

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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## Stewardship and Vision Parish Dinner

**Friday 20 July 2018**

**Time:** 6.30pm Drinks and Nibbles

7.00pm Dinner – main course provided.

Please bring a sweet to share.

Guest Speaker will be the Revd Noel Whale

**RSVP:** either by adding your name and the sweet you will be bringing to the list in the foyer, or advise Jen in the office by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**DO YOU NEED A LIFT?: call parish office.**

### *Holding Hands with God*

You may ask - What would that look like? For one person at least, that was her experience at our Mid-Winter day of Thanksgiving and Prayer. The sanctuary was the gathering place for members of our congregations and interest groups of the parish. In inviting warmth we sheltered from the freezing day and took time to pray together. Others at home lent their prayers for the Parish. Every hour was announced and concluded with beautiful music and our people, ministries and needs of the world were upheld. We began with a liturgy of worship, praying the psalms and taking time for deep listening to what the Spirit has to share with us. Our times of silence, alone - together - strengthening our bonds Before the altar the flowers raised their petal hands in their praise.

At the end of the day we enjoyed refreshments and conversation, reflecting that we would like to do this again. Special thanks to those whose work made the day possible - Gwenda, Andrew, Jo, David, Jean, Margaret C, Fay and Keren. May we all remain prayerful and 'awake' to the work of the Spirit of Jesus in each one of us and in our community.



## *Our Parish Structure*

### **Parish Council**

Parish Council is the body tasked in our Diocesan system with assisting the wardens and priest in setting the vision and direction of the parish. Parish Council meets once a month (at the moment, on the fourth Monday night of the month). We start with a shared supper/meal at 6:30pm and then move into a time of reflection on Scripture, using a variety of methods. This helps us to see the business we then move into through the lens of what God is inviting us to do and be. We spend time looking at how the Vision Plan is progressing, and then reports and recommendations of the subcommittees. We also review the contents of the Feedback box. Parish council is made up of both elected and ex-officio members.

Elected members this year are: Harry Watson, Mandy Stevens, and Sandra Brown-Holt.

Ex-officio members are: Kathleen Toal (Vicar's warden), Shirley Nash (Melissa Laidlay deputising in Shirley's absence) and David Tuke (People's wardens), John Humann (Treasurer).

### **Wardens**

The wardens meet with the priest on average every 4-6 weeks. The wardens hold overall responsibility for management of property and plant, although in practicality most of these functions are delegated through the subcommittees of parish council, and to other gifted folk in the parish. The wardens also act as a checkpoint with the vicar for matters of compliance, direction and vision setting.

### **Vision Plan and our Structures**

When we developed the Vision Plan last year questions were asked by members of Parish Council and beyond how this was going to function with our existing structures. Essentially, the subcommittees all report to Parish Council. There are also overlaps and connections that therefore need to happen between the subcommittees – for example, for the Stewardship and Vision Dinner, the Finance Committee asked Communications if they'd be willing to design the invitation, and also ran past the Communications Team the forms sent out for Planned Giving.

The Vision Plan functions as a map and set of directions for what we're doing in a broader sense in the parish. Each month Parish Council has been looking at one Growth Intention and checking progress, and where there's not been progress in an area, thinking about how Parish Council can support members of the parish who had/have the passion for the ministry actions in the Vision Plan in carrying them out. Sometimes actions from the Vision Plan have been delegated through the subcommittees; sometimes other groups have been supported in the ministries nominated.

Later in the year Parish Council will be having a Vision Planning Day, where we will be further refining our Vision and Mission statements, and dreaming about how the Spirit's inviting us to live them out in 2019. If you have any suggestions, any feedback, or any inspiration, please let us know via the Feedback Box (forms are provided under the box).

### **The Faith Formation Network**

The Faith Formation Network is guided by Annette Street, Keren Terpstra, Mandy Stevens and Margie Dahl. It fits with the **GROWTH INTENTION II: Growing in Faith** and conducts activities specifically aimed at developing faith. This year it has been responsible for the following:

- Parish Lenten Seminar on Mark led by Fr. Frank Maloney
- FaithFull Women – reflective activities for mid-life women led by various leaders
- Taize Service – held monthly led by Heidi Bryce
- Parish Prayer Day

Contact Person : Annette Street 0407043706

### **Property Committee**

This sub committee of Parish Council meets each month and sorts out the numerous property issues around the parish property. Along with the Vicar, the members are Sally Petty, (Chair) David Pryor, David Tuke, Harry Watson and John Winkett. Some members have been parishioners for over 40 years, were members of the Site Development Committee, and, between them, have both practical and property management experiences.

