

Notices

- **The Ladies Fellowship meet this Tuesday at 1:30 pm.**
- **The Parish Council meets** this Wednesday night at 7:30 pm at the Culhane's.

At the AGM the following were nominated for wardens: Chris Ross-Stubbs, Stephen Smith and Jenny Lynch has been nominated as the vicar's warden. Dennis Mills was nominated for the Parish Council, and I have nominated Eileen Comber (treasurer), and one other. Beth Gibbs and Ray Walker were nominated for the Incumbency committee.

- **Mrs Gaylene Harrower** has sent me a note thanking St Edward's for their interest last Sunday in the cards which are sold to raise money for CMS. \$336.60 was raised in sales and donations. She gives thanks to God for this outcome.
- **ANGEL TREE APPEAL** Thank you to all who donated gifts and cash to the Angel Tree Appeal this year. The donations were greatly appreciated and will be distributed to children over the coming weeks. A receipt for the cash is attached to the notice board in the narthex. Alan Gibbs.
- **Liz Helmond** wishes to thank you all so much for your kind wishes, cards, etc. Your thoughts and prayers are really appreciated. I am home from rehab now thankfully, but it's a long road; walking with the Lord.

Prayers of the people

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

- Pauline Robertson has been admitted to The Avenue hospital with severe back pain.
- Liz Helmond is now at home following her hip operation and rehabilitation. Pray for a good recovery and for Robin and family.
- Pixie Pinkster who is still recovering from minor surgery to her legs.
- Thank God for the conversational English classes which have concluded for the year. We will resume in February 2019.

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

"... the word of God came John son of Zechariah in the wilderness." (Luke 3:2)

Luke begins the story about the ministry of John the Baptist – and that of Jesus of Nazareth, by telling us that it is in the 15th year of a Roman Caesar, Tiberius who is no doubt busy governing his expanding empire. Then Luke cites the governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate as another person of note. Pilate is probably too busy trying to quell the frequent outbreaks of insurrection and riots of the unruly Jewish people he governed. Herod – the son of Herod the Great, along with his brother Philip, are then mentioned and finally the high priest Annas and his son-in-law Caiphas in Jerusalem are also identified. These last two men are probably busy working out how to maximise their profits from the pilgrims who came each year to the temple in Jerusalem. Yet it was during this specific period of Roman and Jewish history that the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah. Luke shows us that both Roman and Jewish history are intertwined with God's inbreaking revelation. John's announcement that it was time to prepare for God's new work of salvation has occurred in a real time and in a real place.

Why is it important for Luke to locate the events he narrates in real history? Very simply, Christianity is unlike the Roman and Greek gods who have no historical basis; they are myths. Myths are very appealing, especially when they are sugar coated to make it easy for children to swallow. They sprout up in every generation as an easy solution to an inability to trust God's truth. One modern myth often recycled around an election period, is that a strong economy will save us, or make us happy. It won't. Only Christ provides the salvation we seek.

St Edward's Anglican Church

9th December 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent

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Verse of the Day

“The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

Prayer of the Day

**God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Malachi 3:1-14	(p. 961)
Psalm	Song of Zechariah	(APBA, 425)
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6	(p. 1065)

Hymns

517 “Hallelujah sing to Jesus”
411 “Filled with the Spirit’s power”
284 “O bless the God of Israel”

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

Old Testament	Malachi 3:1-14	(p. 961)
Psalm	Song of Zechariah	(APBA, 425)
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6	(p. 1065)
Sermon		

The Nicene Creed

(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 287 “No wind at the window”

Notices

Prayers of the people

(p. 124)

Lord’s Prayer

Confession and Absolution

(pp. 125-127)

Hymn 270 “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist cry”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 1 (APBA, p. 128) + Advent

Preface (APBA, p. 148)

Prayer after communion: p. 148.

Hymn 572 (i) “O thou who camest from above”

Sending out of God’s people