

Keeping in Touch:

To all at St Margaret's—your love, prayers and floral tribute made our last farewell, to Bill, one of peace and grace. With sincere thanks and appreciation, Dorothy Lemin and family.



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Meditation Group— every Saturday, 8am and every Wednesday, 9:30am. All Welcome.

May 2016

Sun 1 May	Parish Pub Lunch Film, Friends, Food and Faith.
Tues 3 May	Ladies Fellowship Lunch in the Hall Embryonic Dabblers Discovering Spirituality
Thurs 5 May	Pastoral Care Meeting
Sat 7 May	Men's Breakfast
Sun 8 May	Mother's Day
Sun 15 May	Meg's Munchers
Tues 17 May	Parish Council Meeting
Sun 22 May	Book Launch
Wed 25 May	Piece of Peace Lunch

Parish Office

79-81 Pitt St, ELTHAM, 3095.
Tel: (03) 9439 9238 Located in Dendy House (rear of Church). **Open 10am-2pm Tues, Wed, Fri and 9:30am-12:30pm Mon and Thurs.**
Phone messages can be left when the office is unattended.

Please submit ALL materials for the weekly bulletin or for printing to the Parish Office, NO LATER THAN 11AM WEDNESDAY (items for the bulletin will only go in if there is space available). If you need to contact or visit the office on a Friday afternoon, please do so before 1pm as it is normally unattended from 1pm to finalise setting up the church for the weekend.



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Parish Directory

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Locum Vicar: The Revd. Dr. Ruwan Palapathwala
Honorary Associate Clergy: The Revd. Robert Street and
Archdeacon Alan Nichols

**1 May 2016
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Please join us for refreshments after the services**



Prayer of the day

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel;
send us out in the power of the same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen.

We gather every Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am and Wednesdays at 10:30am for worship

Today's Service Details

Readings for this week

Reading

Acts 16.9-15 S Keogh G & E Milgate
 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21.10-14,22 - C Noble H O'Donnell
 22.5
 John 14.23-29

Intercessor C Pearson G Sandy



The ill man had been lying at the Sheep gate for 38 years and yet when Jesus came to him Jesus said, 'Do you want to be made well?' It may seem silly that Jesus asked this – of course he wanted to be made well – that was the point of being there and hoping that someone would put him into the water to heal him. But look at the implications. This man has survived 38 years just lying there begging. It may have been boring, but think of all the people he would meet and those whom he met regularly and could almost be regarded as his 'friends'. If he is healed his whole former life would be turned upside down. He can't just lie there and beg. He has to now get up and do something – get a job and look after himself. It would mean major changes.

When Jesus asks us if we want to accept all that he has to offer, it can mean making major changes to our lives. Are we willing to do this? Are those we are bringing to Jesus willing to accept the consequences of accepting him as Lord and Saviour?

Pray for all of those people who are preparing to accept Jesus into their lives, especially those preparing for Baptism or Confirmation.

Text: The Rev Ken Spreadborough, Chair of ABM's Brisbane Diocesan Committee © Anglican Board of Mission, 2016

PRAYER TAPERS

You are invited to light candles for prayer **before & after** the service & **during the peace**

BEQUEST

Have you considered supporting the Parish in your will? See brochure about how to make a bequest.

Next Week's Rosters 8 May 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter

2nd w/end of month	8am	10am
Celebrant Preacher	Ruwan Palapathwala Ruwan Palapathwala	Ruwan Palapathwala Ruwan Palapathwala
Sacristan Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Anne Bryant
Greeters & Sides people	Gwen Sharp Michael Tucker	Anne Bryant Lillian Lloyd
Liturgical Assistant		Melissa Laidlay
Children's Time	N/A	N/A
Readings: Acts 16.16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22.12-22 John 17.20-26	Sally Petty/Helen Coutts Fay Gravenall	Sandra Archer Melissa Quintarelli
Intercessor	Graham & Coralie Carew	Sandra Brown-Holt
Communion Assistants	Jo Norman	Sylvia Gilbert Dave Miles
Refreshments	Elizabeth Ainsworth Mary Lynton-Moll	Elizabeth & Geoff
Banking Assistant Counter	David Pryor	Vacant
Flowers	Jean Ransom	
PowerPoint		Liz Pryor

Synod-nominations—We have received the Archbishop's Mandate and therefore ask for any nominations for 2 parish representatives and 1 alternative representative. Nominations forms are available from the Parish Office and must be lodged by 9 May 2016. Unfortunately, nominees must be under the age of 72 or may turn within the next 2 years.