## **Pastoral Care Team**

Pastoral Care is a St Margaret's Community Activity that seeks to be there for one another in good times and during the challenges of life, the Pastoral Care Team (PCT), in particular, is available to help in those times when individuals and families need a little extra support. The PCT works under guidelines of ethical practice and confidentiality.

It Comprises

- Pastoral Care Visits and Follow up
- Extended Home Communion (EHC)
- Pastoral Care at Eltham Retirement Centre (now SVCS)
- Men's Breakfast
- Pub Lunch
- Meg's Munchers concluded last year, transitioning to afternoon tea
- Reporting on Wise Faithfuls

Members: PCT Consists of Revd Keren and members who participate according to their ability and availability: Helen Costello, Margie, Mitzi, Robert S, Robyn, Adrienne, Harry, Mary Ann.

Fr Robert takes SVCS (was Judge Book) services. Note Robert B, in addition to some of the above, assists at these services.

## **Finance Committee**

Chair: Kathleen Toal, Melissa Laidlay, David Pryor, John Humann, Keren, Robin Wembridge, Vicar.

The committee is a subcommittee of Parish Council and meets monthly starting with prayer and ending with prayer and the grace; the main responsibilities are:

- oversight, review and analysis of the Financial reports actual against budget (Income & Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet) prepared by the Parish Accountant David Pryor;
- Note the variances between actual and budget and take action where appropriate;
- Overall responsibility for organising the Stewardship and Parish Vision Dinner;
- Prepare the annual Planned Giving Commitment and follow up with quarterly reporting to parishioners;
- Preparation of a Procedure Manual for Parish Finance which will be updated on a regular basis – currently the Collection of money and Banking procedures is being finalised
- Reporting monthly to the Parish Council by John Humann, Parish Treasurer;
- Putting forward recommendations to Parish Council as required; and
- Preparation of the Annual Budget

## **Communications Team**

Chair: Sandra Brown-Holt, Sally Petty, Mary Lynton-Moll, Jennifer Round, Diana Warrell, Kathleen Toal:

Our role is to make sure the Parish and Community are kept informed of what's taking place in and around the Parish.

This includes all advertising, keeping data bases up to date, website management, Parish Calendar, and use of Church spaces including hall bookings. We are currently working on a new Parish Directory which we hope to have out soon.

## **Do Justice Group**

This year the group's efforts have focused on two groups of people who are effected by social injustice practices in Australia. We are attempting to make known in the parish how these people are discriminated and to advocate for better outcomes. The first group is composed of asylum seekers, and most people will remember the banner we had made which we carried in the Palm Sunday Peace March. (20 people from the parish were at the march) The second group is comprised of the Indigenous people of Australia. Within the parish we are developing a document Pathways to Reconciliation as suggested by the Diocese.

We are well underway with planning for a **Forum for Aboriginal Voices** with Amnesty International and the Nillumbik Reconciliation Group to be held on Sunday afternoon, 16<sup>th</sup> September in our hall.

The DoJ group is also planning a film night, featuring the film, **Chasing Asylum** with Amnesty International on 24<sup>th</sup> August. The film will be accompanied by short talks and will be suitable for secondary school students. In addition to these two events the group is involved in some advocacy (writing letters) and helping with several book launches in Eltham.

Members: Jenny Disney (leader), Jennifer Constantine, Margie Dahl, Fay Gravenall, Helen Robertson, Jean Taylor, Keren Terpstra, David Tuke

## *Act for Peace*

The Christmas Bowl is like a pet – it is not just for Christmas. The Christmas Bowl is an annual appeal of Act for Peace, the overseas aid agency of the National Council of Churches. Each month “Peacemail”, tells us about a different aspect of their work.

