



## 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.

### Second Sunday of Advent: Peace Creating peace through education



Jesus tells us that to live our faith; we must actively work to spread peace across the Earth. In war-torn Pakistan, building a just, peaceful society starts with breaking down the barriers to education. Through your Christmas Bowl gifts, you can give children the chance to go to school, escape poverty and create peaceful, productive lives.

Many families can't afford the cost of schooling or don't see the value of education. On top of this, many teachers are poorly trained and use corporal punishment, which limits learning and makes children too frightened to attend class.

Only 15 per cent of poor rural girls in Pakistan finish primary school, compared to 40 per cent of their male counterparts. Without an education, these girls are more likely to marry young, get sick, miss out on work opportunities and live in poverty.

But through your support of the Christmas Bowl, you can help girls to overcome these barriers. Your gifts will support Act for Peace's local partner, Community World Service Asia, (CWSA) to roll out a new early education program. You'll help train female teachers, fund teaching materials and raise awareness with parents about the importance of education for both girls and boys.

daughter is about learning and are determined to keep her in the classroom. Her mum Shanti said she's so grateful her daughter is getting the chance to go to school that she herself missed out on.

## PEW SHEET

9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Second 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



## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Combined Services Breakfast
	10:00am	Eucharist
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Communications meeting
	11:00am	AVGP Christmas Lunch
	7:00pm	Book Club Christmas Party
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Meditation
	10:30am	Eucharist
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Property Committee meeting
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Carols Eltham Town Square
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	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  
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

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

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
*Luke 1: 78-79*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our salvation,  
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts  
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:  
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,  
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.  
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 Zechariah

### TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 3: 1-6

### TODAY'S HYMNS

**Opening:** Prepare ye the way of the Lord (from Godspell)  
Advent for St George's

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

**Offering:** On Jordan's bank - TiS270

**Mission:** There's a light upon the mountains - TiS276 (8:00am)



## ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

As we watch and wait with eager anticipation, we must also prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. As we venture into the spiritual wilderness of our lives, we need to remind ourselves that our hearts cannot receive the Lord unless we, like John the Baptist prepare his way. This is a time for inner cleansing so that we might make room to receive Him and experience the joy of his coming.

- Pray that we might simplify our lives, curtail our appetites for things material, and open our hearts and minds to new ways of living in harmony with God's creation.
- Pray for the Church of South India, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.



## NOTICES

### STOP PRESS

Advance notice:

### Garage and Goodies Sale

SATURDAY MARCH 2  
SET UP FRIDAY MARCH 1

PLEASE START COLLECTING.

NO ELECTRICAL GOODS PLEASE.



### Carols @ Eltham Town Square

The combined churches choir will be performing for three Saturday mornings this month with Keren as conductor.



**First performance  
Saturday 8th December.**

Then 15th and 22nd December.

All performances will be from  
11:00am to 12 noon.

### 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.



### Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer  
requests

Glenys Collis

0407 398 948

### Call for Volunteers for Christmas Services

Sides People 9am, 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.

### Vestry Ladder

Can whoever borrowed the ladder from the vestry please return it, thank you.

### 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.



<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2 8:00am</b>	<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2 10:00am</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>Celebrant</b>	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
<b>Preacher</b>	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl	Margie Dahl
<b>Sacristan Assistant</b>	Robert Brazenor	Claire McMurtrie Jan Gack	Alan Coutts	Diana Warrell
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Robert Brazenor	Breeana Laidlay	Chris Winkett	Breeana Laidlay
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Jean Taylor	Sandra Brown-Holt	Coralie Carew Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Jan Kerr
<b>Greeters &amp; Sides People</b>	Gwen Sharp Michael Tucker	Anne Bryant Lillian Lloyd	John Winkett Margaret Alexander	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate
<b>First Reading</b>	Malachi 3: 1-4 Mary Lynton-Moll	Malachi 3: 1-4 Helen Symons	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Fay Gravenall	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 David Pryor
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 1: 1-11 Michael Tucker	Philippians 1: 1-11 Margie Dahl	Philippians 4: 4-7 Coralie Carew	Philippians 4: 4-7 Lyn Clements
<b>Intercessor</b>	Graham & Coralie Carew	Sandra Brown-Holt	Felicity Wiltshire	Shirley Nash
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Elizabeth Ainsworth Mary Lynton-Moll	Jan Kerr	Gwen Sharp The Carews	Angela Langan
<b>Banking</b>	David Pryor		Avis Perrett	
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann
<b>Flowers</b>	N/A		N/A	

## WHAT'S COMING UP

Tue 18th	11:00am	Anglicare meeting and Christmas Lunch
	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 Holy Communion
Sun 30th	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist
Sun 6th Jan 2019	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist

## Wednesday Roster

Date	Greeting	Reading	Morning Tea
12/12/18	Jennifer Constantine	Malachi 3: 1-4 Joan Bateman <b>Psalm: Song of Zechariah</b>	Jenny Disney
19/12/18	Helen Costello	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Robyn Riley <b>Psalm: Song of Isaiah</b>	Barbara Alexander
16/1/19	Helen Costello	<b>Hebrews 2: 14-18</b> Robyn Riley <b>Psalm 105: 1-7</b>	Barbara Alexander