

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.

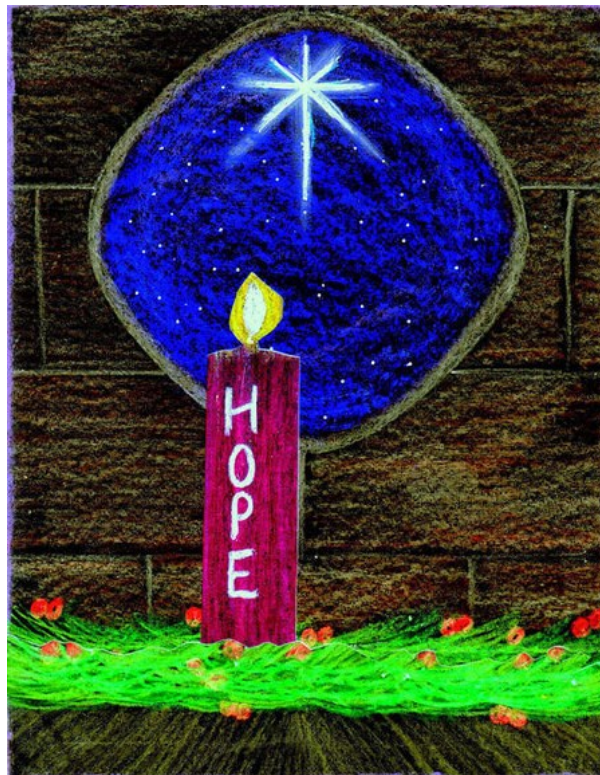
PEW SHEET

2nd December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

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.



First Sunday of Advent: Hope Bringing hope in times of disaster



When your home and livelihood are destroyed, how do you find the strength to start over? You need hope – the ability to trust in God's love and the goodness of His plan for your life. This is what your Christmas Bowl gifts bring to women in Vanuatu, who are struggling to keep their families resilient through worsening natural disasters.

Vanuatu is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world – vulnerable not just to tropical cyclones, but also volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and flooding. Climate change is making it increasingly difficult to recover and rebuild homes, crops and lives.

When you give to the Christmas Bowl, you contribute to the Disaster Risk Reduction program which helps Vanuatu's vulnerable girls and women, as well as boys and men, to become more resilient to disasters and the influence of climate change.

You also support women to take a lead role in disaster planning, so they can break down the traditional attitudes that rob them of opportunity and hope for the future.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 2nd	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist
Mon 3rd	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Wed 5th	9:30am	Meditation
	10:30am	Eucharist
Thu 6th	9:30am	Finance Committee
	1:00pm	Pastoral Care Team
Sat 8th	10:00am	Do Justice meeting
	11:00am	Carols Eltham Town Square
Sun 9th	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Combined Services Breakfast
	10:00am	Eucharist

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.

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HONORARY ASSOCIATE CLERGY
The Reverend Robert Street
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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets once a month and these dates are published in the calendar. Your councillors are: Mandy Stevens, Sandra Brown-Holt, Betty Cooper and Harry Watson.

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:

Kathleen Toal 0439 032 977

John Humann 0438 871 357

David Tuke 0408 017 962

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 Team	Sally Petty
Pastoral Care Team:	Adrienne Watson
Finance Committee:	Kathleen Toal
Communications Team	Sandra Brown-Holt

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 4pm: Short evening prayer service to prepare for worship the next day.

WORSHIP

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21: 28

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints,
may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

TODAY'S PSALM

Psalm 25: 1-10

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 21: 25-38

TODAY'S HYMNS

- Opening:** O come, o come Emmanuel - TiS265 (8:00am)
Advent for St George's
- Gradual:** Father we adore you - TiS716
- Offering:** Give thanks with a grateful heart - TiS717
- Mission:** Lo he come with clouds descending - TiS273



ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

Sunday 2nd December 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Happy New Year! Today, our new liturgical year that honours the Gospel of Luke begins with Advent, that season of eager, patient, and watchful anticipation. Jeremiah sets the stage with God's promise of a saviour who will rule with justice and righteousness, bringing safety and peace to Jerusalem (and to our world). Embers of hope glow in our hearts as we wait and watch for the signs of His coming.

