

## Notices

The Thursday morning services have now resumed at 10 am.

**Women's' Fellowship** will be meeting this Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 1:30 pm.

The **bible study** resumes this Wednesday evening at 8 pm in the church. Please note the change of venue.

**Parish Council meet this Thursday at 7:30 pm.**

**The Companions on the Way** will again meet on the last Sunday evening of the month (24<sup>th</sup> February), at 5:30 pm.

**Lenten studies** begin on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30 pm. This year's approach will be to meditate on the Gospel reading of the day using lectio divina as a group. See Rob or Dennis for more details.

**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

- Dear friends of St Edwards, thank you for the orchid you sent us, we love orchids. Thank you for your prayers and support through our recent rough patch. Getting old is no fun as most of us can appreciate, but we love you in the Lord, thank you all. Des and Joy Nelson

### Prayers of the people

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

- Beth Gibbs who is suffering from diverticulitis.
- **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

Simply put, being a disciple of Jesus isn't about behaviour modification. Christianity is not a self-help program to happiness or perfection. If that were the case, we are going to be failures, because I don't know anyone who is sinless. Yet often our church culture pushes behaviour modification as the primary goal of our faith. We expect people and our society to accept our values as norms when they are not.

Reading the gospels I am struck by how often Jesus invited people to belong to him first. He entered into relationships with others, regardless of where they were spiritually or morally. He did not discriminate against what part of society they belonged to. He ate with people who were the outsiders of their society and befriended tax collectors, prostitutes, the despised rich (like Zacchaeus), or foreigners like the woman from Syria. Once they felt a sense that they could "belong", Jesus then invited them to follow him, to "believe". After they chose to believe, he would ask them to "become transformed" by the values he taught and demonstrated. These values are ones like sacrifice, sharing, compassion for the outsider and foreigner; patience, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. (Gal 5:22). This behaviour is an expression of living out the reality of God's kingdom in daily life. It is also an expression of the abundant and fruitful life from the Holy Spirit living out in us.

Today's story of Jesus calling his first disciples in Luke 5:1-11, demonstrates this process to belong, believe and be transformed by Jesus.

## St Edward's Anglican Church

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sun after Epiphany**

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## Verse of the Day

“Jesus said to Simon, ‘Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.’ So they pulled their boats upon the shore, left everything and followed him.”

(Luke 5:10-11)

## Prayer of the Day

**Most holy God,  
in whose presence angels serve in awe,  
and whose glory fills all heaven and earth:  
cleanse our unclean lips  
and transform us by your grace  
so that your word spoken through us  
may bring many to your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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	Isaiah 6:1-13	(p. 690)
Psalm	138	(APBA, 369)
Gospel	Luke 5:1-11	(p. 1032)

## Hymns

127 “Holy God we praise your name”  
598 “Dear Father, Lord of humankind”  
245 “We have a gospel to proclaim”

## 10 AM (Holy Communion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Order, APBA, p.119)

### Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

**Hymn 127** “Holy God we praise your name”

**Prayer of Preparation** (APBA, p. 119)

**Prayer of the Day**

### Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Isaiah 6:1-13	(p. 690)
Psalm	138	(APBA, 369)
Gospel	Luke 5:1-11	(p. 1032)
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

**Hymn 641** “This is my will, my one command” (Tune: Rockingham, 342)

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

**Confession and Absolution** (pp. 125-127)

**Hymn 598** “Dear Father, Lord of humankind”

**Holy Communion** – Thanksgiving 1 (p. 128) + Epiphany (p. 150)

**Prayer after communion:** p. 150.

**Hymn 658** “I, the Lord of sea and sky”

### Sending out of God’s people