

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

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Parish Matters

Celebrates parish life and reports important items from the most recent Parish Council meeting  
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### St Lursa Lorica

May the yoke of God's law be on my shoulders;  
may the coming of the Holy Spirit be on my head;  
may the Sign of Christ be on my forehead;  
may the hearing of the Holy Spirit be in my ears;  
may the sensing of the Holy Spirit be in my nose;  
may the vision of heaven's people be in my eyes;  
may the speech of heaven's people be in my mouth;  
may the work of God's church be in my hands;  
may the good of God to neighbor be in my feet;  
may the dwelling of God be in my heart;  
may my whole person belong to God.

*This version by A.M.Allchin 7<sup>th</sup> century repeated again for your delight.  
(Fursa, or Fursey, was one of the foremost missionaries to the people of East Anglia)*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Saturday 2 July Men's Breakfast-** Please see Harry Watson for details

**Sunday 3 July 4.00 DIAMOND VALLEY OPEN DOOR SINGERS CONCERT**

**Sunday 10 July Meg's Munchers** Please ring, Barbara 9435 0418 by Wed 6th July.

**Thursday 14 July 7.30pm Keble Mass @ St George's Malvern.** Details 93802040 or email: harrime@bigpond.com

**Saturday 16 July 10.15 to 3.00pm Pastoral Care Seminar @ St Margaret's**  
**"Planning Health, Dignity and Spirit in Later Life"** see brochure in Foyer.

**Saturday 23 July 2.00pm Commemorative Service for the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme, Fromelle, Pozieres and Mouquet Farm.** see brochure in Foyer.

**Sunday 24 July 9.30 Family Service followed by Christmas In July lunch.** A festive lunch in the hall will follow. \$15 pp cost (max \$30 per family), with Meat, Potatoes and Condiments provided. BYOG/Drinks and a salad or dessert to share.

**Sunday 7 August Ruwan's last service in the parish & celebration.**

## **Invitation**

The Wardens and Parish Council formally invite all members and friends of the parish to a very special service on **Thursday 1 September 2016 at 7.00** when Bishop Philip will Commission The Revd. Keren Terpstra as Priest in Charge of the parish of St Margaret's Eltham. This will be a joyous celebration followed by a reception in the hall.

## **Re-Development Report**

- Renovations in the Vicarage are under way.
- Shed has been constructed we now wait for the plumber to complete the drainage. We will then sort out chair and table storage.
- One shed has been removed. The other will need to be demolished.
- Another visit to the Diocesan Building Committee this month for approval for the extension to Dendy House.

*Sally*

## **Family Services**

The third service will be on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July**. A **LOVING** theme will be our focus. Loving Jesus, God and each other, as we remember the important Christmas messages this will be our **Christmas In July gathering**. A festive lunch in the hall will follow. Similar to our St Margaret's Day celebration there will be a \$15 pp cost (max \$30 per family), with Meat, Potatoes and Condiments provided. BYOG/Drinks and a salad or dessert to share.

Children's Ministry and Parish Council welcome you to join in and support these services, including bringing family and friends along.

## **Flower Stands**

We are delighted that Elizabeth Cerda-Pavia has offered to provide the balance needed to commission the construction of the flower and cross stands. We are very grateful to all who contributed. These should be ready for our welcome service to Keren on 1 September.

## **Vale- Helen Barnes**

Those who have attended the 8am service for some years have happy memories of Helen and Ray Barnes as regular providers of morning tea. Following Helen's stroke while they were travelling in Western Australia, they found it impossible to attend that service, but remained involved members of St Margaret's congregation. I visited Helen at Royal Talbot during her rehabilitation and we had an interesting talk about our mutual love of books, and talked of forming a

book club. This was the genesis of St Margaret's book group, which is still going strong after seven years. Helen couldn't always make it to meetings, but enjoyed the books and always had some interesting comments. We are sad to say 'vale' to a special person.

*Helen Coutts*

## **Mandy Stevens**

Wardens and Parish Council agreed that we should appoint someone in a casual position to assist with Children's Ministry. Many of you will know Mandy and we are very pleased that she has taken on the role of Children and Family Engagement Worker one day a week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## **Camino Exhibition**

The two collages hanging in the church are on loan from Melbourne artist Nel Ten Wolde –they were inspired by a 1200 kilometer walk over the old pilgrims' routes and ancient Roman roads in Spain.

When Nel read of the St Margaret's Camino exhibition she contacted us and asked could she bring these two collages which were then displayed in the foyer during the Camino exhibition.

Nel attended the opening evening of **The Camino: Follow the footsteps of the Pilgrims** exhibition – which she enjoyed – the next day I left for Europe – on another walk – she will be returning home in September

*From Kathleen Toal on behalf of the Discovering Spirituality Committee.*

## **Mission Allocation**

It is time to make our Parish allocations to Missions. If you have any suggestions of recipients, would you please pass on to Wardens.