The June edition highlights the plight of Palestinian people in Hebron. It is a city of 200,000 Muslims and 600 Israeli settlers. The settlements are illegal under international law and they are the cause of security restrictions that make life very hard for people living and working there. While settlers can move freely, Israeli soldiers stop others from entering the marketplace. Customers and suppliers are held up for long periods. In 2002 local church leaders asked the World Council of Churches to create an international presence in the country. The Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) was formed.

Volunteers from all over the world travel to Palestine and Israel to promote a justice peace. They serve for a period of three months. They are given extensive training and preparation before being deployed. They then don a distinctive vest and join other members of their multi-national team placed in the West Bank or East Jerusalem.

They provide a protective presence for families at risk of harassment; monitor human rights abuses; and, when they come back to Australia, use their firsthand experience to advocate for international pressure on decision makers to comply with humanitarian law and to find long-term solutions to the conflict.

***Margie Dahl, St Margaret's Act for Peace representative***

### **Pastoral Listening Workshop**

**Saturday 14th July 9:00am - 3:30pm**



This workshop is for those who are involved in ministry through home visits, aged care, Op shops, playgroups, youth and family work, welcoming, hospitality, including clergy and pastoral teams.

Cost: \$10.00 (includes workbook, lunch, morning tea)

**Registration by email by  
Friday 6th July to:**

Ms Jenny McIntyre,  
Chaplaincy and Diocesan Partnerships,  
Brotherhood of St Laurence: [jmcintyre@bsl.org.au](mailto:jmcintyre@bsl.org.au)



## *World Labyrinth Day*

Results from the World Labyrinth Day survey are in! Based on 268 responses received, we estimate over 5,200 people participated in at least 35 countries this year including: Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Ecuador, England, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russia, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, and USA (40+ States). View the map below!

If you have not already done so, please share your photos, videos, and stories on the [Facebook Global Group](#), email them to [wld@labyrinthociety.org](mailto:wld@labyrinthociety.org), Hear a summary of events from World Labyrinth Day, see the highlights from social media, and share your stories. Register for reminders and a link to the video recording after the event . (if you are unable to attend) here:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CZPPjwySQiiiNVwZKeNEyw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CZPPjwySQiiiNVwZKeNEyw)

Thanks for making the 10th Annual World LabyrinthDay a success.

***Labyrinth Group***

## *Do Justice Group: Form of address*

It is becoming important for us to use the right terminology when introducing Indigenous people in Australia. This is something that as children most of us were never taught. At universities, students taking courses in history, public relations and other courses are taught to use the word Indigenous. It is used often in general articles too in newspapers.

Sometimes people want to regard themselves as Aboriginal men or Aboriginal women.

Some people like the Revd Glenn Loughrey of the Glen Iris parish identifies himself as a Wiradjuri man.

Another term used by some Indigenous people is the American phrase, "Of the First Nation."

Just as we have preferred names and titles which we like others to use when speaking to us, we need to know what is the preferred identity of our Indigenous population.

*Jenny Disney*

## *Commemorative Service*

**A Commemorative Service to mark the Centenary of the Battle of Le Hamel (4 July 1918) & Hundred Days Offensive (8 August 1918 to 11 November 1918): the final period of World War 1 will be held at St Margaret's on Saturday 4 August 2018.**

Parishioners are invited to this event as well as the wider community.

At this service we will remember and honour the soldier and nurses from Eltham who were involved in WW1 during 1918 and also to commemorate and honour the contribution made by non-combatants – chaplains and stretcher bearers.

**The Hundred Days Offensive WW1** was the final period of the [First World War](#), during which the [Allies](#) launched a series of offensives against the [Central Powers](#) on the [Western Front](#) beginning with the [Battle of Amiens](#). The offensive essentially pushed the Germans out of France, forcing them to retreat beyond the [Hindenburg Line](#), and was followed by [an armistice](#). . . . - Source: Wikipedia 15 January 2017  
Prior to Amiens, Lt-Gen Sir John Monash demonstrated his tactical acumen at the **Battle of Hamel** and his strategic planning was to have a tremendous impact on trench warfare  
Source: <https://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/100days>

**Five of the soldiers listed on the Eltham Honor Roll** were either killed in action or died of war wounds during the Hundred Days Offensive.

