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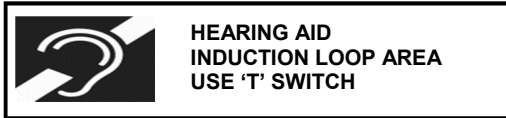
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**Keeping in Touch:**

**Past parishioner** of St. Faith's Montmorency, Bill Lemin, has died after a severe stroke. His funeral 30 January 11am at Syndal Baptist Church. Our love and prayers go to his wife Dorothy, and their children Annette (Sims) Marion and William.



Locum Vicar: The Revd. Dr. Ruwan Palapathwala  
Assistant Priest: The Revd. Clemence Taplin  
Honorary Associate Priest: The Revd. Robert Street



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

**January/February 2016**

Sun 31 Jan	Baptism Service 8am Friends, Film, Faith and Food
Tues 2 Feb	Embryonic Dabblers
Sat 6 Feb	Men's Breakfast
Sun 7 Feb	Parish Pub Lunch
Tues 9 Feb	Anglicare Auxiliary Meeting
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 Directory**

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**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.**

31 January 2016  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
We welcome Leo Steven DeBetta and his family  
*Please join us for refreshments after the service*



**Prayer of the day**

Righteous God,  
you confound the world's wisdom  
by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart:  
give us such a hunger and thirst for justice  
and perseverance in striving for peace,  
that in our words and deeds  
the world may see the promise of your kingdom,  
which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and 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

Jeremiah 1.4-10                      L Pryor  
 Psalm 71.1-6  
 1 Corinthians 13.1-13    G Collis                      S Toomey  
 Luke 4.21-30  
**Intercessor**                      S Petty                      G Sandy



Sometimes the truth that God tells us through his word can be difficult for us to bear. Jesus told a difficult truth to the Jews in the Synagogue in his hometown. Deep within his message was the truth that God's love is for everyone and not just for the Jews – demonstrated by his acts of healing and mercy to gentiles in difficult times. Today we can rest assured that, as surely as God formed us in the womb and knew us, he has a love for us that breaks down all barriers.

Pray that God might break down the barriers of prejudice in our lives that we might show his love to all we meet.

Text: The Rev Will Johnston, Assistant Curate, St Peter's, East Maitland, Diocese of Newcastle © Anglican Board of Mission, 2016

**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 - 7 February 2016 Last Sunday after Epiphany

1st w/end of month	8am	10am
<b>Celebrant Preacher</b>	Ruwan Palapathwala Ruwan Palapathwala	Clem Taplin Ruwan Palapathwala
<b>Sacristan Assistant</b>	Sue Keogh	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate
<b>Greeters &amp; Sides people</b>	Catherine Pearson Vacant	Harry Watson Roger Alcock
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	John Winkett	Roger Alcock
<b>Children's Time</b>		Annette Street
<b>Readings:</b> Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36	Chris Winkett  Clive Noble	Helen Robertson  Helen Symons
<b>Intercessor</b>	Catherine Pearson	Geoff Sandy
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Mandy Stevens Barbara Talbot	Mark Laidlay Sandra Brown-Holt
<b>Refreshments</b>	Fay Gravenall & Friends	Kathy & Lyn
<b>Banking Assistant Counter</b>	Melissa Laidlay	
<b>Flowers</b>	Jan Kerr	
<b>PowerPoint</b>		Chris Warrell

**Ash Wednesday Services**  
 10:30am & 8:00pm  
 Bishop Philip Huggins will be the president and preacher at the 8:00pm service.

**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.

### 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

**Reading Roster 10am**—A spot has become available on the bible reading roster. Please consider if this might be something you would be willing to take on. It involves reading about 6 times a year. It is a lovely way to contribute to the worship at St. Margaret's. For more details please contact Melissa on 0425 794 247 or [agemel1@bigpond.com](mailto:agemel1@bigpond.com),

**Intercessors Roster** -We need more Intercessors. Please consider offering your ministry which is so important to our worship. Information and assistance provided. Please contact Geoff Sandy 94598640 or [geoff@sandy.com.au](mailto:geoff@sandy.com.au)

**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](mailto:communications@stmargaretseltham.org.au)

**The new parish directory** will be available shortly. 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.

### What's On

**Friends, Film, Faith and Food** -This month we plan to see 'Carol' at the Nova in Carlton on Sunday 31/1 at 4.50 pm followed by a light meal and conversation. We will meet at the carpark behind the Lower Plenty Shopping Strip at 4 and travel together. All welcome. Shirley Nash 0403 601 713

**Embryonic Dabblers** meeting Tuesday 2nd February @ 10:30am. We will meet initially at the Church and later go on to visit an exhibition of paintings and mono-prints in the Long gallery Montsalvat. Ann Curry is a local artist and this is her 70th birthday show. Any queries call Sandra 0409856070 or Diana 94398565

**Men's Breakfast**—Saturday 6 February. For more details, please see Harry Watson.

**Parish Pub Lunch**—Sunday 7 February. All welcome. Please see Robyn Riley.

**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 5:00pm to 7:00 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

On popular demand the same studies will be offered in a shortened form in the place of the sermon at the Wednesday 10:30 Eucharist.

**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 are in the foyer. Parish Council will provide subsidies upon application. Talk to Clem or Kathleen.

### 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.