

## Notices

**Please note:** throughout January, there will be one combined service at 9:30 am.

The Thursday morning service will resume on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Holiday details:** Rob & Shirley will be away from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January and return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Rev's Graham and Maree Vines will be the locums on the three Sundays Rob is away.

**The wedding** of Rob (Hasegawa) and Lucy (Haranis) will be celebrated at St Edward's on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2 pm.

### Expressions of thanks and gratitude

- Rob and Shirley thank the Ladies Fellowship for the Christmas card, flowers and movie voucher.
- Beth & Alan would like to thank everyone for their loving enquiries & prayers during their rather unusual Christmas & New Year time.

## Prayers of the people

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

- Joy Nelson who is ill with an chest infection.
- Des Melder is in the Epworth Eastern hospital with blood clots lodged in his lungs.
- Peta Foote recovering from pneumonia and recurring shingles.
  
- Liz Helmond who is slowly regaining mobility following her hip replacement. Pray for a good recovery and for Robin and family.

**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

You will have heard the saying: 'What goes around, comes around.' This is the case with certain Christian teachings which are claimed to have been forgotten or even suppressed and then rediscovered in the Bible. These faddish doctrines reappear about every hundred years and electrify the generation of that era. One such view is that conversion to Christ occurs in two stages. First we believe in the gospel, but then we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Depending on the teaching, this second blessing by the Holy Spirit confers spiritual gifts or the ability to live a life of holiness. More recently it has been claimed that speaking in tongues is evidence of this second blessing.

The key texts which are cited are our reading from Acts 8:4-17 this morning; but also Acts 10:34-46; 15:7-11 & 19:1-7. The key to understand the issue is that the Jerusalem church and the apostles (who are all Jewish), could not conceive that the Samaritans and then the Gentiles, like the Roman Cornelius, were accepted on the same basis as they were: namely by faith in Christ (Acts 10:44-45; 15:8).

The faith by the Gentiles in Christ was shown by the sign (of tongues) and giving of the Holy Spirit to them. This confirmed to the apostles they had become believers. We need to remember the Book of Acts describes, not prescribes the practices of the early church. Acts describes how from the ascension of Christ and the sending of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, the church spread from Jerusalem, through the preaching of the gospel and the empowerment of the Spirit, to Rome, the centre of the Roman empire.

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**Baptism of our Lord**

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### Service times

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During January: 9:30 am

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**Gathering in God's name**

**Verse of the Day**

"The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'"

(Luke 3:22)

**Hymn:** 619 "Have faith in God my heart" (Tune: 234 Carlisle)

**Prayer of Preparation** (APBA, p. 101)

**The Two Commandments** (APBA, p. 102)

**Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God,  
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan  
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that all who are baptized into his name  
may keep the covenant they have made,  
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**Ministry of the Word**

New Testament	Acts 8:4-17	(p. 1101)
Psalm	29	(APBA, 248)
Gospel	Luke 3:15-22	(p. 1029)
Sermon		

The Nicene Creed (APBA, p. 103)

**Hymn:** 250 "Christ, when for us you were baptized"  
(Tune: 403 Tallis' Ordinal)

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**Prayers of the people** (p. 106-107)

**Preparation for the Lord's Supper** (pp. 1108-109)

**The Lord's Super** (sitting) (pp. 110-113)

**The Lord's Prayer** (p. 114)

**The Gloria** (standing) (p. 115)

**Hymn:** 420 "Holy Spirit, go before us"

**Blessing**