

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

4th February 2018
The Presentation of
Christ in the Temple

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 4th	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist
	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 5th	7:30pm	Faith Discussion - Genesis 1-3
Wed 7th	9:30am	Meditation
	10:30am	Eucharist
Sat 10th	8:00am	Meditation
	10:00	Do Justice meeting
Sun 11th	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist
	11:45am	Pancakes & Games

Prayer of the Week


*Father of all,
who gave your only-begotten Son
to take upon himself the form of a servant
and to be obedient even to death on a cross:
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
that, sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory;
where he lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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. This Sunday the 4th February 2018, we will farewell Kirsten liturgically and over morning tea.

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.

79-81 Pitt St, Eltham, 3095. 9439 9238	parishoffice@stmargaretselftham.org.au
vicar@stmargaretselftham.org.au	communications@stmargaretselftham.org.au
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CLERGY

VICAR

The Reverend Keren Terpstra
9439 9238 and 0438 220 878
vicar@stmargaretselftham.org.au
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 foyer on how to do so.

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 0403 601 713

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 - resumes 3rd February 2018.

WORSHIP

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. *Luke 2: 30-32*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Christ our cornerstone,
you were recognised at your presentation in the temple
as a sign of hope for the world,
but also as a stumbling-block for many:
help us so to present ourselves for your service,
that, in sharing your scandal,
we may become people acceptable to you.
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

TODAY'S HYMNS

Introit: Come thou long expected Jesus - TiS272
Almighty God to whom all hearts are open - SCE(2)629
Gradual: As the deer pants for the water - TiS703
Offertory: For the life that you have given - TiS774 (8am)
Offering: Gather us in - TiS474
Mission: Lord God, you now have set your servant free
TiS733 (8am)

TODAY'S PSALM

Psalm 24

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 2: 22-40



ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

Sunday 4th February 2018

The Presentation of Christ In the Temple

Today the Psalmist tells us 'My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God'. Today we see the Holy Family's desire to go to the Temple, and Simeon and Anna's rejoicing at finally seeing the longed-for Christ.

Like Simeon and Anna, may we long for Christ to enter our lives each and every day.

Pray for the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, the Philippine Independent Church, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.



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For urgent prayer
requests

Glenys Collis

0407 398 948

NOTICES

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

The Faith Discussion Group discusses various issues which impact on our faith. It meets fortnightly on a Monday evening in private homes commencing at 7.30pm. A light supper is served at 9pm.

All parishioners and other interested persons are welcome to join the group. We are looking for new members. Please contact Geoff Sandy 94598640 or geoff@sandy.com.au if you are interested. Transport can be arranged for those who wish it.

The next discussion is to be held at the home of Elizabeth and Howard Ainsworth 17 Waratah Cres Macleod (Strathallen). Parking is available in Ayr Street.

Combined Services Breakfast

18th February from 9:15am

Do come to our combined Sunday services breakfast from 9.15am on 18th February! I will be making scones, and I will greatly appreciate assistance with croissants and fruit. Contact Mitzi 0438 017 963.



Palm Crosses

Please bring in your Palm Crosses over the next couple of weeks in preparation for Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on the 14th February.



Pancakes and Games

Sunday 11th February at 11:45am

Come and join us for pancakes and games following the 10am service. Donations may be made to support the people of Bangladesh following floods caused by severe monsoonal rains.



The Melbourne Anglican

The February issue of The Melbourne Anglican is now available in the Church foyer.

Grab your copy today!

ROSTER	4th February 8:00am The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	4th February 10:00am The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	11th February 8:00am Last Sunday after Epiphany	11th February 10:00am Last Sunday after Epiphany
Celebrant	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Preacher	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Sacristan Assistant	Sally Petty	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Robert Brazenor	Vacant
Liturgical Assistant	Sally Petty	Geoff Sandy	Vacant	Geoff Sandy
Communion Assistants	Barbara Talbot Mandy Stevens	Mark Laidlay Adrienne Watson	Jo Norman	Sylvia Gilbert Sandra Brown-Holt
Greeters & Sides People	Catherine Pearson	Harry Watson Roger Alcock	Gwen Sharp Michael Tucker	Anne Bryant Lillian Lloyd
First Reading	Malachi 3: 1-4 Chris Winkett	Malachi 3: 1-4 Helen Robertson	2 Kings 5: 1-14 Glenys Collis	2 Kings 5: 1-14 Helen Symons
Second Reading	Hebrews 2: 14-18 Clive Noble	Hebrews 2: 14-18 Helen Symons	1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 Michael Tucker	1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 Margie Dahl
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Geoff Sandy	Graham & Coralie Carew	Sandra Brown-Holt
Flowers	Angela Langan		Angela Langan	
Morning Tea	Fay Gravenall	Lyn	Elizabeth Ainsworth Mary Lynton-Moll	Angela
Banking	Vacant	Melissa Laidlay	Vacant	David Pryor
Powerpoint	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann

WHAT'S COMING UP		
Wed 14th Feb	10:30	Ash Wednesday Eucharist
Thu 15th Feb	9:30am	Finance Committee meeting
Sun 18th Feb	9:00am	Combined Services Breakfast
Tue 20th Feb	1:00pm	Embryonic Dabblers
Sun 25th Feb	P.M.	Film, Friends, Faith & Food
Tue 27th Feb	2:00pm	Ladies Fellowship meeting
Fri 2nd March	10:00am	World Day of Prayer at St Margaret's

Wednesday Roster			
Date	Greeting	Reading	Morning Tea
7/2/18	Jenny Disney	1 Kings 10: 1-10 Rae Kerr Psalm: 37: 35-41	Margaret A & Margaret C
14/2/18	Jennifer Constantine	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 Gwen Sharp Psalm 51: 1-17	Vacant
21/2/18	Helen Costello	Jonah 3: 1-10 Robyn Riley Psalm 51: 6-9	Barbara Alexander & Jenny Disney

Help Needed



Dear Friends,

If you attend the 10am Sunday Services, could you please consider helping once a month or once every two months, for about 20 minutes, washing and putting away the communion vessels.

Two people on our current roster are no longer able to assist. Both helped every second month. You could do it on your own or ask a friend to help, which would take less time.

If you have any queries or are able to help, please contact me on 9431 3406 or ring the office.

Thank you, Elizabeth Milgate.

Safe Church Training

All Op Shop volunteers are required to attend one Safe Church training session. Whilst this may seem like an imposition, the training is an important part of the Uniting Church's commitment to keeping children and vulnerable adults safe, in light of the findings of the Royal Commission.

Two occasions are being offered at Eltham Montmorency Uniting Church, 810 Main Rd, Eltham, with the training delivered by Ros McDonald.

Tuesday 6th February 1.00pm to 3.30pm

Thursday 8th February 7.00pm to 9.30pm

If you attended the session on 14th December 2017 you are not required to attend again.

Please register with Ros McDonald by email: rosmcd@optusnet.com.au or mobile: 0419 120 407



Pancakes Plus

to support the people of Bangladesh following floods caused by severe monsoonal rains



St Margaret's Anglican Church, Pitt St, Eltham
Shrove Tuesday, 13 February 2018 at 7.30pm

Minimum donation \$15, all donations tax deductible
RSVP preferred, but not essential to: parish office
9439 9238 parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au

All proceeds to Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia

An initiative of the Do Justice Group of St Margaret's

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Parish Fire Policy: Code Red Days

If a code red day is declared (this is the most extreme rating) then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day. This policy will apply both on weekends and 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.

