

Keeping in Touch:

Lynette will be on Annual Leave from Friday 13 January and returning Tuesday 7 February.

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 January/February 2017

Mon 9 Jan	Midweek Morning Prayer resumes
Wed 11 Jan	Planning for Lent and Easter
Sat 21 Jan	Social Justice Meeting Parish Council Planning Day
Sun 22 Jan	Baptism
Wed 25 Jan	Piece of Peace
Sun 29 Jan	Back to School Sunday
Sat 4 Feb	Men's Breakfast Labyrinth Walk and Working Bee
Sun 5 Feb	Parish Pub Lunch

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
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Parish Directory

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8 January 2017

Baptism of our Lord

Please join us for refreshments after the service



Prayer of the day

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that all who are baptised into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Today's Service Details

Readings for this week

Reading	8am	10am
Isaiah 42:1-9	S Petty/H Coutts	S Archer
Psalms 29		
Acts 10:34-43	F Gravenall	N/A
Matthew 3:13-17		

Intercessor : G & C Carew S Brown-Holt



Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29;
Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

In the Gospel reading we are given an opportunity to celebrate the baptism of Christ the Messiah. He was baptized by John in the River Jordan to show us that Jesus appreciated his humanity – the essence of incarnation. This points to us that God chooses to use the ordinary to perform the extraordinary. The most important thing is to yield to the will of God for his grace to flow. John wanted to refuse to baptize Jesus because he (John) thought he was not qualified to do so from his human standpoint but when he submitted to the will of God, he did this ministry of baptizing Jesus and the River Jordan, the ordinary river. Many times we feel we are not worthy of doing a given

assignment in the Church because we are entangled by our past. God is calling us to surrender our limitations and our imperfections to him and invite him to use us as he will. The baptism of Jesus also should remind us to renew our baptismal vows as we renew our faith.

Let us pray for the ministers of the Word both lay and ordained that they shall avail themselves to be used of God as did John without exalting their limitations and challenges in life. Lord sanctify your servants and renew their commitment to your service through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir
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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— 15 January 2017 Second Sunday After Epiphany

3rd w/end of month	8am	10am
Celebrant Preacher	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra Keren Terpstra
Sacristan Assistant	Jean Taylor	Diana Warrell
Greeters & Sides people	John Winkett Margaret Alexander	Geoff Milgate Elizabeth Milgate
Liturgical Assistant	Clive Noble	Melissa Laidlay
Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Elizabeth Ainsworth Coralie Carew	Adrienne Watson N/A
Intercessor	Gwen sharp	Shirley Nash
Communion Assistants	Coralie Carew Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Jan Kerr
Refreshments	Gwen Sharp Carews	Pat & Merryl
Banking Assistant Counter	Jo Norman	
Flowers	Liz Pryor	
PowerPoint		Liz Pryor

Kitchen Back Door

Please ensure that the door from the Kitchen to the outside bin area is locked and close properly. See note on the Door.

Church Rubbish Bins

The rubbish bins are put out each week with the same system as our personal bins. PLEASE be aware that rubbish should be sorted and the bins used in the same manner. Plastics can now be separated in a plastic bag and recycled in the Yellow Bin. It is a very unpleasant task to move the rubbish after things are thrown anywhere, especially in the heat.

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

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. 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.

Social Justice Meeting—Saturday 21 January at 9:45am—11:30am. Please see flyer in foyer.

Parish Council Planning Meeting—Saturday 21 January from 11:30am to 6pm. A reminder to use the Event planning Sheets for all things that are planned for St. Margaret's (both big and small) for the coming year and beyond. It is on the website under "News & Events", a copy can be collected from the office, or email, Mary or Lynette and we can send it electronically.

Piece of Peace—Wednesday 25 January. 9:30am—2:30pm. Special gathering. All Welcome. Contact Fay and Jenny.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 4 February. Please see Harry Watson for more details.

Christmas Service

A big thank you for all the preparations and involvement with our Christmas celebrations. There are so many small details which together make up our Christmas intentions. May God's love in Jesus continue to be born in us and all creation.

Labyrinth Walk and Working Bee—Saturday 4 February at 6pm. Come for as little or as long as you can to help. Subject to weather.

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

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. Due to the Parish Council Planning Day the Labyrinth Walk planned for the 21 January has been cancelled. Next walk on Saturday 4 February 2017 at 6pm, will include a working bee. Meet on the labyrinth ready to start.

All welcome.
Contact Melissa Laidlay
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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 contact one of the wardens.

Morning Prayer

Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30am

Evening Prayer

Saturday at 5pm.

All welcome

