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

**January/February 2016**

January	Clem on annual leave returning to the office 22 January
Tues 26 Jan	Australia Day
Sun 31 Jan	Baptism Service 8am
Sat 6 Feb	Men's Breakfast
Sun 7 Feb	Parish Pub Lunch
Fri 12 Feb	Parish Council Planning Day
Sun 14 Feb	9:30am Back to School Sunday
11-14 March	Anglican Family Camp and Conference at Philip Island


**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 the office or visit on a Friday afternoon, please do so before 1pm as it is normally unattended from 1pm to finalize setting up the church for the weekend.**

**Keeping in Touch:**

**Libby and Stephen** have been looking for a house halfway between their respective mothers and have found a place in North Balwyn, off Bulleen Road. This is closer to the city for Stephen and near Campion Retreat Centre for Libby where she has enrolled in a Masters in Spiritual Direction. They move house on Thursday 21 January.

**Clem** will be on annual leave from Monday 4 January returning to the office Friday 22 January.



**HEARING AID  
INDUCTION LOOP AREA  
USE 'T' SWITCH**

**Parish Directory**

**Locum Vicar:** Revd. Dr Ruwan Palapathwala  
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**Honorary Associate Priest:**  
**Revd. Robert Street**  
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17 January 2016  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
*Please join us for refreshments after the service*



**Prayer of the day**

Bountiful God,  
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:  
help us to believe and obey,  
so that, as our Saviour promised,  
we may be filled with the wine of new life  
and show forth his joy and love;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Epray

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

**Isaiah 62:1-5** E Ainsworth A Watson  
**Psalm 36:5-10**  
**1 Corinthians 12:1-11** M Tucker G Sandy  
**John 2:1-11**  
**Intercessor** G Sharp Vacant



Our closeness to God is what he desires more than anything and the prophet Isaiah expresses this through the image of that sacred institution, Marriage. God's people are close to him like a bride is close to her bridegroom, and as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so God rejoices over his people. Now, we receive so many gifts through the Spirit every day, often without us fully appreciating them or even being aware of them. The goal of these gifts is for us to draw closer to God and to bring others close to him as well. We might like to think about how we can use the gifts we are given to make our salvation 'shine out like a torch' and bring more joy to God.

Pray for the awareness of God's Spirit active in our lives and in the life of the Church, that we might cultivate and refine our gifts and draw closer to God.

### 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 - 24 January 2016 Third Sunday after Epiphany

4th w/end of month	8am	10am
<b>Celebrant Preacher</b>	Ruwan Palapathwala Ruwan Palapathwala	Ruwan Palapathwala Ruwan Palapathwala
<b>Sacristan Assistant</b>	Marie Payling	Jean Ransom
<b>Greeters &amp; Sides people</b>	Jo Norman Margaret Charles	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Clive Noble	Melissa Laidlay
<b>Children's Time</b>		Kath Smith
<b>Readings:</b> Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Luke 4:14-21	Peter Wiltshire  Graham Carew	Pat Ballard  David Pryor
<b>Intercessor</b>	Felicity Wiltshire	Robert Street
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Catherine Pearson Graham Carew	Angela Langan David Pryor
<b>Refreshments</b>	Graham & Coralie Carew	Angela
<b>Banking Assistant Counter</b>	Chris Warrell	Kevin Gillett
<b>Flowers</b>	Jean Ransom	
<b>PowerPoint</b>		Liz Pryor

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### 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.

### This week:

The Vestry door, from the church, was found unlocked on Tuesday morning.

### OHS Issue

We have been asked by the CFA not to put any items in front of the Fire Reel Door, in the foyer of the Church. This includes boxes, chairs, baskets and vases of flowers. If there is a fire, the fire reel needs to be easily accessible. Please ensure that we abide by this request as fines can be applicable. Thank you

### 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.

**Photos**—If any parishioners have photos they have taken over the years, at various St Margaret's events, can they please send or give them to Mary at communications@stmargaretseltham.org.au

**The Anglicare Auxiliary** thanks parishioners for their generosity in donating towards our Educational Bags project. If people missed donating before Christmas, and would like to donate either money or items like scissors, erasers, little notebooks or project books, items can be placed in the blue laundry basket in the foyer on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**The new parish directory** will be available in the New Year. In the meantime can you please check that your entry details are all correct by checking the large print outs in the foyer and initialling if correct.

**Readers and CA's** - If you are substituting for a rostered person please advise the LA at church before the service.

### What's On

**Anglicare**—Tuesday 19 January, from 10am—12noon, packing Educational Bags for Anglicare. Please see Jenny for more details.

**Baptism Service**—Sunday 31 January at 8am. All Welcome.

**Back to School Sunday**—14 February, 9:30am for all in Educational work—voluntary or paid. Please note change of time. 8am service will be as usual.

### MID-WEEK HOME EUCHARIST AND LENTEN STUDIES

This year, during the five Wednesdays in Lent, we will meet in homes from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm for a Bible Study and a family Eucharist. The foci of the study will be the Gospel of Luke (the Gospel for 2016) and the political and theological contexts that resulted in the choosing of the four Canonical Gospels at the exclusion of several dozens of other Gospels. We need five persons/families to host the studies and the Eucharists. Please talk to Ruwan.

- 17 Feb Controversies over the Gospels (Part 1)
- 24 Feb Controversies over the Gospels (Part 2)
- 2 March Non-canonical gospels and their discovery.
- 9 March St. Luke, the Turkish physician and Gospel writer
- 16 March The Gospel of Luke

**Labour Day Long Weekend Anglican Camp and Conference 2016**— Labour Day Weekend – Friday 11 March – Monday 14 March 2016. For people of all ages from Anglican parishes across Melbourne. More than just a few days out of town... it promises exciting activities, inspiring worship, and great opportunities for learning and discovery – or you can simply relax with friends. More details visit this web site <http://www.thelongweekend.org.au/> Brochures will be available shortly.

### Hall Hire

Would all parishioners please remember that when the hall is hired out, we cannot use it or access the kitchen. We are very careful with bookings so that they do not overlap. There will be time to set up between hall bookings.