

Notices

Ladies: the next Friendship meeting is this Tuesday October 2nd at 1.30 at the church. All ladies welcome.

Daylight Savings Commences – Next weekend – 6 October. (Move your clocks forward by one hour late on Saturday night.)

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 from her care at the Epworth Hospital Camberwell due to her painful cracked back vertebrae.
- Hyacinth Andrews recovering from cataract surgery and also Dawn Webb-Johnson who also has had eye surgery.
- Max McCann who has had pneumonia and needs rest to recover.
- 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

The letter of James remains a popular hunting ground in the New Testament by Christians looking for something to read. Its mixture of proverbs and snippets of wisdom seemingly offer instant guidance to our lives. It is, in most people's opinion, full of 'practical' instruction.

James asks his readers to remain patient until the Lord's coming, and reminds them that the Lord's coming is near (James 5:7-9). The phrase 'you have hoarded wealthy in the last days' (vs 3), adds additional weight to the possibility that we are just entering 'the last days' and the return of Christ. Many Christians (in the West), now view the increasingly negative view toward Christians as the 'signs of the times' which point to the Lord's return. However, I think it unlikely he is referring to the physical return of Christ that is taught elsewhere in the New Testament (ie: 1 Thess 5:1-11; 2 Thess 2:1ff; Matt 16:27).

The imminent appearance of the Lord James refers to is defined by the preceding verses of our reading in 5:1-6. There we see that he is referring to their exploitation by the rich – and the Lord is going to deal with them. If the first five verses make uncomfortable reading for the rich, verses 8-11 will for the Christian. The Lord is going to judge them as well on the basis of their behaviour of grumbling (vs 9). James' audience were the working poor and were being exploited by the rich (1:6), who were absentee landlords. What can one do when we are powerless, without the law's protection and being exploited? We can worship (vs 13); pray for healing (15), confess our sins (16) and seek those who wander away (19-20). James pastoral heart wants a church which will support each member until the Judge comes. Their actions will reinforce God's promise to be with them through this trial (1:12).

St Edward's Anglican Church

30th September 2018

**19th Sunday after
Pentecost**

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Verse of the Day

“You too, be patient and stand firm,
because the Lord’s coming is near.
As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

(James 5:8, 11)

Prayer of the Day

O God,
your Son has taught us
that those who give a cup of water in his name
will not lose their reward:
open our eyes to see those who are in need,
and teach us to set no store in riches and earthly rewards,
so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you
in your children,
we may labour for the treasure that endures;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	James 5:7-20	(p. 1216)
Psalm	124	(APBA, 361)
Gospel	Mark 9:38-50	(p. 1013)

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 474 “Gather us in”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	James 5:7-20	(p. 1216)
Psalm	124	(APBA, 361)
Gospel	Mark 9:38-50	(p. 1013)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 347 “We sing the praise of him who died” (Tune: 120 Fulda)

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

Confession and Absolution (pp. 125-127)

Hymn 517 “Hallelujah, sing to Jesus”

Holy Communion – OHP (Common Worship: Eucharist Prayer D)

Sending out of God’s people

Prayer after communion: 143 (c).

Hymn MP 955 “We are his children” (OHP)

The Blessing