- BIRD Edwin John Killed In Action 11 August 1918 – his death is recorded on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France
- BROWN John Leonard Killed In Action 18 August 1918, Harbonieres, France.
- MADDISON Robert Lindsay Medley Killed In Action 1<sup>st</sup> September 1918, Peronne France
- WILLIAMS George Alfred Died Of Wounds 17<sup>th</sup> September 1918. George was a stretcher bearer with the 13<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance Australian Army Medical Corps. "Beyond Hancourt . . . we were stretcher bearing with 4<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance behind the advancing lines when he was hit with a piece of shell in the forehead . . . He was unconscious and died on the ambulance cart on his way to the main dressing station T. Griffiths, 927, 13 Field Ambulance Source: Membrey B

Extract from 13<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance War Diary p3. of 17<sup>th</sup> September 1918 notes "This NCO was warned to proceed to Officers Cadet Battalion in a few days to train for a Commission. He was a brave and reliable N.C.O and justly earned the confidence of his Officers".

- MOORE George Frederick Died Of Wounds 23rd October 1918, 47<sup>th</sup> Clearing Station near Peronne France and is buried at Vadencourt (between Perrone and St Quentin France).

Another two Eltham soldiers who died in 1918:

- BROMFIELD Charles Frederick who was captured at Remicourt, France in April 1917 – he was originally imprisoned at the Soltau camp at Hannover but an agreement between the warring nations he was transferred to the Interlaken Camp in Switzerland where he died on 7 September 1918 from influenza and double pneumonia. Source: Membrey Brian,
- BARRETT Edward returned to Australia on 13 February 1918 medically unfit. He died on 20 December 1918 at the 11 Australian General Hospital Caulfield.

**Kathleen Toal.**

References: Australian War Memorial: Membrey Brian *The Shire of Eltham's Great War Honour Roll: A Tribute to those from the Shire of Eltham that Fell in the Great War 1914-18* Compiled for Yarra Plenty:

National Archives of Australia:

Toal Kathleen Unpublished Research

## *Ivy Reynolds*

*Many parishioners will remember the Reynolds family: Mrs Reynolds, Ivy and Margaret. They were interesting, hard working and generous. Jenny Disney was asked to speak at the Research Primary School when the School exhibited a plaque which acknowledged a gift of money made by Ivy Reynolds in her will to the school. Pics on back page thanks to Kathleen Toal.*

**I first met Ivy** when I married and started living in Eltham in the early 1970s and Ivy, as a member of St Margaret's came calling to encourage Anthony and me to increase our weekly payments to the church. 15 years later we moved to a house in Reynolds Road, Research and we formed an enduring friendship. *Did you notice that I said Reynolds Road? Yes, The road was named after Ivy;s father who was a land surveyor.*

Ivy had attended Eltham High School and first worked in a factory sewing clothes. Much later she trained as a nurse and was the Eltham Baby Centre Sister for many years in the 1950s and 1960s

In the Reynolds' house there was a tiny fireplace in the sitting room and there were 2 or 3 fans in the house . And yes there was a sewing machine because Ivy, her mother and sister always sewed. The mother became a dressmaker in a tiny shop in Ingrams Road and Ivy helped her sew clothes. These women were TOUGH.

One of the things that the sisters enjoyed as teenagers was shopping in Smith St Collingwood. The story was that before the train came to Eltham they would set off WALKING to Heidelberg where they could catch the train. Then after a day shopping they would return the same way. Perhaps they were window shopping and did not have much to carry! Ivy was TOUGH and she was FIT and that is probably why she lived until 94. In the January school holidays Ivy and her sister and mother would walk to Launching Place and camp for 4 weeks, swimming and playing. NOTICE..... No cinema visits, no trips to a library, no flying interstate to resorts, no trips to the icecream shop.

She dug the soil, she added gypsum and manure, she planted fruit trees so she could have the leaves as mulch in the garden, and fruit for eating ,she watered, she bought bales of pea straw, she dug, and watered and planted. She planted Australian natives in what really was a cottage garden when she realized these plants needed less watering than many others. She said to me one day that the garden had some flowering plants all the time so she could cut them and put them in the church. And she always had a few flowers to give to visitors.

