

Notices

A note of thanks from Shirley Gilbert. She writes: 'A very special thank you to all St Ed's people! A very great surprise to see a man walk down my drive carrying a very beautiful purple orchid! It is sitting in pride of place on the table in the lounge for everyone to admire as I do all the time. I didn't know you all knew my birthday and the number. Again, my very sincere thanks, Shirley.'

Lenten studies begin tonight 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.

Please note that Rob will be taking a week's sick leave due to minor surgery on Friday 15th. Next Sunday's services will be conducted by Rev Andrew Livingstone, CMS.

Working bee: Saturday 16th March 2019. 10 am – 12 pm. See Stephen for more details.

Neville and Coral would like you to share in celebrating Neville's 90th birthday. A light lunch will be held after the 10am service on the 14th April. Please ring Coral on 0411 187 857 to indicate your attendance for this wonderful occasion

The funds raised to respond to the recent natural disasters resulted in \$120 being raised. Coles will match this amount dollar for dollar. Thanks to all for their interest and generosity.

Prayers of the people

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

• **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 three temptations of Jesus in the wilderness have passed from being a biblical story into the realm of folklore. Movie producers have found them a fertile ground to create an image of Christ as a disturbed, almost madman who undergoes hallucinations. The temptations were recast in the movie, 'Jesus of Montreal' (1989) to feature a modern Jesus being tempted by a publicity agent, who seeing his charisma, tempted him with the offer that he could become a tv star, with cooking shows, books and on speaking circuits. The empty materialism offered was quickly unmasked by Jesus, refused and then overcome. And there are the vivid, sometimes lurid art works of the Middle Ages, of images of Jesus fighting off the Devil. All these miss the point.

He is tempted after his baptism to 'battle harden' him (a phrase the army uses), to prepare him for his ministry when he will be tempted to take the easy road and avoid the cross. Second, the response by Jesus to the temptations are instructive for us. He saw them for what they were and then justified his response by quoting Scripture three times. Note that each time he quoted from Deuteronomy – which recounts Israel's experience of their wilderness temptations and the Lord's instruction to them. Third, he draws upon the right Scripture for the right situation. Often when we face a problem, use Scripture with the right motive, but with the wrong text resulting in theological confusion. Jesus had been trained in the use of God's word and it protected him.

St Edward's Anglican Church

10th March 2019
1st Sunday of Lent

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Verse of the Day

“Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”

(Luke 4:8, quoting from Deut 6:13)

Prayer of the Day

**Our saving God,
who led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land:
guide us so that, following our Saviour,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

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| New Testament | Romans 10:4-13 | (p. 1137) |
| Psalm | 91:1-2, 9-16 | (APBA, 319) |
| Gospel | Luke 4:1-15 | (p. 1030) |

Hymns

15 “God is my strong salvation”
595 “O Jesus I have promised” (Tune: ‘Day of Rest’)
Cov’t 29 “Jesus is Lord”

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 279 “The king of glory comes”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

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| Sermon | | |
| The Nicene Creed | | (APBA, p. 123) |

Hymn OHP “Oh, the mercy of God” (MP 1099)

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

Confession and Absolution (pp. 125-127)

Hymn 538 “Feed us now”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 1 (p. 128) + Lent (p. 151)

Prayer after communion: p. 151.

Hymn 517 “Hallelujah! sing to Jesus”

Sending out of God’s people