

Keeping in Touch:

Midweek Morning Prayer will be in recess from Monday 26 December to Monday 9 January. Saturday Evening Prayer take a break on Saturday 24 December and run as normal from Saturday 6 January.

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

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
Tues 27-Mon 2 Jan	Office Closed
Wed 4 Jan	Wednesday Service resumes
Mon 9 Jan	Midweek Morning Prayer resumes

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
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Parish Directory

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18 December 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent
We welcome Cooper James Huang and his family
Please join us for refreshments after the service



Prayer of the day

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Service Details

Readings for this week



It is easy to become over familiar with the story of the Incarnation, but behind the ancient prophecies and work of the Holy Spirit, it is a story about a man and a woman at the beginning of their life together. We see the character of Joseph, his honesty, dignity and respect for Mary, as well as his faith in God. When Jesus entered our world, he entered our experience and meets us where we are, in the ordinary profound moments of life. That is where Immanuel chose to dwell. Let us in our own lives not neglect the ordinary for in these moments, God is at work.

*Text: Dr Michael Sutton Catechist,
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Reading	8am	10am
Isaiah 7.10-16	F Gravenall	D Pryor
Psalms 80.1-7, 17-19		
Romans 1.1-7	C Carew	
Matthew 1.18-25		
Intercessor :	G Sharp	S Nash

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 Christmas Services



	Christmas Eve 5pm	Christmas Eve 11pm	Christmas Day 9am
Celebrant Preacher	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra	Robert Street Keren Terpstra
Sacristan Assistant	N/A	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jean Taylor
Greeters & Sides people	Harry Watson TBA	Roger Alcock Harry Watson	Diana Warrell Catherine Pearson
Liturgical Assistant		Geoff Sandy	Melissa Laidlay
Readings:	N/A	Adrienne Watson Isaiah 9:2-7 Mitzi Tuke Titus 2:11-14	Glenys Collis Isaiah 9:2-7
Intercessor	Brianna	Michael Tucker	Keren Terpstra
Communion Assistants	N/A	Mark Laidlay TBA	Graham Carew TBA
Refreshments	N/A	N/A	N/A
Banking Assistant Counter			
Flowers	Angela Langan		
PowerPoint	Mandy Stevens	Liz Pryor	John Humann

Thank you—to all who contributed to the 'Welcome to Eltham' concert/book launch last Sunday. A small group of St Margaret folk enjoyed the community gathering. The morning worshipers donated \$253.10 towards providing hampers for Syrian refugees soon to be residing in Eltham. Thank you.

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, if you can spare some time to help in 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. 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 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.

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

Wednesday Morning Service—Wednesday 21 December will be the last Wednesday Service for this year. The Wednesday Service will resume on Wednesday 4 January 2017.

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.

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 Saturday 7 January 2017 Meet on the labyrinth ready to start.

All welcome.
Contact Melissa Laidlay
0427 37 0431

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.