

WELCOME

We are glad you can join us today.

Activities for children to do during the service are provided in the foyer.

A Hearing Loop is installed in the church; please use your T switch.

An offering will be received during the service, to support the ongoing work of the church. Other ways of giving are included on the next page.

If you are visiting with us today, we encourage all who are baptised to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, please still come forward for a blessing.

Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.

Worship & Parish events will be automatically cancelled during a code red day.

A copy of this weeks sermon will be available on the website.

PEW SHEET

24th - 31st December
Christmas - Epiphany

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation who are the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, and we pay our respects to their elders past and present.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 24th	9:00am	Eucharist (Advent IV)
	5:00pm	Children's Christmas Service
	10:30pm	Christmas Carols
	11:00pm	Midnight Mass (with incense)
Mon 25th	9:00am	Holy Eucharist
Sun 31st	9:00am	Holy Communion (Epiphany)

Merry Christmas

The Vicar and Wardens wish everyone a safe, happy and holy Christmas, and many blessings for the new year.

St Margaret's Office

Please note the office will be closed over the Christmas/ New Year period and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January.



PARISH OFFICE

Our Parish office is inside Dendy House at the rear of the church. Office hours are 10am—2pm Monday to Friday. Please leave us a message or email us if the office is unattended.

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CLERGY

VICAR

The Reverend Keren Terpstra
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Day off Tuesday

HONORARY ASSOCIATE CLERGY

The Reverend Robert Street
9439 9238 and 0423 514 570

HONORARY ASSISTANT CURATE

The Reverend Kirsten Winkett

The clergy are available for emergencies at all hours.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets once a month and these dates are published in the calendar.

Your councillors are: Mandy Stevens; Sandra Brown-Holt, Harry Watson and John Humann.

If you have anything to raise at Parish Council, either contact a councillor or fill in the feedback form in the foyer and place it in the box. If you are hoping to host an event, complete an Event Planning Sheet from the office first to speed up the process.

Parish Matters is a newsletter produced regularly, and copies are maintained on the website. Please contact Harry Watson or Sally Petty if you have a contribution to make.

GIVING

St Margaret's encourages the exercise of our discipleship by generous giving to God's work and mission here. If you don't want to contribute through the open plate, there are direct debit forms in the foyer to be able to give anonymously through the Anglican Development Fund. If you wish to make a bequest, there is information in the

PASTORAL CARE

The pastoral care team members are available to provide a telephone call or visit people in need in their home, hospital, rehabilitation, aged or palliative care facility. These contacts seek to enable people to share their needs and concerns in order to discern appropriate channels for them to receive spiritual, emotional and/or practical support as desired. A member of the Pastoral Care team may be contacted at any time (24/7) on **0455 610 692**.

WARDENS

Our Church Wardens are:

Kathleen Toal 0439 032 977

Shirley Nash 9432 9510

David Tuke 0408 017 962

COMMUNICATIONS

If you have any information you would like to share with the Parish, contact the office for assistance. Consider asking to use the pew sheet; the website; social media; group text messages; or advertising material.

Please submit all material for the pew sheet no later than 11am on the preceding Wednesday.

KEY PARISH CONTACTS

Do Justice Group:	Jenny Disney
Faith Formation Network:	Annette Street
Property & Maintenance:	Graham Constantine
Pastoral Care Team:	Adrienne Watson
Discovering Spirituality:	Shirley Nash
Finance Committee:	John Humann
Communications Committee	Mary Lynton-Moll

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 8am: Reflective service of Holy Communion followed by morning tea.

Sunday 10am: Family service of Holy Communion with music, children's activities, morning tea

Wednesday 10:30am: Holy Communion, morning tea. Meditation prior to this service.

Saturday 5pm: Short evening prayer service to prepare for worship the next day.

WORSHIP

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. *Luke 1.32–33*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,
whose eternal Word took flesh among us
when Mary placed her life at the service of your will:
prepare our hearts for his coming again
and keep us steadfast in hope,
that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom;
for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S HYMNS

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came - TiS302
Christmas is Coming - TiS289 (Lighting of Advent candles)
The heavens shall declare - TiS746
Let all mortal flesh keep silence - TiS497
Wait for the Lord - CH276
Tell out my soul - TiS161

TODAY'S PSALM

Song of Mary

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 1: 26-38

ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

Sunday 24th December 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Those who attend worship this morning will experience a nine months' time shift between this and the Christmas Eucharist. Let the reverberation of Mary's words carry you through the rest of this day as you make ready for your celebration of Christmas. 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

Take a deliberate time out to pray this afternoon – seek out a quiet space.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth.



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Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer
requests

Glenys Collis

0407 398 948

NOTICES

Priest's Warden

As per the prescription in the PGA 2013, Kathleen Toal has accepted Keren's invitation to be Priest's Warden for 2018. Thank you Kathleen.

Monday Circle

Monday Circle meetings have now finished for the year. They will recommence on the 5th February 2018.

Wednesday Services

There will be no Wednesday services on the 27th December or the 3rd January. The first service for 2018 will be on the 10th January.

Farewell to Kirsten

Our Honorary Assistant Curate, Kirsten Winkett, has resigned from St Margaret's. We thank Kirsten for her service and wish her well. On Sunday the 4th February 2018, we will farewell Kirsten liturgically and over morning tea.

