

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 September 2017
Season of Creation 4
River

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	8:00am 10:00am	Eucharist
Mon 25th	8:30am 1:00pm	Morning Prayer Creating Spirit
Tue 26th	2:00pm	Ladies Fellowship meeting
Wed 27th	9:30 10:30 12:00	Meditation Eucharist Piece of Peace
Fri 29th	8:30am	Morning Prayer
Sat 30th	8:00am 5:00pm	Meditation Evening Prayer
Sun 1st	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Eucharist Pub lunch

Season of Creation River

He causes springs to gush forth into rivers
that flow between the mountains.

Psalm 104: 10

St Margaret's Parish Annual General Meeting

Saturday 25 November 2017 at 4pm

Updating of Electoral Roll.


Revision of Electoral Roll will begin next week with additions returned by **Sunday 11 November**.

AGM Reports Committees & groups please prepare an Annual report and submit by **Sunday 4 November**.

Agenda Items to wardens by **Wednesday 22 November**.

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 Robin Wembridge; Mandy Stevens; Sandra Brown-Holt; David Pryor and David Tuke.

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:

John Winkett 9439 1793

Shirley Nash 9432 9510

Melissa Laidlay 0427 370 431

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 Committee:	John Winkett
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.

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am: Morning prayer

WORSHIP

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. *Ephesians 2: 8-9*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God and father of all,
you have taught us through your Son
that the last shall be first,
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:
give us the wisdom from above,
so that we may understand that in your sight
the one who serves is the greatest of all.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S HYMNS

All creatures of our God and King TiS100
Fairest Lord Jesus TiS203
For the life that you have given TiS774
When morning gilds skies TiS227
Lord bring the day to pass CH238

TODAY'S PSALM

Psalm 104: 27-33

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Matthew 28: 1-10



ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

Sunday 24th September 2017

Season of Creation 4 - River

This gospel presents a parable found only in Matthew's accounts, but like all of Jesus' parables he continues to give us simple ideas and instructions as we gather together around him. Jesus uses daily life, daily elements and the monotony of the daily grind in his stories, but with a surprising twist. The mercy and love of the master is unlike anything of those who toil daily in the field, and he uses these examples to continue to push us to understand the Father's deep affection and generosity toward us.

Pray that we will be committed to sharing in God's generosity throughout the world.

Give thanks for all those who generously care for others, especially remembering Anglicare and all other church caring agencies throughout Australia.



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Working for Love, Hope & Justice



NOTICES

Film, Friends, Food and Faith

This month we will see 'Victoria and Abdul' at the Balwyn Cinema, Sunday 24 September at 3.45pm, followed by conversation over a light meal.

If you would like to share travel we will meet at 3pm in the carpark behind the shops at Lower Plenty.

All welcome.

Shirley Nash 0403 601 713



Piece of Peace

The Gift of Listening - Speaker Shirley Nash

Wednesday 27th September at 12:00pm

Following meditation at 9:30am and Worship at 10:30am, come and have some lunch and a listen!

Come for all or part of the time.
Any queries contact Jennifer on 0417 524 228.

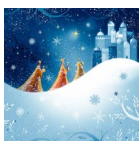


Ladies Fellowship Meeting

Tuesday 26th September at 2:00pm

The meeting this month will be held at the home of Anne Bryant, 28 Shalbury Avenue, Eltham. Ph. 9431 4488.

ANGLICARE Christmas cards



Christmas cards are on display in the Church foyer and can now be ordered.

Six attractive designs. They are \$10 per pack and collection will be available from late September.

Do Justice

Sunday 15th October at 9:20am

Omar & Saad, two young Syrians will do a presentation. Scones and muffins will be served beforehand for morning tea.



Anglicare 20th Anniversary

Morning Tea & Meeting

**Tuesday 3rd October
at 10:00am**



ROSTER	24th Sept. 8:00am	24th Sept. 10:00am	1st October 8:00am	1st October 10:00am
Celebrant	Wendy Pullin	Wendy Pullin	Wendy Pullin	Wendy Pullin
Preacher	Wendy Pullin	Wendy Pullin	Wendy Pullin	Wendy Pullin
Sacristan Assistant	Vacant	Jean Ransom	Vacant	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate
Liturgical Assistant	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy
Communion Assistants	Catherine Pearson Graham Carew	Angela Langan David Pryor	Mandy Stevens Barbara Talbot	Mark Laidlay Emmanuel Babalola
Greeters & Sides people	Jo Norman Margaret Charles	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell	Catherine Pearson	Harry Watson Roger Alcock
First Reading	Genesis 8: 20-22, 9: 12-17 Peter Wiltshire	Genesis 8: 20-22, 9: 12-17 David & Mitzi Tuke	Exodus 17: 1-7 Chris Winkett	Exodus 17: 1-7 Helen Robertson
Second Reading	Revelation 22: 1-5 Michael Tucker	Revelation 22: 1-5 David Pryor	Philippians 2: 1-13 Clive Noble	Philippians 2: 1-13 Helen Symons
Intercessor	Michael Tucker	Robert Street	Catherine Pearson	Geoff Sandy
Morning Tea	Michael & Val Tucker	Lyn	Fay Gravenall	Jean & Margaret
Banking	Chris Warrell	Kevin Gillett	Melissa Laidlay	
Flowers	Angela Langan		Melissa Laidlay	
Powerpoint	Felicity Wiltshire	Mandy Stevens	Felicity Wiltshire	Liz Pryor