Life with the family was very important to Ivy, but she had interests outside the family.

She was very committed to the CHURCH. After the Church of Transfiguration Research was built in the 1970s she attended every weekend. She would play the organ for the hymns and greet people when they entered the church. She would always bring a plate of food to share with others after the service. She did not want to draw attention to herself but whenever we heard that a special gift of money had been given for either the fare for someone to go to Papua New Guinea or for special china for the church we would know it came from Ivy. And she would arrange flowers in the church twice a month.

After the church in Research was closed down, Ivy and her sister attended St Margaret's Church in Eltham. Ivy was involved closely in activities Firstly the kneelers. Over 120 were made, by ladies at the church. Ivy always helped with the church activities. She was a member of Anglicare which helps mothers and babies, she would make bottles of jams and chutneys for street stalls, and on one occasion I went to a "Garden Party" at her house where \$500 was raised.

### **Community involvement.**

Ivy helped in an organization called Amnesty , raising money for people in distress overseas. Two others were Bush Church Aid and the Flying Doctor Service. If you were sick she would come and visit with a bunch of flowers from her garden. She was keen on Research developing as a village and when she met friends in the shopping centre her whole face would light up.

### **Garden**

Ivy spent hours in her garden. As I said before she was tough.

Research soil is clay but that did not stop Ivy when she was determined to start a new garden or dig a hole for a pond.

## *Parish Mission Allocation*

For many years St Margaret's and its parishioners have supported a number of charities and other such institutions.

In some years financial constraints have reduced the amounts available but for last year and this current year we have been able increase our giving.

2016/17 saw an increase from \$7247 to \$13668. Through the generosity of Parishioners \$5668 was collected and the balance of \$8,000 contributed by the parish out of Parish funds

This was distributed as follows

\$750 to Melbourne Homeless Collective, to be used to help the collective to provide toiletries and small requirements to homeless men and women

\$750 to the Brotherhood of St Lawrence 67 to assist the BSL Stepping stones to small business programme

\$750 to Wurundjeri Tribal Council to assist indigenous representatives looking to maintain and develop their culture, local environment and significant sites

\$750 to Hurstbridge Primary School to support and extend the programme of enhancing the wellbeing of children and parents

\$3000 to Australian Board of Missions to assist the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council's programme in its support of young people in NT through education and engagement

\$2000 to the Australian Syrian Charity to assist the Syrian Melchite community in the Middle East in its support of refugees to rebuild their lives.

At the start of the current parish financial year Parish Council and Wardens decided as a measure of our faith to increase the allocation of Parish funds for mission giving to \$11,000 \$3,000 more than the previous year.

The task of nominating the recipients was delegated once again to the Do Justice Committee.

Their recommendations were approved and the following organisations nominated to receive \$2750 each:

Theological School of Trinity College payable 31st March 2018

Australian Board of Missions payable 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Brotherhood of St Laurence payable 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and

Anglicare payable 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

Giving via Parishioners is expected to equal that of last year at \$5,000 plus. This would give a grand total of at least \$16,000.

In assessing our contribution to missions we should also note the Parishes contribution to the Anglican Diocese of \$30,000 through the Parish Assessment. Some of this goes to providing assistance to a number of agencies supported by the Diocese

We are in the fortunate financial position to make these contributions to these organisations, which spread God's word both within Australia and beyond

For next year's allocation Parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider the payment of the Parish allocation of funds for mission and make recommendations for consideration by the Due Justice Committee.

**David Pryor**

## *Parish Council Meeting*

We had another fruitful Parish Council meeting last Monday night. It began with an absolutely delicious meal of slow cooked lamb and salads prepared by Keren – thank you Keren!

We then read the passage of 2 Corinthians that we looked at last meeting and spoke about ways at St Margaret's we could encourage sharing how God is working in our lives. It was decided that Parish Council will start the process of once a month sharing in church in a Q and A format with one person being interviewed. We will be calling for any volunteers to be involved in this process for the future – so please think about whether you would like to be included in this by sharing your stories.

This month from the Vision Plan we reviewed Growth Intention II – Growing in Faith. Lots of progress has been made in this area with the Parish Lenten weekend presentation on Mark, the prayer list having been completed, the whole parish Prayer Day held on Saturday and the growth of some of the small groups such as Faith Issues and FaithFull.