## **Commemorative Service**

**Commemorative Service for the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme: Fromelles, Pozières and Mouquet Farm to be held at St Margaret's on Saturday 23 July 2016 @ 2.00 pm.**

This ceremony provides an opportunity for the Eltham and district community to honour the service and sacrifice made by the men and women who served in World War One. In particular we will remember the 67 soldiers and 2 nurses from Eltham who in 1916 served in the Battle of the Somme at Fromelles, Pozières and Mouquet Farm. The Montmorency-Eltham RSL will be providing a WW1 Memorabilia display in the hall from 1.00 pm. Please come and pass the word on to friends and family. Brochures available in the Foyer.

## **Parish Council June Summary**

**Pastoral Care**-congregation appreciative of their work and pleased that the committee was commissioned.

### **Worship & Spirituality-**

- Camino Way Exhibition was a success. The 2 remaining paintings are on loan from the artist and will be returned. Most attendees were non parishioners.
- Arrangements for Commemorative Service underway.

**Communication-** Website launch. Many thanks for hard work by Mary and Diana. Parish feedback encouraged.

### **Property Deployment & Maintenance**

- Phase III report was distributed and discussed as recommended by the Wardens and received unanimous endorsement.
- The shed is in place and a working bee will be organised soon.
- Work on the Vicarage has commenced

**MAP Update** No update.

**Incumbency Committee-**The Incumbency Committee Report was received and it was acknowledged that the Committee took this process very seriously. Keren will be in Eltham for a few days in July to primarily look at the Vicarage.

### **Vicar's Report**

- Everyone is very proud of our Pastoral Care Team and thought it fitting that they were recognised in the public commissioning and given lapel crosses and prayer hands
- The family service was a success and it was noted that an 8am Prayer Book service will now be held on the fourth Sunday and those who attend are also encouraged to stay and support the 9:30am service.
- The theme for the services during July will be Stewardship.
- Acknowledgement that the timing of the change in clergy may not be ideal for holding the Creation Sundays as usual in September. The decision was made that Creation Sundays will be put in abeyance for this year, unless Keren feels otherwise, and that the theme of the Ocean will be used in the prayers only.
- Initial mention of wedding ministry proposal was well received.

### **Parish Finance Report**

- The Balance Sheet; Statement of Income & Expenses; Income & Expenditure accepted..
- Affirmation that we have managed our finances well considering the projects undertaken over

the past few years but that we must dispel the myth to the Parish that we are in a strong financial position.

- The three methods of Planned Giving that will be encouraged this year will be Envelopes; ADF Deposit; and Direct Bank Transfer
- The importance of communicating to the Parish that Planned Giving details are confidential
- The Parish Council allocation for mission to be determined.
- That the Parish Council agreed to apply for an ADF loan up to the amount of \$75,000, to be drawn down over 10 years, to complete the refurbishment of the Vicarage and Dendy House.

### **Wardens Report**

The Children's Ministry Report was distributed, discussed and received unanimous endorsement. It is the intention that Mandy will commence the role of Children and Family Engagement Worker on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## **Council Appreciations**

A regular item on Parish Council's agenda is to recognise and express our appreciation to specific people:

Mary Lynton-Moll and Diana Warrell for their work on the parish web site. Diana has maintained the website since its inception many years ago. Mary has been developing the new site. We are truly grateful for their work. 2 images of the front page of the website are overleaf.

You may wish to explore the new site.

[www.stmargaretseltham.org.au](http://www.stmargaretseltham.org.au).

**Note: Next month's issue will note the passing of Barry Cerda Parvia and Jacquie Weekes.**

**Ed This Edition Sally Petty**



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We are a community of pilgrims committed to be the bearers of God's love and service in the contemporary world.

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Sunday Worship Services The first, second, third & fifth Sundays of every month. 8am - a reflective service of Holy Communion followed by fellowship & morning tea. 10am - a...

**FACILITIES FOR HIRE**

Our church, hall and meeting room are available for hire to the public. Regular hiring for classes and activities. Conferences. Lectures and presentations. Staff away days and training.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>3rd</b><br>July, 2016     | CONCERT BY DIAMOND VALLEY OPEN DOOR SINGERS  | SUNDAY<br>4:00 PM         |
| <b>7th</b><br>July, 2016     | PARISH PUB LUNCH   | SUNDAY<br>12 PM           |
| <b>10th</b><br>July, 2016    | MEG'S MUNCHERS   | SUNDAY<br>12 PM           |
| <b>22 - 23</b><br>July, 2016 | COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE & DISPLAY FOR THE CENTENARY OF THE BATTLES OF THE SOMME, FROMELLES, POZIERES & MOQUET FARM | SATURDAY & SUNDAY<br>10-5 |
| <b>24th</b><br>July, 2016    | FAMILY SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS IN JULY   | SUNDAY<br>9:30            |
| <b>29th</b><br>July, 2016    | BOITE MUSICAL EVENT  | FRIDAY<br>8PM             |

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