

PEW SHEET
24th/25th December 2018
Christmas

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.



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.

Dear friends,

Many, many thanks need to be accorded to a plethora of folk who have assisted and participated in the preparations for Christmas.

Thank you to all who helped to put together the info packs for the Children's Christmas service.

Thank you to Margie and Mandy for planning and running the Children's service, and to all who had reading, singing, praying, greeting, and crowd managing roles in it.

Thank you to Jean Taylor for her help with making the banners. (I hope you like them!)

Thank you to David Tuke, Liz Philippou, Mark Laidlay and Breeana Laidlay for their help setting up the church for Christmas.

And a big Thank You to all who have taken roles in services, and to all of you who have come to celebrate the birth of the Saviour.

The wardens and I want to wish you all a safe and holy Christmas, especially if you're travelling, and I pray that the new year of 2019 will bring the Spirit's joy, love, and hope to all at St Margaret's.

Keren

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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
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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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.
Isaiah 9: 2, 6

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us,
who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TODAY'S PSALM

Psalm 96

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-14

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS

Silent Night - TiS311

O come o come Emmanuel - TiS265

Joy to the world - TiS268

Hark the herald angels sing - TiS303

O holy night

O little town of Bethlehem - TiS316

MIDNIGHT MASS HYMNS

Opening: Once in Royal David's city - TiS312
Advent for St George's

Gradual: Star Child

Offertory: For the life that you have given - TiS774

Offering: Away in a manger - TiS318

Mission: Hark the herald angels sing - TiS303

CHRISTMAS DAY HYMNS

Opening: Infant holy infant lowly - TiS292

Gradual: What child is this - SOF1595

Offertory: For the life that you have given - TiS774

Offering: O come all ye faithful - TiS304

Mission: Joy to the world - TiS268



ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

24th/25th December 2018 Christmas

Our time of eager, patient, and watchful anticipation has come to an end for in a manger on the outskirts of Bethlehem, a Child is born! What joy fills our hearts as shepherds, angels, and kings come to adore him! We are drawn to this pure, perfect, and loving babe who has chosen to live among us, as one of us, bringing us out of darkness into the bright celestial light of a loving and caring God. For now, it is enough to bask in the glow of his light. *Venite adoremus!*

- Pray that all may experience the light of Christ's life and love.
- Pray for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.



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Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer
requests

Glenys Collis

0407 398 948

NOTICES

Parish Group Meetings

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

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@stmargaretseltham.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

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	Monday 24th December Christmas Eve 11:00pm	Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day 9:00am	Sunday 30th December Christmas I 8:00am	Sunday 30th December Christmas I 10:00am
Celebrant	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Preacher	Keren Terpstra	Robert Street	Robert Street	Robert Street
Sacristan Assistant	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Alan Coutts	Sally Petty	Adrienne Watson
Liturgical Assistant	Mitzi Tuke	Breeana Laidlay	Sally Petty	Breeana Laidlay
Communion Assistants	David Pryor Tony Michaelson	Mark Laidlay Coralie Carew	Jean Taylor Kathy Toal	Shirley Nash Adrienne Watson
Greeters & Sides People	Harry Watson Elizabeth Milgate Geoff Milgate	Michael Tucker Catherine Pearson	Robyn Wembridge Sally Petty	Jean Ransom
First Reading	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Adrienne Watson	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Glenys Collis	1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Michael Tucker	1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Liz Pryor
Second Reading	Titus 2: 11-14 Lyn Clements	Titus 2: 11-14 David Pryor	Colossians 3: 12-17 Glenys Collis	Colossians 3: 12-17 Sarah Toomey
Intercessor	Shirley Nash	Catherine Pearson	Sally Petty	Geoff Sandy
Morning Tea	N/A	N/A	Jenny Disney	Jean & Margaret
Banking	David Pryor		David Tuke	
Powerpoint	Liz Pryor	Val Tucker	Felicity Wiltshire	Mandy Stevens
Flowers	Angela Langan		Melissa Laidlay	

WHAT'S COMING UP		
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
Mon 21st	11:00am	Staff meeting
Feb 25th	6:30pm	Parish Council meeting
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