

Notices

- **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** to the parish council, wardens and incumbency committee can be made and the forms returned to Rob.
- **Bp John and Gaylene** Harrower will be visiting us on 2 December (the first Sunday of December). Gaylene will be selling her cards to raise money for CMS and Bp John will be preaching.
- **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.

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

Prayers of the people

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

- Liz Helmond in Epworth Richmond due to a broken hip. She is having it replaced. Pray for successful surgery and good recovery and for Robin and family.
- For the conversational English classes that they will slowly increase in numbers and have an impact on the lives of those attending.

- Ray Walker who is recovering from an infection.

- Pixie Pinkster recovering from minor surgery to her legs which requires them to be rested and elevated.

- 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.

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

Periodically the Church gets caught up in a frenzy of excitement about the return of Christ. For example, wide-eyed friars of about 1000 AD spread the hysteria across Europe that the end of the world was near and God's judgment was coming. The reason? Because many believed the 'one thousand year reign of Christ' mentioned in Rev 20:1-6 was ending.

Biblical passages like our reading this morning from Mark 13:1-11 can be turned into a chart marking successive stages of what is about to occur. Biblical imagery, especially the obscure or symbolic imagery of Revelation and Daniel is often linked to Mark 13, to demonstrate that current political and economic events are the fulfilment of these predictive elements of the Bible. The disciples were also curious about the future. Several times they asked Jesus when he would return (Matt 24:3; Mk 13:4; Acts 1:6). The early Christian's also wondered (1 Thess 5:1; 2 Thess 2:1ff).

A fixation on certain events which suggest the immediacy of Christ's return can lead to the promotion that 'the End' is now near. It can also promote negative opinions about those whose fate is unclear. Easy dichotomies are built: insiders/outsideers. Truth/false. God/Satan.

As our faith recognises the signs as they occur (and they will), we are again and again reminded of why the disciples and early church were given this teaching. It was (i) to warn that false teachers will try to deceive them (13:5-6); (ii) to expect opposition, persecution and hate (13:9, 13). (iii) to assure them they will be enabled by the Holy Spirit to testify for their faith (13:11); (iv) to remember their commission: the gospel was to be preached to all the nations (Mk 13:10; Acts 1:7-8); (v) that only those who endure to the end are saved (13:13). In short, it is a teaching for today.

St Edward's Anglican Church

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Pentecost

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Verse of the Day

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

(Mark 13:31)

Prayer of the Day

**O God,
you offer refuge for the outcast,
and uphold justice for the oppressed:
maintain the hope of the poor,
so that the time may soon come
when no one need want for food and shelter,
and all will learn to share freely
following the example of your Son, who gave his very self;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	1 Samuel 1:3-20	(p. 271)
Psalm	Song of Hannah	(APBA, 429)
Gospel	Mark 13:1-11	(p. 1019)

Hymns

179 “Praise with joy the world’s Creator”
499 “Lord Jesus joy of loving hearts”
517 “Hallelujah sing to Jesus”

10 AM Prayer, Praise and Proclamation (APBA, p. 35)

Praise and Thanksgiving to God

Welcome, Verse of the Day and verses of scripture (Sitting)

Thanksgiving prayer (OHP) (APBA, 36)

Song: 179 “Praise with joy the world’s Creator”

Ministry of the Word

Gospel	Mark 13:1-11	(p. 1019)
Apostles Creed (OHP)		(APBA, p. 37)
The Sermon		

Song: 273 “Lo! He comes with clouds descending”

Confession of sin

Confession and Absolution (OHP)	(APBA p. 38)
Declaration of God’s forgiveness	(APBA p. 39)
Assurance of God’s forgiveness	(APBA, p. 39)

Ministry of prayer

Testimony, sharing + Prayer + Lord’s Prayer (APBA p. 40)

Notices

Sending out of God’s people (OHP) (APBA p. 40)

Song: MP 266 “I cannot tell (OHP)

Benediction (APBA, p. 93)