

Keeping in Touch:

To all at St Margaret's—your love, prayers and floral tribute made our last farewell, to Bill, one of peace and grace. With sincere thanks and appreciation, Dorothy Lemin and family.



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



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8 May 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Please join us for refreshments after the services



Prayer of the day

Holy God, you feed us
with earthly and spiritual food.
Deathless, unalterable, you have chosen us,
sinful as we are,
to hear your word and to proclaim your truth.
Alleluia! Make us salt of the earth;
make us yeast in the loaf.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

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

May/June 2016

Sun 8 May	Mother's Day Baptism
Sun 15 May	Day of Pentecost
Tues 17 May	Parish Council Meeting
Sun 22 May	Book Launch
Wed 25 May	Piece of Peace Lunch
Thurs 2 June	Pastoral Care
Sat 4 June	Men's Breakfast
Sun 5 June	Parish Pub Lunch Film, Friends, Food & Faith

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 weekend.

Today's Service Details

Readings for this week

Reading		
Acts 16.16-34	S Petty/H Coutts	S Archer
Psalm 97		
Revelation 22.12-22	F Gravenall	M Quintarelli
John 17.20-26		
Intercessor	G & C Carew	S Brown-Holt



This reading from Acts always reminds me of the book, *Beyond the Veil*, in which a Muslim Pakistani woman tells of her conversion from Islam to Christianity and the many trials and troubles she endured. By tradition, her family could have killed her because of her conversion to Christianity, but somehow instead she ended up in prison. There she sang hymns and preached the Gospel to the other inmates converting many to Christianity. It is a powerful story and concludes with her going to the UK as a 'missionary' – a bit of a reverse situation. Many of us will never face the difficulties she faced, but in our own small ways, when we are in the prison of secularity, perhaps we too can sing hymns and speak with a Christian voice that will encourage others in their search for Christ.

Give thanks for the work of all of the mission societies in Australia and overseas and pray for those who in their own way are helping others in their spiritual journey.

Text: The Rev Ken Spreadborough, Chair of ABM's Brisbane Diocesan Committee © 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 15 May 2016 Day of Pentecost

3rd w/end of month	8am	10am
Celebrant Preacher	Ruwan Palapathwala Alan Nichols	Ruwan Palapathwala Alan Nichols
Sacristan Assistant	Jean Taylor	Diana Warrell
Greeters & Sides people	John Winkett Margaret Alexander	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate
Liturgical Assistant		Melissa Laidlay
Children's Time	N/A	N/A
Readings: Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:26-36 Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17	Elizabeth Ainsworth Graham Carew	Adrienne Watson Geoff Sandy
Intercessor	Gwen Sharp	Shirley Nash
Communion Assistants	Coralie Carew Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson
Refreshments	Gwen Sharp Carews	Jan Kerr
Banking Assistant Counter	Jo Norman	
Flowers	Bianca Langan	
PowerPoint		Liz Pryor

Baptism - We pray for Name Joshua, along with his family, as he prepares for baptism next Sunday, 15 May at 10am. All welcome.

Fund raising -We would like to replace the old non matching pedestals. A quote from a local woodworker is to produce 3 pedestals to match the current furniture, one for the cross and two for flowers. Cost \$600. Would you like to donate towards this? Please look at the proposed design on the notice board. Donations in an envelope welcome.

Synod-nominations-We have received the Archbishop's Mandate and therefore ask for any nominations for 2 parish representatives and 1 alternative representative. Nominations forms are available from the Parish Office and must be lodged by 9 May 2016. Unfortunately, nominees must be under the age of 72 or may turn within the next 2 years.

Parish Ladies Fellowship raised \$565.00 for Cancer research at their Biggest Morning Tea last Tuesday. What a wonderful effort.

What's On

Volunteer Appreciation Evening 2016—on Wednesday May 11 Nillumbik Shire Council will be holding a special evening to celebrate volunteers. We have tickets available to anyone who wishes to attend. Please contact the office if you would like one. RSVP Wednesday 4 May.

Meg's Munchers lunch, - Sunday 15 May. At noon. To help with catering, could you please ring me, Barbara 9435 0418 by Tuesday 10 May.

Kangaroo Ground Presbyterian Ladies' Guild warmly invite you to their Soup and Sandwich Luncheon Wednesday 18 May at 10:30am. Speaker will be Rev Richard Coombs, Director of MECO Australia. RSVP Aileen 9437 1678 or 0407 886 195 by Friday 13 May.

An Invitation to a Book Launch of - A History of Saint Margaret's Church Eltham Volume 3 – The Post-War Years 1945 to 2015 - All Parishioners, past parishioners and friends of Saint Margaret's are invited on Sunday 22 May at 2 to 4pm to the launch of Volume 3 of A History of Saint Margaret's Church Eltham.

Dr Andrew Lemon a professional Historian , Jim Connor President of the Eltham District Historical Society and Professor Dr Harry Watson parishioner of Saint Margaret's will undertake the launch. Refreshments will be served. The launch will be in the refurbished Mud Brick Hall 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham. Parking is available in the hotel across Pitt Street. The subsidised price of the work is \$29.95. As author I will sign and / or annotate any copy purchased. Credit card facilities will be available. The story of the post-war years is great and one all parishioners can be proud of. There have been difficult times but perseverance and resourcefulness has seen us through. Today we are a vibrant and progressive parish with a range of ministries and faithful worship. You are welcome to contact the author by email: geoff@sandy.com.au or telephone 94598640 if you wish to purchase/ order a copy or have any queries. Dr Geoffrey A Sandy, Author, Parish Historian and Parish Archivist

Anglicare News - On May 29th to celebrate the end of an era and the evolution of a wider organization, St Margaret's will have a celebration of the work of our auxiliary. There will be a speaker from the Lilydale program "Boys will be Men" at both services followed by a special morning tea as a thank you for support by parishioners over the last 50 years. A stall to raise money for Anglicare programs will include bottles of "Molly Hennessey's Chili Tomato Sauce."

On 1st July Anglicare Auxiliaries will have a name change. Auxiliaries and other groups of supporters will form the Anglicare Victoria Partnership Group.

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.**

This week: The porch light outside Dendy house was left on Monday night.