

Keeping in Touch:

Ted Dalton's Funeral was held on Friday 16 December at St Margaret's. Ted was a past parishioner of St Margaret's. His family would like to thank the parish for their prayers and support at this time.

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/January 2017

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| Sat 24 Dec | Christmas Eve |
| Sun 25 Dec | Christmas Day |
| Tues 27-Mon 2 Jan | Office Closed |
| Sun 1 Jan | New Years Day |
| Wed 4 Jan | Wednesday Service resumes |
| Sat 7 Jan | Labyrinth Walk |
| 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).
Hours 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—Dec 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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INDUCTION LOOP AREA
USE 'T' SWITCH**

Parish Directory

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Vicar: The Revd Keren Terpstra
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25 December 2016

Christmas Day

Please join us for refreshments after the service



Prayer of the day

Almighty God,
who gave your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary:
grant that we being born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through the same our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,
ever one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Service Details

Readings for this week

Please see roster sheet on main notice board for this week's roster

PRAYER TAPERS

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

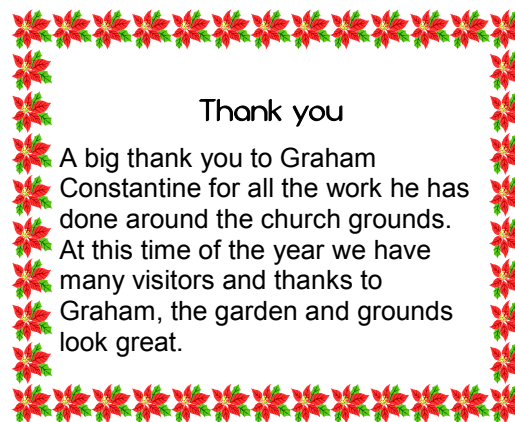
BEQUEST

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



Next Week's Rosters— January 1 & 8 2017 Epiphany & The Baptism of our Lord

| 1st & 2nd w/end of month | 1 January 8am | 1 January 10am | 8 January 8am | 8 January 10am |
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| Celebrant Preacher | Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra | Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra | Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra | Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra |
| Sacristan Assistant | S Keogh | G & E Milgate | R Brazenor | S Archer |
| Greeters & Sides people | C Pearson Vacant | H Watson R Alcock | G Sharp M Tucker | A Bryant L Lloyd |
| Liturgical Assistant | C Noble | M Laidlay | C Noble | M Laidlay |
| Readings: | Isaiah 60.1-6 S Keogh <i>Psalms 72.1-7, 10-14</i> Ephesians 3.1-12 C Noble <i>Matthew 2.1-12</i> | Isaiah 60.1-6 G & E Milgate <i>Matthew 2.1-12</i> | Isaiah 42:1-9 S Petty/H Coutts <i>Psalms 29</i> F Gravenall Acts 10:34-43 <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i> | Isaiah 42:1-9 S Archer <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i> |
| Intercessor | C Pearson | G Sandy | G & C Carew | S Brown-Holt |
| Communion Assistants | M Stevens C Winkett | M Laidlay A Watson | J Norman M Tucker | S Gilbert D Miles |
| Refreshments | Fay Gravenall & Friends | Angela | E Ainsworth M Lynton-Moll | J Kerr |
| Banking Assistant Counter | Melissa Laidlay | | David Pryor | |
| Flowers | Angela Langan | | Melissa Laidlay | |
| PowerPoint | | Liz Pryor | | Liz Pryor |



Thank you

A big thank you to Graham Constantine for all the work he has done around the church grounds. At this time of the year we have many visitors and thanks to Graham, the garden and grounds look great.

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 worshippers donated \$253.10 towards providing hampers for Syrian refugees soon to be residing in Eltham. Thank you.

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 to recharge and download.

What's On

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.

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.



Thank you to all who helped with the Children's Nativity Photo Display, the Choir, the Children's Christmas Service and all the little things that need attention at this time of the year. A lot of hard work and time went into organising these events.

Thank you to all.

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.

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.

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
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