

Notices

Men – an opportunity view John Comber's extensive and fascinating model car collection and to catch up with each other. We will be meeting on Tuesday 20th at 2 pm. Afternoon tea included. Please RSVP either Rob or John.

A reminder: Ladies Fellowship meet this Tuesday 13th at 1:30.

The Companions On the Way meet Sunday 25th August at 5:30 pm. All welcome.

Prayers of the people

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

- Ian Cameron is now at home. Gillian will remain in respite care at Strathdon Aged Care, Forest Hill until Ian is permitted to drive again in a few week's time.
 - For Liz Helmond's brother Peter, who has returned to hospital to continue his chemo treatment.
 - Jim Horman who continues to be unwell and for Estelle who is recovering from an elbow injury following a fall at Forest Hill shopping centre.
 - Henk Pinkster who is requiring ongoing treatment for his cancer.
 - Pauline Robertson has returned home following rehab at the Epworth Rehabilitation Camberwell.
- **Please pray for the work of Michael, Melanie & Aaron Viljoen** – Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are back in Melbourne but still working on translating the Bible into the Buwal language of Cameroon.

Sermon notes continued:

Importantly, Gen 1 teaches us that the gods of the ancient world, the sun, moon and stars which were believed to control human destiny, were created by God. (They are not given names to show God's power over them.) It is he who controls their destiny and ours. Another teaching of Gen 1 is this creation is good. Christianity is therefore not about escaping from this world, but living in it with our Creator.

Welcome to St Edward's

This morning we begin a three week series in Genesis ch's 1-3. No doubt your curiosity will be aroused about what 'my position' will be on the relationship of Gen 1 to evolutionary theory. There are basically four views which Christians make. The first is to reject evolution and assert that the world came into being in six literal days. The second, assert that the evolutionary view negates Gen 1 and therefore science has proved it wrong. The third is to attempt to blend them together in many ingenious ways (Days become evolutionary epochs.) This does no justice to either Gen 1, or the contribution of evolutionary theory. Basically all three views miss what was obvious to the people of God who lived before the development in the 17th and 18th century in the West when the scientific world view developed and a precise, literal reading of literature (including a religious text like Gen 1) began to dominate.

This brings us to a fourth view: Gen 1 is a theological document, virtually a type of creed. It states truths which cannot be scientifically confirmed; but truths which are grasped only by intuition, the result of God's revelation. Gen 1 tells us that the God who creates this world, is the same God who later redeems Israel and revels himself to them as the LORD. Gen 1 states that humanity is not an evolutionary accident, but the pinnacle of God's work; we are made in his image. This confers value on all of us, irrespective of gender, race or type. In contrast, the ancient kings asserted they were made in the image of their god who protected their cities.

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Verse of the Day

“The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.”

(Psalm 19:1-2)

Prayer of the Day

Kindle in our hearts, Father,
the same faith that impelled Abraham
to set out from his home
and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land.
As we, like him, look for the city
that none but you can design and build,
keep us watchful for your Son’s coming,
that we may be found faithful stewards
of all that you have entrusted to us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Genesis 1	(3)
Psalm	33:1-12	(APBA, 252)
Gospel	Luke 12:32-40	(1045)

Hymns

137 ‘For the beauty of the earth’ (314 Dix)
626 ‘Lord of creation to you be all praise’
119 ‘I sing the almighty power of God’ (485 St Peter)

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

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn 738 ‘My Jesus, my Saviour’

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament	Genesis 1	(3)
Psalm	33:1-12	(APBA, 252)
Gospel	Luke 12:32-40	(1045)
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed		(APBA, p. 123)

Hymn 626 ‘Lord of creation to you be all praise’

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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 2 (p. 130), then p. 141.

Prayer after communion: p. 143 (d).

Hymn 28 ‘God is our strength’

Blessing