

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 23rd December 2018 Fourth 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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent: Joy



Finding joy amidst the drought.

How can a family embrace joy when extreme drought has wiped out their crops and left them struggling to eat? By supporting the Christmas Bowl, we can help mothers in Zimbabwe to become conservation farmers, supporting their children and harvest joy during their toughest seasons.

Act for Peace's local partner in Zimbabwe, Christian Care, saw the dire situation that women were in, and invited them to join the chicken farming program. With the help of Christmas Bowl gifts, they were given chicks and feed and taught how to raise healthy chickens and run their own business.

With this support, life can be turned around quickly. Women built thriving poultry businesses, and using their new business skills, began supplying local schools. Today, because of your gifts, mothers can support their children and give them the education they need to build stable, confident and happy lives.

Through your compassionate support of the Christmas Bowl, women can lift their family out of poverty and help others around to survive.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 23 rd	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist
Mon 24 th	5:00pm	Children's Christmas Service
	10:30pm	Christmas Carols
	11:00pm	Midnight Mass
Tue 25 th	9:00am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
Sun 30 th	8:00am	Eucharist
	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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CLERGY

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

PASTORAL ASSISTANT
Margie Dahl
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Day off Friday

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

The clergy are available for emergencies at all hours.

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

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.
Luke 1:45

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
We ask this through 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

Song of Mary

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 1: 39-45

TODAY'S HYMNS

Opening: Come thou long expected Jesus - TiS272
Advent for St George's
Gradual: Father we adore you - TiS716
Offering: The Angel Gabriel from heaven came - TiS302
Mission: Tell out my soul - TiS161 (8:00am)



ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

Sunday 23rd December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is there greater witness to true discipleship than the deep and meaningful engagement of Mary through her words, "My soul magnifies the Lord"? Where would we be if she had said, "No"? What thoughts came to mind as she travelled the long distance from Nazareth to Ein Karem near Jerusalem to visit with Elizabeth? Did she have doubts? Did she have any regrets? Imagine her relief at hearing Elizabeth's greeting and the affirmation afforded by John the Baptist who leapt for joy within the womb! What reassurances do we need in our own discipleship? What affirmation do we seek?

- Pray that we may know how to say "yes" so that our souls might also magnify the Lord!
- Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.



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NOTICES

Dear parishioners and friends of St Margaret's,
for a number of reasons, it's time to switch which email address people use to contact me.
Please send any email to: vicar@stmargaretsetham.org.au
If you are already using this address, keep using it!
If you have me in your address lists under my personal email, please switch to the Vicar's address.
With thanks,
Keren

Do Justice.

There are currently 24 Syrian/Iraqi refugees. Are there some parishioners who would like to visit a family, perhaps once every two weeks?
If you can, please phone Jenny Disney 9435 7349

Garage and Goodies Sale

SATURDAY MARCH 2
SET UP FRIDAY MARCH 1
PLEASE START COLLECTING.
NO ELECTRICAL GOODS
PLEASE.



Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer requests

Glenys Collis

0407 398 948

Parish Group Meetings

Please note that there will be no meetings of Parish Groups during January.

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 23rd December Advent 4 8:00am	Sunday 23rd December Advent 4 10:00am	Monday 24th December Christmas Eve 11:00pm	Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day 9:00am
Celebrant	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Preacher	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl	Keren Terpstra	Robert Street
Sacristan Assistant	Robert Brazenor		Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Alan Coutts
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Breeana Laidlay	Mitzi Tuke	Breeana Laidlay
Communion Assistants	Catherine Pearson Graham Carew	Angela Langan David Pryor	David Pryor Tony Michaelson	Mark Laidlay
Greeters & Sides People	Jo Norman Margaret Charles	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell	Harry Watson Elizabeth Milgate Geoff Milgate	Michael Tucker
First Reading	Micah 5: 2-5a Catherine Pearson	Micah 5: 2-5a Harry Watson	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Adrienne Watson	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Glenys Collis
Second Reading	Hebrews 10: 5-10 Michael Tucker	Hebrews 10: 5-10 Roger Alcock	Titus 2: 11-14 Lyn Clements	Titus 2: 11-14 David Pryor
Intercessor	Michael Tucker	Robert Street	Shirley Nash	Catherine Pearson
Morning Tea	Michael & Val Tucker	Lyn Clements	N/A	N/A
Banking	Kevin Gillett		David Pryor	
Powerpoint	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann	Harry Watson	Val Tucker
Flowers	N/A		Angela Langan	

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

Date	Greeting	Reading	Morning Tea
16/1/19	Helen Costello	Hebrews 2: 14-18 Robyn Riley Psalm 105: 1-7	Barbara Alexander
23/1/19	Margaret Alexander & Margaret Charles	Hebrews 7: 1-17 Betty Cooper Psalm 110: 1-4	Fay Gravenall & Jennifer Constantine
30/1/19	Helen Costello	Hebrews 10: 11-18 Joan Bateman Psalm 110: 1-4	Jennifer Constantine & Fay Gravenall