Parish Fire Policy: Code Red Days

If a code red day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day. This policy will also apply during the week. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone follows their own fire plan. Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty. **Make sure you have a fire plan and review it regularly.**

ROSTER	24th December 9:00am Advent IV	24th December 5:00pm Children's Service	24th December 10:30pm Christmas Eve Carols then Eucharist	25th December 9am Christmas Day
Celebrant	Kirsten Winkett	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Preacher	Robert Street		Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Sacristan Assistant	Alan Coutts		Jean Taylor Keren Terpstra Annette Street	Helen Symons
Liturgical Assistant	Melissa Laidlay		Geoff Sandy	Robert Brazenor
Communion Assistants	Jan Kerr Chris Winkett	N/A	Tony Michaelson Sylvia Gilbert	David Pryor Coralie Carew
Greeters & Sides People	Gwen Sharp John Winkett	Annette Street Angela Langan Mandy Stevens	Anne Bryant Harry Watson Jo Norman	Michael Tucker Val Tucker Jo Norman
First Reading	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Catherine Pearson		Isaiah 9: 2-7 David Pryor	Isaiah 62: 6-12 Glenys Collis
Second Reading	Romans 16: 25-27 Roger Alcock		Titus 2: 11-14 Lyn Clements	Titus 3: 4-8a Rae Kerr
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson		Shirley Nash	Michael Tucker
Organist	Robert Street	Rodney Millard and Band	Keren Terpstra (carols) Robert Street	Helen Symons
Morning Tea	Jan Kerr	N/A	N/A	N/A
Banking				David Pryor
Powerpoint	Mandy Stevens	Liz Pryor	John Humann	Val Tucker

WHAT'S COMING UP		
Sun 31st Dec 17	9:00am	Eucharist
Sun 7th January 2018	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist
	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Wed 10th Jan	9:30am	Meditation
	10:30	Eucharist

Wednesday Roster			
Date	Greeting	Reading	Morning Tea
10/1/18	Jennifer Constantine	1 Samuel 3: 1-10, (11-18) 19-20 Gwen Sharp	Vacant
17/1/18	Helen Costello	1 Samuel 17: 32-51 Robyn Riley	Jenny Disney & Barbara Alexander
24/1/18	Margaret C & Margaret A	2 Samuel 7: 4-17 Betty Cooper	Jennifer Constantine & Fay Gravenell
31/1/18	Helen Costello	2 Samuel 24: 2 (1-8), 9-17 Gwen Sharp	Jennifer Constantine & Fay Gravenell

ROSTER	Sunday 31st December 9:00am Epiphany	Sunday 7th January 8:00am The Baptism of our Lord	Sunday 7th January 10:00am The Baptism of our Lord	Sunday 14th January 8:00am Epiphany II	Sunday 14th January 10:00am Epiphany II
Celebrant	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Preacher	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Sacristan Assistant	Alan Coutts	Robert Brazenor	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Robert Brazenor	Sandra Archer
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy
Communion Assistants	Kathleen Toal	Mandy Stevens Chris Winkett	Mark Laidlay Adrienne Watson	Jo Norman Michael Tucker	Sylvia Gilbert Dave Miles
Greeters & Sides People	Sally Petty	Catherine Pearson	Harry Watson Roger Alcock	Gwen Sharp Michael Tucker	Anne Bryant Lillian Lloyd
First Reading	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Liz Pryor	Genesis 1: 1-5 Geoff Winkett	Genesis 1: 1-5 Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20) Sally Petty	1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20) Sandra Archer
Second Reading	Ephesians 3: 2-12 Glenys Collis	Acts 19: 1-7 Clive Noble	Acts 19: 1-7 Josephine Ball	1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Fay Gravenall	1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Melissa Quintarelli
Intercessor	Sally Petty	Catherine Pearson	Geoff Sandy	Graham & Coralie Carew	Sandra Brown-Holt
Morning Tea	Jenny Disney	Fay Gravenall	Jan Kerr	Elizabeth Ainsworth Mary Lynton-Moll	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate
Banking	Graham Carew	Melissa Laidlay	Vacant	David Pryor	Vacant
Flowers	Sandra Brown-Holt AS PER FLOWER ROSTER				
Powerpoint	Felicity Wiltshire or Mandy Stevens	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann	Felicity Wiltshire	Mandy Stevens



News of a pregnancy can be terrifying for vulnerable women around the world. Your support, through the Christmas Bowl, is showing these mothers they are not alone.

“There was no medical insurance and we couldn’t afford to go to private medical care. I was two weeks away from delivering and it needed to be a C-section. I still did not know what I could do except hope that my baby and I would not die during the birth.”

Thanks to the generous gifts of Christmas Bowl supporters, Souzan received the care needed for the operation and she gave birth to a healthy baby boy. However, there are still thousands of expectant mothers just like Souzan who don't have access to basic medical care.

Through the Christmas Bowl, you are not only providing lifesaving medical support for pregnant women and their babies, but you are helping to take the fear away from an expectant mother, who may be feeling scared, alone or vulnerable.

I couldn't get enough nutrition to grow my baby. As a pregnant woman I didn't have enough food or intake to grow the baby and keep it healthy."

Mary's response to the angel Gabriel, was "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." As we approach advent, we too must heed God's call in our own lives.

Every day, approximately 830 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. 99% of all maternal deaths occur in developing countries. (World Health Organisation)



\$27

\$27 can pay for a refugee mother to attend a mother's group in Jordan, providing essential supports and counselling.



*A little bit of
humour to end with:*

