

Holy Communion
 Sunday at 8:00am & 10am
 Wednesdays at 10:30

Morning Prayer
 Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30am
Evening Prayer
 Saturday at 5pm.

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

**Dates to keep
 February/March 2017**

Sun 5 Feb	Parish Pub Lunch
Thurs 9th Feb	Worship Committee
Sat. 11th & 25th Feb	Pastoral Care Training
Tues 14 Feb	Anglicare Meeting
Sat 18th Feb.	Asylum Seeker Help Group
Wed 22 Feb	Piece of Peace Parish Council Meeting
Tues 28 Feb	Parish Ladies Fellowship
Tues 28th Feb	An Inner Journey— Exhibition opening
Feb 28th— April 9th	An Inner Journey—Anne Greenwood Exhibition
Wed 1 Mar	Discovering Spirituality

Parish Office

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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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Vicar: The Revd Keren Terpstra
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5 February 2017
Presentation of Christ
Please join us for refreshments after the service

Remembering those who died in the Black Saturday fires



Prayer of the day

Christ our cornerstone,
 you were recognised at your presentation in the temple
 as a sign of hope for the world,
 but also as a stumbling-block for many:
 help us so to present ourselves for your service,
 that, in sharing your scandal,
 we may become a people acceptable to you.
 In your name we pray. Amen.

Today's Service Details

Readings for this week

Reading	8am	10am
Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 24	C Winkett	H Robertson
Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	C Noble	N/N
Intercessor :	C Pearson	G Sandy

Wednesday

Genesis 2.	4b-9, 15-17
Psalms 104.	26-32
Mark 7.	14-23

PRAYER TAPERS

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

Next Week's Rosters— 12 February 2017 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

2nd w/end of month	8am	10am
Celebrant Preacher	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra
Sacristan Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Annette Street
Greeters & Sides people	Gwen Sharp Michael Tucker	Anne Bryant Lillian Lloyd
Liturgical Assistant	John Winkett	Melissa Laidley
Readings: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Glenys Collis Michael Tucker	N/N N/N
Intercessor	The Carew's	Sandra Brown-Holt
Communion Assistants	Jo Norman Michael Tucker	Sylvia Gilbert Sandra Brown-Holt
Refreshments	Elizabeth Ainsworth Mary Lynton-Moll	Jan Kerr
Banking Assistant Counter	David Pryor	
Flowers	Meryl Long	
PowerPoint		John Humann



In the Gospel reading, the parents of Jesus fulfil the Law of Moses as law-abiding Jews. They took Jesus as their first born to the Temple to be designated as a holy to the Lord. There is more joy when Christians become law-abiding citizens. Indeed we have dual citizenship, one is that we live in this world and the second is that we belong to heaven. The first born have a special place in any family cycles because they represent the grace of God and will carry on the name of the family. In many cultures, first born get a lot of attention not only from the parents but from the grandparents as well. You will hear the grandmother joyfully introducing herself as the newest grandmother in town and the grandfather alike.

Pray that God will give us grace to love our children unconditionally and that we may present them to the New Testament Temple, the Church.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*.

*Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir
Bishop of Kapsabet,
Anglican Church of Kenya*

BEQUEST

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

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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 con-

Bush Fires—This week we especially remember those who have died in bush fires in our region in Ash Wednesday - 1983, Black Saturday—2009 and the fires of 2013. We gave thanks for countless acts of heroism, kindness and community compassion at those times.



What's On

Parish Pub Lunch—Today! —5 February. Please see Mitzi Tuke for more details.

St. Margaret's Helping Asylum Seekers

On Saturday February 18th from 9:30am—12 we are meeting to bring together parishioners who are concerned with helping the Syrian refugees who are coming to Eltham.

We will hear what has already been done & brainstorm what we can do & how we can work with other parishes in the diocese.

Please add your name the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Faith Issues Discussion Group

The purpose of this group is to explore and develop our Christian faith in a respectful and non-threatening environment. All sessions are stand-alone so you can come at any time. The group meets fortnightly 7.30 to 9.30pm including a light supper.

The meeting is at the Watsons 36 Viewhill Crescent Eltham . Robert Street will take the third session on 13 February, on "Prayer". All are welcome. Contact Geoff Sandy 94598640, Email: geoff@sandy.com.au

Confirmation Information

Anyone wishing to seek Confirmation in our Parish can you please contact Keren at vicar@stmargaretseltham.org.au or via the office?

If you are new to St Margaret's and would like to receive communications and/or have a badge please complete a form from the sideboard in the foyer and give it to a sidesperson or the vicar.

Notices

(From Keren:)By the time the notices come round in a service my brain is often a blank! To ensure good communication, if you have a notice to make (or which you would like me to make) at that time could you please advise Mary by Thursday? In the future, we'll also be looking at how we ensure notices which are given verbally in church are communicated to those who aren't physically present on a Sunday. I'm asking your help with this first step.

Worship Committee

There will be a meeting on Thursday 9th Feb at 7:30pm. Further details / queries please ask Melissa Laidlay 0427370431.

Anglicare AVPG

Next meeting is Tuesday 14th Feb at 10am in the hall. Helen Robertson will be speaking to us about her volunteer work at The Austin Hospital.

GIFTS for ANGLICARE. Members of the Eltham AVPG thank parishioners for their generosity in contributing to the Educational packs. 47 were madea record.

Readers for 10am service

We're making some changes to the 10am service in the coming months, in order to make it more all - age friendly. This means we won't always be doing two readings. Please check the pew sheet to see whether you're required, and which reading has been chosen.

Labyrinth Walks

Labyrinth- next walk will be Saturday 11th Feb at 4pm. Meet up on the Labyrinth.