

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

the Parish Matters

Celebrates parish life and reports important items from the most recent Parish Council meeting  
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God of Power and love,  
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,  
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:  
free the world to rejoice in his peace,  
to glory in his justice, and to live his love.  
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen..**

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## Celebrate Pentecost by Participating in Camino

### FAREWELL TO Revd CLEM

After nearly a decade of service to the Parish, our Assistant Priest Revd Clemence Taplin took her last service on April 10<sup>th</sup>. A joint service attended by well over 150 parishioners, children and Clem's family, was such a joyful occasion, full of farewell excitement and tears, the best hymns, good humour, excellent sermon (included at the back of the hard copy of this PM) and wonderful good-bye gifts. Amongst which Clem received a trip to the WhitSundays for herself and her husband Revd Stuart Taplin. True to form in returning all the items



From Left Revd Clem, with wardens John Winkett, Robin Wembridge, Sally Petty and Fr Ruwan as she receives flowers, garden goodies and a fully paid holiday

supporting her function as a priest, from oil through to the Bible, she had mislaid her keys. We had encountered that problem just a few times before!! Deliberate I think this time.

We remember with thanks that Clem came to us as part time priest with the St Faith's, Montmorency Congregation, working with them in closure of their cherished church and helping them in their integration with St Margaret's. Her work with the music team, Children's Time and their families has made a big difference and through her dedicated enthusiasm kept around 25 children on our roll.

## The Camino ~ follow the footsteps of the Pilgrims ~

It provides a variety of ways to experience the ancient walk from France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Many will find it inspirational.

**Camino Film: April 24, 2pm** "The Way" A man is inspired to walk The Camino after the death of his estranged son. Followed by conversation and refreshments.

**Exhibition Opening: Friday May 13, 6pm - 8.30pm**

featuring the work of renowned photographer Earl Carter whose work was exhibited in St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, in 2015. Music & refreshments

**Exhibition Viewing: Sunday May 15, 2pm-5pm Panel Discussion: 2pm**

**Cath Connelly Walking the Way Together: Saturday May 21, 10am -3pm**

Retreat Day on Camino Reflections. Cath, a trained Spiritual Director and Retreat Leader, took her Celtic harp with her as she walked the Camino. Light lunch provided.

Booking essential. Ph. 9439 8565

All events will be held at St. Margaret's, 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham. Ph. 9432 9774

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### Exhibition Times

May 13 to May 29, 2016

Sat & Sundays: 3-5pm

Wed & Thurs: 11.30am-2pm

Fridays (other than opening night): 4-7pm

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Undoubtedly her specialty was caring for people in happiness, sickness or distress, and leading the Pastoral Care Team now led by Fr Ruwan.

We wish her every success in her new role of supporting young people and families in East Malvern and Glenhuntly

### Welcome to the Islips

We warmly welcome Shaun and Margo Islip to St. Margaret's to be part of the family and partners in our service and witness to the community. Last year, Shaun and Margo established the DIAMOND VALLEY OPEN DOOR SINGERS choir at St. Margaret's for the members of the community to come on a Wednesday evening to sing and enjoy themselves while making friends and building up caring and supportive relationships. Many of us would remember the wonderful concert the choir presented to us on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October last year



It was 8 years ago that Shaun and Margo Shaun directing the choir at their St Megs Concert experienced God's calling to serve communities

with their gifts in music, and came to start a Gospel Choir. More recently, by popular request, opened its doors even wider via newer seven Community Choirs with a membership of 400+ meeting weekly in several locations in Melbourne, as well as here at St. Margaret's. The values of Open Door Singers are: "To Uplift, Inspire, Unite and extend Hope and Encouragement to all"

Shaun is an internationally acclaimed choral conductor. As boy soloist to Sir Benjamin Britten, Shaun began his choral career at an early age, rapidly emerging as a leading interpreter of sacred and secular choral music in the UK. Later graduating with honours from London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama Shaun has enjoyed a distinguished international career spanning 40+ years as soloist, cabaret artist, and musical director to numerous BBC broadcasts.

Shaun's warm and engaging personality, inclusive approach and excellent credentials are the reasons for the popularity of Open Door Singers.

Shaun and Margo will contribute to our newly instituted fourth Sunday combined Family Service, and together we are committed to offering two concerts to the community in the coming months.

Fr Ruwan

### Council Appreciations

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

- **Mandy Stevens** for leading the Tene Brae service on the Tuesday of Holy Week,
- **Sylvia Gilbert** for the beautiful cake at Clem's farewell,
- **Frank** for the playing the Digerdo at the Easter Dawn service,
- **Fay Gravenall** for the Large Print Book of Gospels,

- Loan of a stand for it from **Jan Kerr**.

## Extraordinary Garage Sale

For the Garage and Goodies Sale, the jam, relish and marmalade makers worked hard and sold a massive amount; the cake makers goodies quickly sold out. The second hand stall sold their goodies; the books sold well too; the CDs and DVDs raced out the door (many classics and not so classic sold to Ruwan!); the trash and treasure provided numerous bargains; the fruit and vegies from the market (donated thanks Mary and Ruwan) was a huge success; the Devonshire teas demolished as were the delicious snags. What a great day and huge thanks to everyone who so generously donated goods, money and time. Not only was it a great effort to raise funds for future building works, the day provides a welcome opportunity to chat with visitors and other parishioners. After adjusting for very little in the way of expenses \$4000 was raised. Diabetes organisation took away some left overs and we wait for Vinnies to pick up the rest

From the Super Saleswoman **Sally Petty**.

