

Keeping in Touch:

HISTORY OF SAINT MARGARET'S VOLUME 3
 Volume 3 of our history of Saint Margaret's, which tells the story of the post war years 1945 to 2015, has been sent to the printer. It should be published within 2 weeks. It consists of over 450 pages with tables, charts, photos and colour plates. It will sell at the same price of \$29.95 as Volume 1 so it is a bargain. Some people prefer to purchase over 3 instalments. I am ready to take the first instalment of \$10 now. Please contact me. Anyone who wishes to order a copy (copies) now can do so by contacting me. Anyone who is a long term Parishioners will probably feature in the book. There will be an official launch at a later date yet to be determined. All Parishioners are invited. Contact Geoff Sandy, Telephone 94598640 or Email: geoff@sandy.com.au



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March/April 2016

Tues 8 March	Anglicare Auxiliary meeting
Tues 15 March	Parish Council Meeting
11-14 March	Anglican Camp and Conference 2016
Tues 26 April	Parish Ladies Fellowship— Biggest Morning Tea

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.

For distribution:

Imagine - December 2015
 Partners—Spring 2015
 Parish Matters—Latest Edition
 TMA—March 2016

For browsing onsite:

Sower—Summer 2016
 Anglican Overseas Aid—Winter 2015
 Benetas—Summer 2016
 Spark Lit.org Prayer Diary—2015
 Sower, Bible Society—Autumn 2016

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

Parish Directory

Locum Vicar: Revd. Dr Ruwan Palapathwala
 9439 9238 (not Monday) Mob 0458 113 099
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Locum Vicar: The Revd. Dr. Ruwan Palapathwala
 Assistant Priest: The Revd. Clemence Taplin
 Honorary Associate Priest: The Revd. Robert Street

6 March 2016
 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Please join us for refreshments after the services



Prayer of the day

We praise you God,
 that the light of Christ shines in our darkness
 and is never overcome;
 show us the way we must go to eternal day;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Joshua 5.2-12 S Keogh G/E Milgate
 Psalm 32
 2 Corinthians 5.16-21 C Noble H O'Donnell
 Luke 15.11-32

Intercessor C Pearson G Sandy



There are probably few stories that Jesus tells in the New Testament that are as moving and significant to all of us as that of the Prodigal Son. No tale illustrates God's love and forgiveness in such tender ways. I often try to place myself in the place of the prodigal son on his journey home and to feel what he must have felt, a spiritual exercise that can bring me to some grief, then imagining the joy not only of the welcome home but the reconciliation that came with it. This Lenten season we remember that we are walking that same road home to the father where we are welcomed and forgiven through Christ.

Text: The Rev Will Johnston,
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 Diocese of Newcastle
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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 - 13 March 2016 Fifth Sunday in Lent

2nd w/end of month	8am	10am
Celebrant Preacher	Ruwan Palapathwala Ruwan Palapathwala	Ruwan Palapathwala Ruwan Palapathwala
Sacristan Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Anne Bryant
Greeters & Sides people	Gwen Sharp Michael Tucker	Anne Bryant Lillian Lloyd
Liturgical Assistant	Mary Ann Winkie	Adrienne Watson
Children's Time		No Kid's Time
Readings:		
Isaiah 43:16-21	Sally Petty/Helen Coutts	Sandra Archer
Psalm 126		
Philippians 3:3-14	Fay Gravenall	Melissa Quintarelli
John 12:1-8		
Intercessor	Graham/Coralie Carew	Sandra Brown-Holt
Communion Assistants	Jo Norman Michael's replacement	Sylvia Gilbert Dave Miles
Refreshments	Elizabeth Ainsworth Mary Lynton-Moll	Jean & Margaret
Banking Assistant Counter	David Pryor	Vacant
Flowers	Lent	
PowerPoint		Chris Warrell

Garage & Goodies Sale

Saturday 9 April
 9.00am-2.00pm
 Please start collecting and spreading the word
 Can you help?

Singers Wanted

Singers wanted for the choir to prepare for Holy Week and the Easter Services. Practice will be at 8pm on Thursdays. Contact Helen Symons on 9435 4711

Please Remember:

If you are the last one out of the hall or church please remember to turn off all heaters, lights and lock the doors. Please do not alter any of the controls on the audio visual system. This also includes the office. If you need to use the office please turn off all lights, the printer, computers, heaters and close the blinds when you leave.

Palm Sunday Service

There will be a combined Family service on Sunday 20 March, starting at 9:30am.

Farewell to Clem

We will be farewelling Clem at a combined service on Sunday 10 April at 9:30am. Following the service will be a special morning tea. All Welcome. Marked envelopes are in the foyer for anyone who would like to contribute to a gift for Clem.

Eltham United Church, Taize Worship

After five and a half years of Taize worship, and with Rev. Tina moving on to a different placement, we have decided to stop and reflect. This has not been an easy decision, and we are sorry that there will be one less meditative service available in the church calendar. I am hoping to organise a mid-winter service at Eltham which will draw on Taize and other creative and prayerful traditions, so stay tuned.

Tea/Coffee Trolley—we now have a small trolley with tea and coffee making facilities in the meeting room that can be moved to the vestry or church if the hall is not accessible. Can parishioners please leave it ready to use for the next people?

For the Good of Our Neighbour—an opportunity to contribute food items to the meals program of the Assylum Seekers Resource Centre. Feeding 250 people per day. **Bring your Lent food gift is Sunday, March 6.** Query contact: Clem or Fay.

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

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.

What's On

Parish Pub Lunch— today's Parish lunch is for Refreshment Sunday, so there will be no Parish Pub Lunch today. The next Parish Pub Lunch will be on Sunday 3rd April.

Anglicare Auxiliary meeting—Tues 8 March, 10-12noon. Morning Tea and talk in the hall.

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.

Ladies fellowship will have our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer on Tuesday 26th April in the home of Meryl Long, 26 Astley



Thank you

Thank you for all the congregational enthusiasm and involvement at our Family Focus, Back to School Service. It seemed really appreciated by all there.

ABM Chakoa Lent 2016

Sunday 22 Feb	\$ 71.60
Sunday 29 Feb	\$114.90
Cumulative Total	\$186.50

A big thank you to parishioners for your support.



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.