

## 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

16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Third 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.



## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Anglicare Meeting & Christmas Lunch
	1:00pm	Embryonic Dabblers
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Meditation
	10:30am	Eucharist
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Taize Service
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00am	Carols Eltham Town Square
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist

## Third Sunday of Advent: Love

### Love in action for Syrian refugees



As Christians, we share God's love to bring healing and wholeness to those who are suffering. Through the Christmas Bowl, we heed the urgent call to bring this transformative love to the people of Syria. More than five million people have fled the devastating Syrian war and are now living as refugees, facing challenges every day.

When the war came to their city of Hama, Assala, her husband and their teenage son fled to Jordan. Today, Assala and her family live in a refugee camp outside of Amman. Their 'home' is a flimsy tent and they regularly go hungry. In the brutal winters, they huddle between the few blankets they have for warmth.

Your gifts to the Christmas Bowl bring Christ's inspiring, selfless love to families like Assala's. Through your gifts, you help Act for Peace's partner in Jordan, the Near East Council of Churches, to provide essential food packages, hygiene kits and training to vulnerable families.

Through the Christmas Bowl, you turn your love into powerful action for Syrian families, helping them to heal from pain, fear and injustice and build stronger futures for themselves.

## 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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## CLERGY

**VICAR**  
The Reverend Keren Terpstra  
9439 9238 and 0438 220 878  
vicar@stmargaretselfham.org.au  
Day off Tuesday

**PASTORAL ASSISTANT**  
Margie Dahl  
9439 9238 and 0403 625 122  
dahlmargie@gmail.com  
Day off Friday

**HONORARY ASSOCIATE CLERGY**  
The Reverend Robert Street  
9439 9238 and 0423 514 570

## 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

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

*Zephaniah 3:16-17*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,  
you sent your Son into a world  
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff  
and evil clings even to what is good:  
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,  
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him  
whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near,  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### TODAY'S PSALM

A song of Isaiah

### TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 3: 7-18

### TODAY'S HYMNS

**Opening:** Comfort, comfort all my people - TiS647  
Advent for St George's

**Gradual:** Father we adore you - TiS716

**Offering:** Long ago prophets knew - TiS283

**Mission:** God has spoken to his people - TiS636 (8:00am)



## ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday! The third Sunday in Advent is one of joy with its continuous refrain, Rejoice! The coming is near. We are more than half-way there. Salvation is at hand. As we light the rose-coloured candle on the Advent Wreath and, in some places, don our rose-coloured vestments, we are transported to a new vision, one that is seen through rose-coloured glasses!

- Pray with an open and joyful heart that Christ's coming will herald a time of peace for all nations. Rejoice!
- Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.



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## NOTICES

### First Communions

Congratulations to Charles Toomey and Isobel Bradshaw who will be admitted to communion this Sunday 16th December. We pray for them as they take the next step on their journey in our community.

### Communications

Are you on the list to receive the Pew Sheet by email?  
Are you on the list to receive text messages about upcoming events? If you would like either of these services, please contact the Parish Office on 94399238 or [parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au)

### LIFT WANTED

Can you drive my friend Noel, to the Children's Service on Christmas Eve?  
Noel has enjoyed attending with John and I for several years and as we are to be away, she would still love to go to the service. She lives in Bridge Street, very close to Bible Street.



### Parish Directory

The Parish Directory has been updated and copies are now available in the church foyer.

### Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer requests

Glenys Collis

**0407 398 948**

### Call for Volunteers for Christmas Services

Sides People 5pm, 10.30 pm on 24th, 9am 25th, CAs, Intercessors, Readers and LAs all except 5pm. Please advise coordinators if you are available. Thanks, Harry.

### Anglicare Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> December, 11 o'clock

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



### STOP PRESS

**Advance notice:**  
**Garage and Goodies Sale**

SATURDAY MARCH 2  
SET UP FRIDAY MARCH 1

PLEASE START COLLECTING.

NO ELECTRICAL GOODS PLEASE.



<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3 8:00am</b>	<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3 10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December Advent 4 8:00am</b>	<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December Advent 4 10:00am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
<b>Preacher</b>	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl
<b>Sacristan</b>	Alan Coutts	Diana Warrell	Robert Brazenor	Jean Ransom
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Chris Winkett	Breeana Laidlay	Robert Brazenor	Breeana Laidlay
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Coralie Carew Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Jan Kerr	Catherine Pearson Graham Carew	Angela Langan David Pryor
<b>Greeters &amp; Sides People</b>	John Winkett Margaret Alexander	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jo Norman Margaret Charles	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell
<b>First Reading</b>	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Fay Gravenall	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 David Pryor	Micah 5: 2-5a Catherine Pearson	Micah 5: 2-5a Harry Watson
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 4: 4-7 Coralie Carew	Philippians 4: 4-7 Lyn Clements	Hebrews 10: 5-10 Michael Tucker	Hebrews 10: 5-10 Roger Alcock
<b>Intercessor</b>	Felicity Wiltshire	Shirley Nash	Michael Tucker	Robert Street
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Gwen Sharp The Carews	Angela Langan	Michael & Val Tucker	Lyn Clements
<b>Banking</b>	Avis Perrett		Kevin Gillett	
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann
<b>Flowers</b>	N/A		N/A	

## WHAT'S COMING UP

Sat 22nd	11:00am	Carols Eltham Town Square
Mon 24th	5:00pm 10:30pm 11:00pm	Children's Christmas Service Christmas Eve Carols Midnight Mass
Tue 25th	9:00am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
Sun 30th	8:00am 10:00am	Eucharist Eucharist
Sun 6th Jan 2019	8:00am 10:00am	Eucharist Eucharist
Sun 13th	8:00am 10:00am	Eucharist Eucharist
Wed 16th	9:30am 10:30am	Meditation Eucharist
Sat 2nd March		Garage & Goodies Sale

## Wednesday Roster

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeting</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
19/12/18	Helen Costello	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Robyn Riley <b>Psalm: Song of Isaiah</b>	Barbara Alexander
16/1/19	Helen Costello	Hebrews 2: 14-18 Robyn Riley <b>Psalm 105: 1-7</b>	Barbara Alexander
23/1/19	Margaret Alexander & Margaret Charles	Hebrews 7: 1-17 Betty Cooper <b>Psalm 110: 1-4</b>	Fay Gravenall & Jennifer Constantine