

Keeping in Touch:

The new Lectionary for 2016-2017 has arrived. If you have ordered one, please contact the office for pick up and payment. Cost of Lectionary is \$14. Thank you.

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

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

Dates to keep December 2016

Tues 13 Dec	Anglicare Christmas Lunch Book Club
Fri 16 Dec	Children's Nativity Photo Display
Sun 18 Dec	Children's Nativity Photo Display
Wed 21 Dec	Parish Council Meeting Christmas Service EVA Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal
Thurs 22 Dec	LinC Hamper Packing and delivery
Sat 24 Dec	Christmas Eve
Sun 25 Dec	Christmas Day

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.

For distribution:

Imagine - September 2016
Partners—Spring 2016
Parish Matters—Latest Edition
TMA—December 2016
Brotherhood of St Laurence—Sept 2016

For browsing onsite:

Trinity Today—November 2016
Sower—Summer 2016/2017
Benetas—Winter 2016
Ignite—Winter 2016
Sower, Bible Society—Spring 2016
Pioneer—Autumn 2016
SU Victoria Outreach—November 2016
The Link—Winter 2016
Ship to Shore—Winter 2016



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Parish Directory

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11 December 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Please join us for refreshments after the service



Prayer of the day

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:
strengthen our weak hands,
make firm our feeble knees,
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,
so that our hearts may rejoice
as we behold the majesty of our God.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Service Details



Isaiah 35.1-10; Song of Mary, or Psalm 146; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

Readings for this week

Reading	8am	10am
Isaiah 35.1-10	G Collis	
Song of Mary		H Langan
James 5.7-10	M Tucker	
Matthew 11.2-11		
Intercessor :	G & C Carew	S Brown-Holt

Many live in a parched land, waiting for the rains to come when the wilderness will blossom once more, when life and joy returns. Like Isaiah, let us strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way and say to those with fearful hearts 'do not fear.' Let us look forward to the day when the ransomed of the LORD will return with everlasting joy. May our songs ring with authenticity and be an encouragement to those who need a helping hand or have lost their way, or just need someone to listen.

Pray that we might be patient and not grumble or complain against each other for the Lord's coming is near.

*Text: Dr Michael Sutton
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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 18 December 2016 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Pls arrange substitute if unavailable)

3rd w/end of month	8am	10am
Celebrant Preacher	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra
Sacristan Assistant	Jean Taylor	Diana Warrell
Greeters & Sides people	John Winkett Margaret Alexander	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate
Liturgical Assistant	Vacant	Geoff Sandy
Children's Time		
Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16 Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-25	Fay Gravenall Coralie Carew	David Pryor Lyn Clements
Intercessor	Gwen sharp	Shirley Nash
Communion Assistants	Coralie Carew Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Jan Kerr
Refreshments	Gwen Sharp Carews	Jean & Margaret
Banking Assistant Counter	Jo Norman	
Flowers	Advent	
PowerPoint		John Humann

Morning Prayer
Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30am
Evening Prayer
Saturday at 5pm.
All welcome



Labyrinth Walks

In conjunction with Saturday prayer, the Labyrinth will be open from 4.15pm on the 1st and 3rd Sat of each month. Come and join us for a guided walk using a passage from the readings or Gospel. Next walk on Sat 17 December. Meet on the labyrinth ready to start.

All welcome.
Contact Melissa Laidlay
0427 37 0431

Baptism - we pray for Cooper James Huang along with his family, as he prepares for baptism on 18 December at 10am. All most welcome to come.

LinC Christmas Hampers - Please donate anything non-perishable that can be eaten for a festive Christmas meal and other items such as baked beans, spaghetti etc. There is a basket in the foyer for your donations. We also need packers and people to deliver hampers on December 22nd (sign the sheets in the foyer). Come and feel the spirit of Christmas and help others to experience Christian hope and love. For more information Ring: 94398565

Op shop news - Our Combined Churches Op Shop needs your help. We are losing four of our trusty volunteers in the new year. Each year the takings are distributed to charities in our district and this year the sum of \$3590 was donated to Saint Margaret's and the same to the Uniting Church. Please, please if you can spare some time to help man the shop or sort donations we can continue this valuable work. It would involve being on a roster with another volunteer for a 3 hour shift once or twice per month. We all enjoy being involved with the shop, the clients and the fellowship with each other. My number is 9438 6125. I would love to receive a call from you. Lyn Clements

Please remember we have a camera in the vestry cupboard to record all the special moments at ST. Margaret's. Use it when you feel there is something to record and pass it over the Mary or Lynette to recharge and download.

What's On

Anglicare's AVPG-Eltham - Jan 15 to Jan 22. The AVPG invites interested parishioners to contribute items to their education appeal. Most items can be bought in i.e. supermarkets, \$2 shops, Riots. The packs will be collated at the end of January. Please take advantage of the after Christmas sales. Put your gifts in the clothes basket in the church foyer. A list of suggested items is on the notice board. Items include pens, pencils, paints, notepads, exercise books.

AVPG Anglicare - Tuesday 13 December. Christmas Lunch at 12noon. Please bring a hat that fits into the Christmas theme and a plate to share. RSVP Jenny or Jo.

Parish Council Meeting—Wednesday 21 December will be the first Parish Council Meeting for the new Parish Council.

Christmas Service Times 2016

Saturday 24 December

5:00 pm Christmas Service for children
10:30 pm Carol Singing
11:00 pm Communion Service with Carols
(including Incense)

Sunday 25 December

9:00 am Christmas Communion Service

Planning for Christmas 2016

Please contact your roster Co-ordinator to let them know which of the Christmas Eve/Day Services you can help with. Many hands might light work.

Children's Nativity Photo Display

This year St Margaret's will be offering an opportunity for families to take a photo of their child/ren which reflects the true meaning of Christmas! We will be providing a nativity scene and costumes for children to dress up in as the biblical characters who form part of the nativity story. Bring along your children and grandchildren for a treasured photo opportunity and let family and friends know! Keep the following dates in your diary:

Friday 16 December (3-6pm) and Sunday 18 December (11.30-1.30pm)

The Children's Ministry Team would love some help to organise this event so please speak with Keren, Annette or Mandy if you are willing to be involved. More information to follow.



Summer Fire Protocols

Should there be a code red day declared then worship services and any parish functions will be automatically cancelled, so personal fire plans can be activated. If there are any queries, please contact one of the wardens.