- Pray for those who wait in the darkness of illness, want, and need, both physical and spiritual.
- Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.



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NOTICES



Film, Friends, Food and Faith

This month's film will be Boy Erased at the Nova Cinema Carlton, Sunday 2nd

December at 3.55pm (pls note the change of time) followed by a light meal and conversation about the film. We will meet behind the Lower Plenty Shops at 3pm to share driving. You are welcome to join us.

Tickets need to be booked online to ensure a seat. Please let me know by 5pm Thursday if you wish me to book for you.

Shirley Nash 0403 601 713

Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer
requests

Glenys Collis

0407 398 948



Carols @ Eltham Town Square

The Eltham Combined Churches choir will be performing in the Eltham Town Square for the three Saturday mornings leading up to Christmas.

Performance dates are:
Saturday 8, 15 & 22 December from
11:00am to 12 noon.

A nativity scene will be set up in the Town Square and will be available for photos.

Anglicare Meeting

18th December, 11 o'clock

Our Christmas lunch will be on 18th December with a brief meeting beforehand. People with an interest in Anglicare are invited to attend. Please wear a "Christmas" hat.



Combined Services Breakfast

Sunday 9th December at 9:15am

The combined Sunday services breakfast is on again from 9.15am on 9th December. I will be making scones, and I will greatly appreciate assistance with croissants and fruit. Contact Mitzi 0438 017 963.



Parish Fire Policy: Code Red Days

If a code red day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day. This policy will also apply during the week. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone follows their own fire plan. Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

ROSTER	Sunday 2nd December Advent 1 8:00am	Sunday 2nd December Advent 1 10:00am	Sunday 9th December Advent 2 8:00am	Sunday 9th December Advent 2 10:00am
Celebrant	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Preacher	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl
Sacristan Assistant	Sally Petty	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Robert Brazenor	Claire McMurtrie Jan Gack
Liturgical Assistant	Sally Petty	Breeana Laidlay	Robert Brazenor	Breeana Laidlay
Communion Assistants	Mandy Stevens Chris Winkett	Adrienne Watson	Jean Taylor	Sandra Brown-Holt
Greeters & Sides People	Catherine Pearson	Harry Watson Roger Alcock	Gwen Sharp Michael Tucker	Anne Bryant Lillian Lloyd
First Reading	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 John Winkett	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Helen Robertson	Malachi 3: 1-4 Mary Lynton-Moll	Malachi 3: 1-4 Helen Symons
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Clive Noble	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Helen Symons	Philippians 1: 1-11 Michael Tucker	Philippians 1: 1-11 Margie Dahl
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	John Humann	Graham & Coralie Carew	Sandra Brown-Holt
Morning Tea	Fay Gravenall & Friends	Elizabeth & Geoff Milgate	Elizabeth Ainsworth Mary Lynton-Moll	Jan
Banking	Melissa Laidlay		David Pryor	
Powerpoint	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann
Flowers	N/A		N/A	

WHAT'S COMING UP

Tue 11th	9:30am	Communications meeting
	12:00pm	AVGP Christmas Lunch
	7:00pm	Book Group Christmas Party
Fri 14th	9:30am	Property Committee
Sat 15th	11:00am	Carols Eltham Town Square
Tue 18th	1:00pm	Embryonic Dabblers
Thu 20th	7:30pm	Taize service
Sat 22nd	11:00am	Carols Eltham Town Square
Mon 24th	5:00pm	Children's Christmas Service
	10:30pm	Christmas Eve Carols
	11:00pm	Midnight Mass
Tue 25th	9:00am	Christmas Day Service
Sun 30th	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist

Wednesday Roster

Date	Greeting	Reading	Morning Tea
5/12/18	Jenny Disney	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Rae Kerr Psalm: 25: 1-10	Margaret A & Margaret C
12/12/18	Jennifer Constantine	Malachi 3: 1-4 Joan Bateman Psalm: Song of Zechariah	Jenny Disney
19/12/18	Helen Costello	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Robyn Riley Psalm: Song of Isaiah	Barbara Alexander