## Parish Council April Summary

- **Chaired by Fr Ruwan**
- **Kathryn Smith** Opened the meeting with prayer at 7.47 pm .
- **It was agreed that the office staff should receive a colour highlighted copy of the minutes showing where their skills and resources are likely needed.**
- **Time line of tasks from Activity Areas and related matters.**
  - **The PCT (pastoral Care Team) report** gives the activity. Most is regular except for the two seminars.
  - **The Property Redevelopment** report identifies the work in hand and the approximate time frame.
  - **Worship and Spirituality** have work plans for the next three months.
  - **Internal and External relations.** Work in progress on their plan for the year.
  - **Finance and Resources** Have started to develop a terms of reference and task timelines awaiting approval
  - **Working Group on Baptismal Welcoming etc** Initial discussion only.
  - **Evacuation Plan** Sarah circulated a draft. Questions were resolved about assembly point and signs.
  - **Photos for Rogues Gallery** and to be Placed on John W's A New Approach to Parish Council document setting out the 5 areas of activity. Photos still to come.
  - **Garage and Goodies Sale.** Sally was thanked with acclamation for running a sale which raised almost \$4000.
- **A 2016 Commemorative Service to mark the Centenary of the Battles of Fromelles, Pozieres and Monquet Farm** be hosted on July 16
- **Cathedral and Diamond Valley Open Choir Performances & Sidney Carter Presentation and Parish lunches with entertainment** all need planning.
- **Correspondence** From the Archbishop Certificate of Consecration of the Extension and Hall rework. To be hung in the foyer
- **Finance and Resources** It was agreed to defer the discussion of fund management options related to the last of the re-development until we know how much our shortfall for the three projects is.
- **Pastoral Care** The two timeline important events were
  - **Training the trainers for Spiritual Health**
  - **The Psychology of Ageing**
- **Worship and Spirituality** Arising from their report on the **Camino Exhibition**
  - **April 24 The Way movie** 40 chairs needed for Set up Mark/Ruwan/Harry
  - **May 13 opening by Bishop Phillip** Volunteers needed for chair set up.Friday afternoon
  - **Penetecost Sunday** No provision has been made for Special Morning Tea
  - **But in afternoon Panel Discussion** 5 Panel participants are in hand Fr Ruwan chair
- **Internal and External Relations**
  - **Web site** nearly complete
  - **Draft Calender** was circulated
  - **Groups to be liaised** with are Opportunity Shop, Book Group, Meg's Tootlers, Eltham Anglicare Auxiliary, Ladies Fellowship, Dabblers
- **Progress Property development and Maintenance** (See report in this issue)
- **MAP Update**
- Agreed that St Margaret's Day would be celebrated in November**
- **Vicars report** covered:
  - Items in progress **plus list services for 3 months.**
  - Several new ideas
  - Need for a **set of highlighted minutes** for office staff information.
- **Kathleen Toal our Treasurer** presented the financial reports and commentary
  - *The water rates have been charged at commercial instead of domestic on both John St and Church..A big refund is expected.*
  - The Book Keeper has started
  - The Financial Reports were accepted.
- **Wardens Meeting Report** no questions
- **Appreciations.** (see in this edition)
- **Parish Matters**
  - Harry to prepare with lots of photos..
  - Clem's sermon to be made available as a handout.
- **Other Business.**
  - John Human apology for the next 3 meetings as he is taking long service leave.



➤ The meeting closed with prayers at 10.27 pm

## **Site Re-development April Report**

### **Landscaping at rear of hall**

The retaining walls have now been erected and we are now waiting to install a hand rail up the slope. When this has been installed the earth will be backfilled to the sleeper walls and the Tuscan topping surface will be compacted. We are also evaluating the best surface to lay on the ground areas except the children's area. A shed 4.5m x 2.25m will be erected up against the Eastern sleeper wall for storage of chairs and items from the old metal sheds which will be removed.

[If you need a shed let John know]

### **Vicarage**

We have now accepted a quote to re-furbish the vicarage. Unfortunately the Diocese has insisted that we submit the proposal to the Building Committee and this won't be until the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

### **Dendy House**

We have now agreed on a plan to construct a toilet, store room and kitchenette on the rear of Dendy House. This has to be approved by Heritage Victoria as the responsible planning authority and Nillumbik Shire will issue a building permit. This is a slow process and we will be lucky to have all our approvals before September.

**John Winkett**

## **Children's Time at Clem's Farewell Service**



## **Health Emergencies**

More detail from Council Minutes

**Emergency procedures** for a severe health issue in a worship service should involve the president stopping the service and nominating people to take charge of the situation and an identified volunteer next to the patient to call 000 and get an ambulance or paramedic

Photos by Mary Lynton-Moll Harry Watson and Fr Ruwan

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