

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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Palm Sunday/Holy Week/Easter Services

Palm Sunday: 9.30 am Combined Holy Communion service with procession to church with palms and greens. Start in the Eltham Hotel car park. Blessing and distribution of Palms Crosses and entering the Holy Week together.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday: 7.30 pm Service of Foot washing and Holy Communion.

Good Friday: 11 am Ecumenical walk of the Stations of the Cross. Walk commences and concludes at Montmorency Uniting Church
2.00 pm. Holy Communion with the Acknowledgement of the Cross

Easter Sunday: Sunrise service at **6.30 am**. Please gather at 6.15 am
Celebratory Breakfast to follow.
9.30 am. Celebratory family Holy Communion service.

Camino Way

This year St Margaret's will offer a series of events for reflection around the time of Pentecost. These events will focus on the Camino Walk across Spain. The first event will be a showing of the film 'The Way' in the hall during the afternoon of **24 April**. We will then have conversation about the movie over light refreshments. This will replace the usual Film, Friends, Faith and Food afternoon and is a good opportunity for us to all bring along friends to experience church life in a relaxed way.

Congratulations

On Palm Sunday, two of our youngsters, **Ashley White and Nathan Bradshaw** who will be admitted to Holy Communion. We are so pleased that they have made this choice and welcome and offer our love and support for their journey at St Margaret's.

Thank you

We received a letter from The Revd Matthew Crane, Warrnambool parish. He collected from us a number of our extra prayer books and delivered them to the church in Hamilton who did not have any copies. The parish is "deeply grateful and delighted" with the gift.

Parish Council

Your Parish Council held a Planning Meeting in January to review plans for the year ahead. We have also just held our first meeting for the year and summarise our business as follows:

- John Winkett opened the meeting, chaired by Fr Ruwan, with one of his favorite prayers
- Clem was welcomed to the meeting.
- Four items of correspondence some of them reported in this issue
- No news from the Ministers Fraternal about the local refugee status
- Refreshment Sunday: Food to be collected for refugees who receive meals and provisions in Footscray. 1st Sunday in March
- Kitchen door lock to be changed so can it can be the exit for those without front door key
- Some changes to the names of PC committees (or Mission Areas)
- Each area to have one or two leaders as points of contact etc
- Leaders will liaise with church groups from time to time.
- Back to School Family Focus Service was a success-to be followed by others.
- Welcoming Group on welcoming new families to be set up from Care and Worship and Spirituality.
- Children's Times needs more people resources.
- Working through liability issues for mounting Camino exhibition in May
- Detailed budget review was presented by the treasurer on behalf of Finance Committee.
- Church Duty Roster to be posted in foyer where everyone can see it.
- New calendar using Google to replace excel spread sheet on web etc
- Calendar to be further developed for all church activities and hall bookings.
- Photos of Council members to be on notice board in foyer.
- Clem closed the meeting with a prayer at 10.20 pm

Site Development- next stage

A small committee is overseeing the next stage of our development. This includes:

- Landscaping the rear of the hall and installing a storage shed.
- Improving and extending the facilities to Dendy House
- Improving the facilities and landscape for the vicarage.

Following discussions with our Archdeacon and the Chair of the Diocesan Building Committee, this work is now ready to go ahead. Several quotes have been obtained and, we have:

- Hall: accepted a quote for this work by a local landscaper
- Storage Shed: will engage concreter to lay the slab and contractor to install the shed.
- We have liaised with Heritage Victoria and engaged a local draftsman to draw up plans and submit for planning approval.
- Organising the cleaning and outfitting the offices.
- Vicarage: tenants are about to leave and capital works will be carried out inside and out.

More information to come but many thanks to John Winkett who is holding all this together.

Locking up

Once again we send a please to all to **please** make sure the building is locked and all heaters and air conditioners have been turned off. Security must be everyone's responsibility. The lock in the kitchen has now been altered. If you are there without a key, you can exit by the kitchen door which will lock when shut.

Op Shop- How do they do it?

Once again we have received a cheque from the Combined Churches Op Shop. \$3000 to be used towards children's ministry. Hard earned money and we are very grateful to the volunteers who give their time to work in the Op Shop and the Committee for including the parish in its distribution.

Council Appreciations

We give thanks to the members of the congregation who have already or are about to address the congregation during the sermon time. We are so grateful.

- Kathryn Smith, Christine Winkett, Felicity Wiltshire and Geoff Sandy

Farewell to Clem

Combined farewell service to Clem April 10 @ 9.30 followed by morning tea.
Envelopes for contributions to a gift available in the Foyer.

We will Please note the budget difference in Planned Giving.

Statement of Income & Expenditure

1 October 2015 To 31 January 2016

	Actual 2016	Budget 2016	\$ Difference	Variance
Income				
Offertory	\$33,279	\$41,422	-\$8,143	U
Grants - Gallery Space	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	F
Other Income	\$67,342	\$63,805	\$3,537	F
Donations - Missions	\$632	\$550	\$82	F
Total Income	\$103,252	\$105,777	-\$2,524	U
Expenditure				
Clergy & Admin Staff	\$69,240	\$63,832	\$5,407	U
Other expenses	\$31,475	\$41,148	-\$9,673	F
Special Project - Gallery Space	\$1,927	\$2,000	-\$73	F
Donations Paid to Missions	\$859	\$550	\$309	U
Total Expenditure	\$103,501	\$107,530	-\$4,029	F
Operating Surplus / Deficit	-\$249	-\$1,754	\$1,505	

Garage & Goodies Sale

Saturday 9 April

9.00-2.00

Please start collecting and spreading the word Can you help?

PS. Your Incumbency Committee continues its work looking for a new Vicar. Many thanks for your prayers.