

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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St Lursa Lorica

May the yoke of God's law be on my shoulders;
may the coming of the Holy Spirit be on my head;
may the Sign of Christ be on my forehead;
may the hearing of the Holy Spirit be in my ears;
may the sensing of the Holy Spirit be in my nose;
may the vision of heaven's people be in my eyes;
may the speech of heaven's people be in my mouth;
may the work of God's church be in my hands;
may the good of God to neighbor be in my feet;
may the dwelling of God be in my heart;
may my whole person belong to God.

*This version by A.M.Allchin 7th century
(Fursa, or Fursey, was one of the foremost missionaries to the people of East Anglia)*

The Camino – follow the footsteps of the pilgrims

This event organised by the Discovering Spirituality Group has opened up great possibilities for the use of our historic church and extended space. Please make sure you make time to visit the Exhibition.

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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Our History- Vol 3 Book Launch

Dr Geoff Sandy's Vol 3 of the History of Saint Margaret's will be launched on Sunday May 22 at 2 pm in the hall.

The program will consist of:

- Welcome to Saint Margaret's and to the Book Launch by the Revd. Ruwan Palapathwala
- Presentation by Dr Andrew Lemon Past Parishioner and author,.
- Presentation by Jim Connor, President of the Eltham District Historical Presentation by Dr Harry Watson on behalf of Saint Margaret's Community
- Response by Dr Geoffrey Sandy
- Other comments and refreshments.

Re-Development Report

The landscaping at the rear of the hall is now complete and we need to do some planting along the top and base of the retaining walls.

A new large shed has been ordered and will be erected over the next few weeks. The location will be immediately to the right at the rear of the hall up against the retaining wall. It will have a single door at one end where we will store all the gardening equipment and double doors at the other end. The finish is colourbond, Mist Green. Once this is in place we can remove the two old sheds. This will effectively add more space to the open grass area. The shed will also be used for storage of extra chairs and tables that are not needed on a regular basis.

We have now received Diocesan approval for the renovations to the Vicarage. We hope to commence this work in the next month. We have already approved and accepted a builders quote.

Finally in regard to Dendy House, we have now received an exemption from planning approval from Heritage Victoria for the extension. We will be constructing a corrugated iron extension on the rear of the property which will include a toilet, a kitchenette and storage cupboards. The kitchenette will have a servery for use when we have outside activities. We now have to apply to the Diocese for building approval and we also have to get building approval from Nillumbik Shire Council. This last approval is usually done through external consultants.

John Winkett

Incumbency Committee update

Thank you all for your patience, support and prayers. We are doing our best to find a pastor and leader for our parish. This is neither an easy task or as speedy one. Not only does it involve the interviewing and reference checks, any cleryperson who is appointed needs Professional Standards checks. There are 6 of them and they all take time. We will report to you as soon as possible.

Harry, Shirley, Sally

Combined Services

For the next 3 months on the Fourth Sunday of the month, we are trialing a Family Service. These services will be a combined service beginning at 9.30am. They are aimed at being more accessible to kids and those in our wider community who may not be regular church goers. The children and parents / friends of Children's Ministry (along with Ruwan) will be running these services.

The first of these services began today, Sunday 22nd May, with the theme ***BELONGING***

The next service will be on **Sunday 26th June**, The these of this service to be determined shortly.

The third service will be on **Sunday 24th July**. A ***LOVING*** theme will be our focus. Loving Jesus, God and each other, as we remember the important Christmas messages is our **Christmas In July gathering**. A festive lunch in the hall will follow. Similar to our St Margaret's Day celebration there will be a \$15 pp cost (max \$30 per family), with Meat, Potatoes and Condiments provided. BYOG/Drinks and a salad or dessert to share.

Children's Ministry and Parish Council welcome you to join in and support these services, including bringing family and friends along.

Synod Reps

Our parish representatives on Synod are Felicity Wiltshire and Sally Petty.