Parish Ladies Fellowship raised \$565.00 for Cancer research at their Biggest Morning Tea last Tuesday. What a wonderful effort.

What's On

Parish Pub Lunch—Sunday 1 May. Please contact Robyn Riley for more details.

Film, Friends, Food and Faith, -Sunday 1 May. More Details to come. All welcome. Shirley Nash 9432 9510.

St Margaret's Dabblers—meeting is on Tuesday 3 May. We do not have access to the hall this month so we decided some time ago we would make an excursion to the Heide Museum of Modern Art, 7 Templestowe Rd Bulleen 3105. Meet up arrangements and further details to be advised. Queries call Sandra 0409856070 or Diana 94398565.

Ladies Fellowship Lunch Tuesday 3rd May in St. Margaret's hall at noon. Guest speaker, Elaine Holmes with her Gold Figurine Collection. Donation \$10.00. All welcome.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday 7 May. Please see Harry Watson for more information.

Eltham Rural Groups Paddy's Market—Saturday 7 May 2016. Youth Rd Eltham. 10am—1pm

Volunteer Appreciation Evening 2016—on Wednesday May 11 Nillumbik Shire Council will be holding a special evening to celebrate volunteers. We have tickets available to anyone who wishes to attend. Please contact the office if you would like one. RSVP Wednesday 4 May.

Meg's Munchers lunch, - Sunday 15 May, at noon. To help with catering, could you please ring me, Barbara 9435 0418 by Tuesday 10 May.

Kangaroo Ground Presbyterian Ladies' Guild warmly invite you to their Soup and Sandwich Luncheon Wednesday 18 May at 10:30am. Speaker will be Rev Richard Coombs,

Director of MECO Australia. RSVP Aileen 9437 1678 or 0407 886 195 by Friday 13 May.

An Invitation to a Book Launch of - A History of Saint Margaret's Church Eltham Volume 3 – The Post-War Years 1945 to 2015 - All Parishioners, past parishioners and friends of Saint Margaret's are invited on Sunday 22 May at 2 to 4pm to the launch of Volume 3 of A History of Saint Margaret's Church Eltham. Dr Andrew Lemon a professional Historian, Jim Connor President of the Eltham District Historical Society and Professor Dr Harry Watson parishioner of Saint Margaret's will undertake the launch. Refreshments will be served. The launch will be in the refurbished Mud Brick Hall 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham. Parking is available in the hotel across Pitt Street. The subsidised price of the work is \$29.95. As author I will sign and / or annotate any copy purchased. Credit card facilities will be available. The story of the post-war years is great and one all parishioners can be proud of. There have been difficult times but perseverance and resourcefulness has seen us through. Today we are a vibrant and progressive parish with a range of ministries and faithful worship. You are welcome to contact the author by email: geoff@sandy.com.au or telephone 94598640 if you wish to purchase/ order a copy or have any queries. Dr Geoffrey A Sandy, Author, Parish Historian and Parish Archivist

Important Notice

The Hall has been hired out from 12noon this Sunday, May 1. Could you please vacate the hall by 11:45am. Thank you

Please Remember:

If you are the last one out of the hall or church please remember to turn off all heaters, lights and lock the doors. Please do not alter any of the controls on the audio visual system.

This also includes the office. If you need to use the office please turn off all lights, the printer, computers, heaters and **close the blinds when you leave.**

The heaters were left on in the church Sunday and were not discovered until Wednesday morning.