A few other items of interest were dealt with:

The 'cold church' issue was discussed again and this is in progress with a remote access solution being investigated to enable us to turn on the heaters well before the service.

A display cabinet will be purchased to display archival material of interest to the parish. Many thanks to Geoff Sandy for proposing and organising this.

The Faith Issues Committee are organising another Science and Theology seminar on the 30 September. This will follow on from the previously very successful seminar held last year.

Some planning for the Stewardship and Vision dinner on the 20 July. We encourage everyone to come along to this event. We will share a meal with the main course provided and if people could please bring desserts to share.

The meeting closed with prayer.

***Harry Watson***

**Baptism of Nathan James Kerwood  
24th June 2018**

Photos: *Sandra Brown-Holt*



**World Labyrinth Day - 5th May 2018**

Photo: *Diana Warrell*



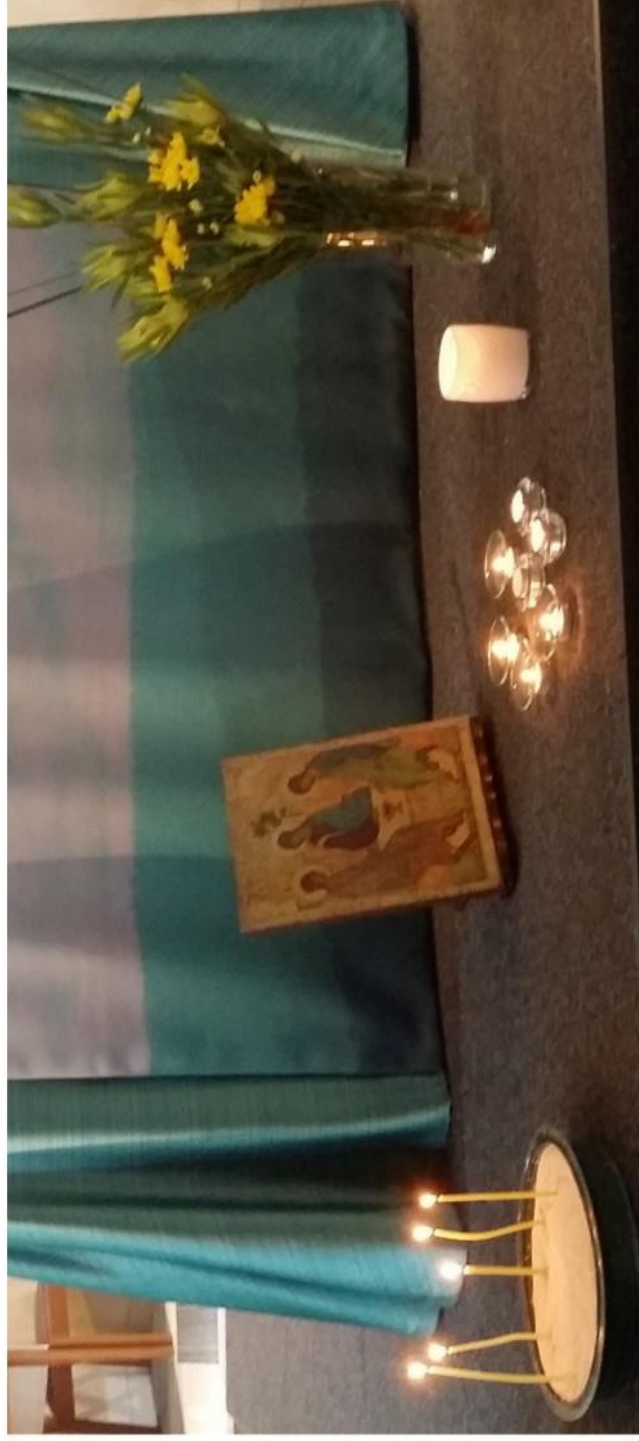
**Day of Pentecost - 20th May 2018**

Photo: *Diana Warrell*



**Parish Prayer Day - 30th June 2018**

Photo: *Fay Gravenall*



**Jenny Disney at Research  
Primary School**

Photo: *Kathleen Toal*

