

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.

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

**Dates to keep
November/December 2016**

Sun 27 Nov	Advent Sunday Film, Friends, Faith and Food
Wed 30 Nov	Piece of Peace
Thurs 1 Dec	Pastoral Care Meeting
Sat 3 Dec	Men's Breakfast
Sun 4 Dec	Parish Pub Lunch
Tues 6 Dec	Embryonic Dabblers
Wed 7 Dec	Discovering Spirituality
Tues 13 Dec	Anglicare Christmas Lunch
Fri 16 Dec	Children's Nativity Photo Display
Sun 18 Dec	Children's Nativity Photo Display
Tues 20 Dec	Parish Council Meeting
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


For distribution:

- Imagine - September 2016
- Partners—Autumn 2016
- Parish Matters—Latest Edition
- TMA—November 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

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



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

Parish Directory

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Vicar: The Revd Keren Terpstra
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27 November 2016
First Day of Advent
Please join us for refreshments after the service



Prayer of the day
Faithful God,
whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:
renew us in hope,
that we may be awake and alert
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,
our Judge and Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Today's Service Details



St Margaret's Day

Thank you to all who made St Margaret's Day a wonderful event.

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

Readings for this week		
Reading	8am	10am
Isaiah 2:1-5	P Wiltshire	D/M Tuke
Psalms 122		
Romans 13:9-14	M Tucker	D Pryor
Matthew 24:36-44		
Intercessor :	M Tucker	R Street

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 4 December 2016 Second Day of Advent

1st w/end of month	8am	10am
Celebrant Preacher	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra
Sacristan Assistant	Sue Keogh	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate
Greeters & Sides people	Catherine Pearson Vacant	Harry Watson Roger Alcock
Liturgical Assistant	Vacant	Geoff Sandy
Children's Time		
Readings:		
Isaiah 11.1-10	Chris Winkett	Helen Robertson
Psalms 72.1-7, 18-21		
Romans 15.4-13	Clive Noble	Helen Symons
Matthew 3.1-12		
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Geoff Sandy
Communion Assistants	Mandy Stevens Barbara Talbot	Mark Laidlay Emmanuel Babalola
Refreshments	Fay Gravenall & Friends	Elizabeth & Geoff
Banking Assistant Counter	Melissa Laidlay	
Flowers	Start of Advent	
PowerPoint		John Humann

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 Sat 3 December. Meet on the labyrinth ready to start.

All welcome.
Contact Melissa Laidlay
0427 37 0431

Parish Council Commissioning

**Sunday 4 December
during the services
All Welcome**

Ladies Fellowship Donation -A big thank you for the very generous donation of \$100 for the Operation Christmas Child initiative from the Ladies Fellowship. The money was used to fill three more boxes and pay for their postage. Your support is much appreciated. Mandy Stevens

What's On

Film friends faith and food—this month we will see the film 'Elle' at the Nova Cinema Sunday 27/11 at 4.15pm. This will be followed by conversation over a light meal at Kai Mook. We will meet in the car park behind the Lower Plenty shops at 3.20 to share travel. Please join us!

Shirley Nash 0403 601 713

Piece of Peace Day—Wed 30 November. 9:30am—2:30pm. Final lunch gathering to celebrate 2016. All Welcome. Enquires: Jenny Constantine 9431 1956

The final Archbishop's Conversation for 2016 will be held on 30 November at Deakin Edge, Federation Square. All parishioners are invited to attend, as well as family and friends. Please see further details below or at <http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/Conversations>.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday 3 December. Please see Harry Watson for more details.

Trinity College Theological—Faith without Fear on Saturday 3 December, from 3.30 to 5.30pm. This will be a challenging and most interesting seminar, led by the Rev'd Dr Keith Mascord of Sydney. This seminar he will explore the issues, which he has written about in his book *Faith without Fear*. (The book will be available for sale at the seminar.) The cost is only \$25 (\$20 concession) and this includes afternoon tea. You can register by going to www.trybooking.com/236721 or calling 03 9348 7127. As an added bonus, immediately after the seminar, at 6.00pm, you can cross the lawn to the chapel and be with the marvellous Trinity College Choir and participate in a Service of Readings and Carols. You don't need to register for this service: but it is not to be missed!

Faith Issues - 9.10 am Sun Dec 4 A short meeting of those interested in understanding modern world-views and alternative belief systems within the context of our own Christian belief system. Meetings to be run from Jan 2017. Possible topics at Sun meeting or geoff@sandy.com.au.

Parish Pub Lunch—Sunday 4 December. Please see Mitzi Tuke for more details.
Anglicare's AVPG-Eltham Christmas Effort 2016 - Nov 23 to Dec 7 2016, Jan 15 2017 to Jan 22 2017. Thank you all for buying the Anglicare Christmas cards. The emu proved to be the most popular card and we sold 55 packs. After 2 years of successful collections of "Bags of Educational Items" to be distributed to children in need, the AVPG invites interested parishioners to contribute items. Most items can be bought in i.e. supermarkets, \$2 shops, Riots. The packs will be collated at the end of January. A second period for bringing the items to church has been added take advantage of the after Christmas sales. Put your gifts in the clothes basket in the church foyer. ## List of suggested items is on the notice board. Items include pens, pencils, paints, notepads, exercise books.

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.