Flower Stands

We thought it would be a good idea to replace the flower stands with new and rather beautifully crafted ones made by a local woodworker. If we buy 2 for flowers and 1 higher one for the cross, total cost would be \$600. Rather than take this money from funds, maybe members of the congregation would like to contribute a small amount to this fundraising campaign. Pictures of the design are on the noticeboard and envelopes in the foyer. **Please contribute.**

Parish Council May Summary

➤ **Time line of tasks from Activity Areas and related matters.**

- **The PCT (Pastoral Care Team) report** gives their activities.. Most is regular except for the preparation for two seminars.
- **Worship and Spirituality** have work plans for the next three months.
- **Internal and External relations.** Work in progress on their plan for the year including launch of the website.
- **Finance and Resources** terms of reference to be agreed and task timelines at next Finance Committee Meeting and budget preparation timeline.
- **Working Group on Baptismal Welcoming etc** Pathways to welcoming for these occasions were introduced..
- **Baptismal Services** all enquiries will be passed on to the vicar
- **Calendar** A sample of the Google calendar with public access was circulated for checking and preparation for introduction.
- **Discussion with Shaun (Open Door Singers).** He will do a special item time at the combined service
- **Sidney Carter Concert** Proposal for first weekend in August. Volunteer for event manager may be needed.
- **Correspondence**
From Michael Tucker re layout and sound problems in the church.

Pastoral Care: Glenys Collis and Robin Wembridge were welcomed to the Team

- The next important event is **The Challenges of Ageing Seminar on July 16th** by Austin Hospital on **Advance Care Preparation** and an afternoon presentation by the Locum Vicar on **Ministry for Later Life**

Worship and Spirituality At present Discovering Spirituality is working on:

- The Camino Way Exhibition which opened on Friday evening 13 May
- The **Service of Commemoration for WW1 tragedies is on July 23.**

Internal and External Relations

- **Web site** nearly complete.
- **Calendar** underway

Property development and Maintenance See attached report.

MAP Update

- Ruwan and Harry presented **Towards developing Metrics/Targets for the Future -- Initial Concepts**
- **Follow up on baptisms needed.**
- **Seasons of Creation** this year will be 'Ocean, Animals, Storm, Universe'.

Vicars report covered:

- **Pastoral** Regular visits were reported on and the good work of the prayer chain led by Glenys Collis. Several new ideas were presented.
- **Liturgy** The Experimental Combined Family Service on May 22 is the first of three,
- **Missional and Outreach** The Camino walk and Musical opportunities

Finance:

- **The Book keeper has started**
- Discussion about **the expenditure of each of the Groups** in the financial records.
- **Planned Giving** Agreed analysis needed by finance committee of why giving is behind and who could be encouraged to support
- **It was agreed to adopt the chart sequence and timing in the report for budget preparation.** This means that all Activity areas and their groups need to have their draft budgets in by June
- **The Treasurer presented the finance committee report.**
- The process of **banking** was reviewed.
- By next PC we need a written a report from the Finance Committee on **the status of each of the Planned Giving inputs** and any uncertainties
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Emergency Evacuation

Under O H & S guidelines we are obliged to place diagrams to show everyone how to leave the property. Thanks to Sarah Toomey, these are now complete.

Welcome

Last Sunday we were delighted to celebrate the Baptism of Joshua David Bell and welcome him and his parents and family. (pic. on back page.)



Bishop Phillip Higgins cuts the Ribbon to declare the Camino Exhibition open.

Photos by Harry Watson, Diana Warrell



The Baptism of Joshua David Bell with his Parents Kerry and Colin by Fr Ruwan assisted Liturgy Assistant Melissa Laidlay



Camino Exhibition in the Church



Joshua with his Godmother (and Auntie)



The Camino panel discussion about their collective walking 'The Way' experience. Below DS team

Council Appreciations

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

- **Archdeacon Alan Nicholls** for preaching Pentecost
- **Discovering Spirituality Team Kathleen Toal, Shirley Nash, Diana Warrell, Fae Gravenall and Sandra Archer** for organising The Camino exhibition and showing us what we can do in this great space.
- **The Camino Exhibition Panel: Micahel and Barbara Bell, Stephen Delbridge, Fr Terry Kean, Revd. Kim Cruikshank.**
- **Ken King** for wine for the opening of the exhibition.
 - **Ed This Edition Sally Petty**

