24:1, he ran the risk of offending Herod Antipas. Herod had had John the Baptist beheaded because John had kept condemning him for his marriage to his brother's divorced wife Herodias (Mark 6:17-20). But if Jesus was too liberal, he could offend other laws concerning adultery and not be considered 'strict' in his position. Instead, Jesus refers back to Gen 1:27 and 2:24, which by passes the law and gets to the intention God had for marriage. He restates the view that man and woman become one flesh, therefore divorce should never occur. The gift by God to humanity of marriage is upheld. Divorce he notes, was a concession due to the hardness of people's hearts (Mark 10:5), but falls short of the ideal. Practically, this will mean grace must then be offered to those who divorce as it is not the unforgivable sin.

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

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**Verse of the Day**

“Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. . . And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

(1 Cor 13:8, 13)

**Prayer of the Day**

Loving God,  
you have made us in your own image,  
creating us male and female,  
and you have consecrated the covenant of marriage  
so that in it is signified the spiritual marriage  
between Christ and his Church:  
pour your grace upon all who are called to this holy state,  
that, keeping their promise of faithfulness to each other,  
they may reflect in their lives your love for us all;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Ministry of the Word**

New Testament	Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12	(p. 1201)
Psalm	26	(APBA, 246)
Gospel	Mark 10:2-12	(p. 1014)

**Hymns**

134 “Praise my soul”  
217 (i) “Love divine”  
158 “God has spoken by his prophets”

**Gathering in God’s name**

Verse of the Day

Hymn 158 “God has spoken by his prophets”

**Prayer of Preparation**

(APBA, p. 119)

**Prayer of the Day**

**Ministry of the Word**

New Testament	Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12	(p. 1201)
Psalm	26	(APBA, 246)
Gospel	Mark 10:2-12	(p. 1014)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 217 (i) “Love divine”

**Notices**

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

(p. 124)

**Confession and Absolution**

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn 288 “Not the powerful”

**Holy Communion** – Thanksgiving 2 (APBA, 130)

**Sending out of God’s people**

Prayer after communion: 143 (d).

Hymn 232 “O the deep deep love of Jesus”

**The Blessing**