WHAT'S COMING UP

3/10/17	10:00am	Anglicare morning tea & meeting
5/10/17	1:00pm	Pastoral care
7/10/17	8:00am	Men's breakfast
8/10/17	10:00	Animal Blessing Service
10/10/17	7:30pm	Book club
12/10/17	9:30am	Finance committee
15/10/17	3:00pm	History Book Launch
17/10/17	1:00pm	Embryonic Dabblers
18/11/17	12:00pm	St Margaret's patronal festival dinner

Wednesday Roster

Date	Greeting	Reading	Morning Tea
27/9/17	Margaret A & Margaret C	Genesis 8: 20-22, 9: 12-17 Betty Cooper	Jennifer Constantine & Fay Gravenall
4/10/17	Jenny Disney	Genesis 1: 20-25 Rae Kerr	Margaret C & Margaret A
11/10/17	Jennifer Constantine	Jonah: 4: 1-11 Gwen Sharp	Kerry Bland
18/10/17	Helen Costello	Jeremiah 8: 22-9: 3 Robyn Riley	Barbara Alexander & Jenny Disney
25/10/17	Margaret A & Margaret C	Romans 6: 12-18 Betty Cooper	Jennifer Constantine & Fay Gravenall

NOTICES 2

Access to the Foyer through the glass door

A few people have expressed concern about the difficulty of opening and shutting the main glass door to the foyer. We have investigated this issue and have obtained opinions from a specialist engineer. Their view is that the only alternative is to construct a set of electronically controlled sliding glass doors on the inside of the main door. They would not replace the glass door but would be used when the glass door was in the open position.

The cost of this has been estimated at \$14-15,000

Wardens and Parish Council are of the view that this is far too expensive for us to justify.

There are no easy solutions to this but we do offer the following suggestions:

- For normal services the sidespeople should be especially aware of anyone needing assistance to open the door. This would particularly include those who use walking frames.
- There is a wooden section to the main door which can be opened very easily. Whilst the width would be difficult for those with walkers it would be fine for others. There is a pole with a notch cut in it to the left of the door which can be used to shift the top door bolt.

John Winkett
Church Warden



Amnesty International North East Metro Group

Invite you to a dinner in honour of their
40th anniversary

on Tuesday the 17th October 2017

Swipers Gully Restaurant

25 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground

Two course dinner and entertainment will commence at 6:30pm
\$30.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased from:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/north-east-metro-40th-anniversary-tickets-35774521557

For further information phone Katrina North on 0450 991 111.

The Diamond Valley Open Door Choir

Will be performing at 2 events in October:

- ♦ Grand re-opening of the Eltham Community Centre - Saturday 7th October at 12 midday
- ♦ Seniors Festival Concert - Sunday 8th October at 3pm

**YMCA Community Hall
Diamond Creek**



The Progressive Christian Network of Victoria and St Michael's Uniting Church

In collaboration with Common Dreams on the Road present

**'Eating together, talking together, living in community:
What the early Christian movement can teach us'**

A lecture series by distinguished US theologian and writer

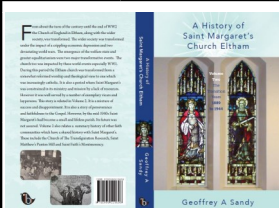
Professor Hal Taussig

At St Michael's Uniting Church, Cnr Collins & Russell Sts, Melbourne

7:00pm Friday 27th October & 10:00am - 4:00pm Saturday 28th October

An introductory address (Friday evening) and four lectures with a light lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments (Saturday) on the fascinating story uncovered by recent research of the early Christian movement and why that is relevant to Christianity today. Registration essential: online at <https://haltassig.eventbrite.com.au>

NOTICES 3



An Invitation to a book Launch

A History of Saint Margaret's Church Eltham Volume 2 – The Transition Years 1889 to 1944

Dear Parishioner

You are invited on Sunday October 15 at 3pm to the launch of the last volume of my three volume history of Saint Margaret's. The launch will be in the new worship space 79-81 Pitt street Eltham. Parking is available in the church grounds and across the road at the Eltham Hotel.

The book will be launched by Dr Andrew Lemon (Royal Historical Society) and assisted by Jim Connor, Dr Harry Watson and the Revd. Keren Terpstra.

The history book will be available for purchase at the subsidised price of \$29.95 and as author I will sign any copy purchased. Credit card facilities will be available.

Any enquiries can come to me geoff@sandy.com.au or Tel: 94598640

The period 1889 to 1944 was an exciting and often challenging period for the faith community at Eltham. Summary histories are also provided for the faith communities of Montmorency, Panton Hill and Research.

Dr Geoffrey A Sandy, author, parish historian and parish archivist

Lunch with MASSG

When: Friday 6 Oct 2017, 12:30pm for 1pm start.

Where: Bridges Restaurant, 1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd, Hurstbridge Victoria 3099

Our guest speaker is David Manne, Executive Director of Refugee Legal.

All proceeds go to Refugee Legal for visa assistance to asylum seekers.

Find out about Refugee Legal and the current visa crises for asylum seekers here:

<https://refugeelegal.org.au/>

Tickets \$30 (for a two course meal). If you wish to be seated together with friends on a table, please email your request to massginfo@gmail.com.

The Reverend Rob Ferguson, an Anglican prison chaplain for the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry, will speak on Sunday 22nd October at both the 8:00am and 10:00am services.

Parish Financial report

October 2016 to August 2017

Expenditure	
Clergy and Lay staff	\$ 109,745
Administration	\$ 34,018
Parish Assessment	\$ 34,573
Property-Church, Hall and Dendy	\$ 39,296
Donations	\$ 3,663
	\$221,295
Income	
Offertory	\$ 85,853
Hall and other	\$ 27,748
Investment income	\$ 9,802
	\$ 123,403
Parish net operating deficit	\$97,892
offset by income from Research premises	