

Notices

- **The Women's Fellowship are meeting this Tuesday (13th) at 1:30 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.**
- **Nominations open this Sunday for the election to parish council, wardens and incumbency committee.**
- **A draft of the rosters for December is now available.** Please indicate on it and/or to Jenny Lynch or Rob if you will be available for certain dates.
- **The Angel Tree by Prison Fellowship** is being run again this year. Please bring children's toys unwrapped or a monetary donation by Sunday 24th Nov. Enquires to Beth or Alan.
- **The Indonesian magnitude 7.5 earthquake** and tsunami which devastated Central Sulawesi province on Sept. 28, 2018, caused widespread destruction and loss of life. Over 2,000 people are estimated to have died. Rubble must be removed, traumatised people must be cared for and orphaned children kept safe. Health care is paramount as rebuilding will be a slow task. If you want to give Liz Helmond has recommended you give to Medicine Sans Frontier.
- **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.

Prayers of the people

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

- 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. They are currently back in Melbourne on a holiday and deputation.

Welcome to St Edward's

An unnamed widow shuffles along, pushed along by the crowd behind her, swarming into the temple of Jerusalem. Crouched on the sidelines is Jesus, watching silently as the people mill around, throwing in their offering into the temple treasury. His disciples stand around, disinterested, bored and ready to find a tavern to eat and drink in. The woman, back bent with age, stoops and places two little copper coins in the timber opening of the large boxes. She slinks away, inconspicuously. Almost immediately following her, a well-dressed man comes. He is one of many that Jesus has noticed every few minutes who come along. The well-dressed man slows his walk in order to slow the pace of the crowd down. He flamboyantly spreads his arms out to gain their attention and slows the line of people behind him further. Then he dramatically undoes the cord of his purse and pulls out his coins. Using his left hand, he pulls back the right sleeve of his cloak and throws the money in while looking around for the crowd's recognition. Jesus feels sick in his stomach.

Jesus stands, briskly looks about, catches the eye of his disciples and summons them. They haven't seen that look in his eyes for several days now – in fact, not since they came to Jerusalem when Jesus cleaned out the temple with a whip. And he's got it now (Mk 11:15). They quickly assemble around him - something might happen. He might explode like he had done earlier.

"Did you see that widow just now?" he asks. Some of his disciples look perplexed, others are hollow eyed; some look even bored. He continues: "She has put into the treasury all the money she had. But see these rich people," indicating with his hand, "they give out of the abundance of their wealth. It cost them nothing to do this." With that, the sermon had ended. Their hearts had been lacerated; their world expanded to see things from God's perspective.

It is the inconspicuous, small amount of money given in the economy of God, which makes the most sense (cents?). It is the sacrificial and inconspicuous act of a woman anointing Jesus with expensive perfume, that makes sense (Mk 14:1-11). It is the inconspicuous act of care and hospitality by a Samaritan that makes sense (Mk 10:25-37).

St Edward's Anglican Church

11th November 2018
25th Sunday after
Pentecost

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Verse of the Day

“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”
(Luke 6:38)

Prayer of the Day

O God,
whose blessed Son came into the world
that he might destroy the works of evil
and make us your children and heirs of eternal life:
grant that, having this hope,
we may purify ourselves as he is pure;
that, when he comes again with power and great glory,
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Hebrews 9:16-28	(p. 1207)
Psalm	127	(APBA, 362)
Gospel	Mark 12:38-44	(p. 1018)

Hymns

47 “Our God in ages past”
211 (ii) “Jesus lover of my soul”
OHP “My hope is built on nothing less”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn OHP “Speak O Lord”

1214 “O Lord, you lead me”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Hebrews 9:16-28	(p. 1207)
Psalm	127	(APBA, 362)
Gospel	Mark 12:38-44	(p. 1018)
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Sermon

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

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Prayers of the people

(p. 124)

Remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.

Lord’s Prayer

Confession and Absolution

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn 211 (ii) “Jesus lover of my soul”

Holy Communion – Common Worship

Prayer after communion: p. 143 (d)

Hymn 103 “A mighty fortress is our God”

Sending out of God’s people