

# St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

## the Parish Matters

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### St Margaret's Prayer for 2019

Lord, teach us to pray.  
Teach us to listen to your voice and to hear your word.  
Teach us to offer our hearts to you in love and to know your love.  
Teach us to forgive and be forgiven.  
Teach us to give our lives in your service and to do your will.  
Teach us to pray, and pray in us Lord Jesus. Amen

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### For the Diary

**Pet Blessing**  
10am Sunday October 6th 2019  
St Margaret's Hall  
79-81 Pitt Street Eltham  
Speaker from:  
the Australian War Animal  
Memorial Organization (AWAMO)  
**ALL WELCOME**  
with pets or just a photo



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**CELEBRATE**  
St Margaret of Scotland  
on  
**ST MARGARET'S  
DAY**  
9.30am  
November 17th 2019  
St Margaret's Anglican Church  
79-81 Pitt St. Eltham  
**ALL WELCOME**  
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## Parish Council Report

### 26 August 2019

Parish Council met on Monday 26 August to consider a range of St Margaret's parish operational matters. Meetings are held monthly and start with an evening meal, prayer and Bible reading followed by a full agenda.

We officially accepted a number of items that have been in preparation over many months:

- The Vision Plan 2020 was formally passed by Council ready for official launch at the High Tea celebration.
- The Child Safe Church procedures were formally adopted ready for implementation.
- The Reconciliation Action Plan was also adopted.
- Subcommittee reports and minutes from Finance, Property, Communications, Do Justice were tabled and accepted.

We examined the latest financial statements to allow the framing of a realistic budget for income and expenses over the next 3 years. We will provide for spending to employ a curate, as well as to fund other initiatives foreshadowed in the 2020 Vision Plan.

The business of Parish Council is made vastly simpler through the hard work of all its subcommittees and the enthusiastic support of their members.

A very big thank you to all concerned and to Vicar Keren who has reformed and re-energised Council, allowing it to function in a most effective way. While your Parish Council is making good progress, we would welcome any feedback. Furthermore, we would ask you to help us by standing for election to Council next year.

**John Humann, Churchwarden and Councillor**

## From The Past – A Special Mission at St Margaret's

*Fri 9 Sep 1932 – Advertiser (Hurstbridge, Vic.: 1922 – 1939) Page 1 – ELTHAM*

ELTHAM St. Margaret's Church

A special mission, embracing the churches of St. Margaret's, St Helena, and Research, will be embarked upon by the Rev. J. Eakins Stannage, of the Rectory, Bairnsdale. This missionary will open a teaching convention in St. Margaret's Church on Saturday next at 7:30pm, when a short service will be followed by the reception of the missionary. Four services will be held on Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m., and 3 and 7:30 p.m. The 3 o'clock mission service will be for men only.

Four services will be held daily throughout the week, the afternoon mission services being for women only. The mission will conclude on Sunday, September 18.

Times of Holy Communion will be: Sundays, 8:30a.m.; week days, 7:30 a.m.: Children's services will be held at 4:15 p.m. each week day.

In announcing the mission the Rev. Stannage explains the chief objects of the mission as *"the strengthening of the faithful and the bringing back to God and His church those who have become indifferent or careless, or have fallen away altogether from church going, prayer and the love of God."*

The Rev. T Mappin, the vicar of the parish, is desirous that parishioners shall co-operate in order that the mission shall be a success.

NB: Geoffrey Sandy has recorded the above with some additional comments in his second volume of *A History of Saint Margaret's Church Eltham The Transition Years 1889 to 1944*.

## Pathways Project

What is the Diocesan Pathways Program? 'Our Journey'. In 2017 the Diocese set out its Vision and Directions Plan 'Making the Word of God fully known' The first step was to engage local Parishes. In 2017 we were not ready to engage with the program.

This year Parish Council reconsidered the program believing it could provide a strong basis for future planning. We currently have five parishioners plus Keren, committing themselves to the program.

We have met twice as a small group plus attending a full day retreat with teams from two other parishes of similar size. The retreat was spiritually nourishing and stimulating. The material and guidance provided was excellent. As a group we have found ourselves being both challenged and supported in where the Spirit is moving us. The program is led by **Ken Morgan** who was also our guest speaker at the recent parish High Tea. There is usually an article in TMA each month with pathways logo identifying it.

**Sandra Brown-Holt**

## Do Justice

Do Justice is currently considering the allocation of the church's Mission Giving for 2019 to 2020.

There has been much information given about **the yarning circle** which is currently being constructed

in Ararat. This week when I attended the Anglicare Annual Awards Night I was introduced to Uncle Ian Goolagong (Yes! He is related to you know who.) Uncle Ian, the Anglicare Indigenous Cultural Advisor, offered to come and perform a smoking ceremony when the yearning circle is officially opened. The Do Justice Group would like to allocate some of the Mission Money to Anglicare to further the work in reconciliation.

Another group we are considering to allocate money to is a project of Anglican Overseas Aid. This project is in four provinces of the Solomon Islands AOA is working with the Anglican Church of Melanesia including the Mothers' Union, to create safer and more cohesive communities which will enable women and youth to flourish with dignity and respect. The program helps to provide economic opportunities and to increase the peoples' understanding of gender based violence. Do Justice would welcome suggestions from parishioners for the allocation of Mission Money.

Finally, two very big thanks from two local refugees/asylum seekers for the food the church collected during Refugee Week. It was much appreciated.

**Jenny Disney**

## Anglicare

The Anglicare Group was pleased with Blumes 'showing of winter clothes, and it was good to have representatives from other churches, Leith Park and Probus clubs. There will be some very smartly dressed people wearing new clothes in the next few weeks.

Soon Christmas cards will be advertised in The Melbourne Anglican. Remember, if you want to buy cards, you can buy them *post free* from the Anglicare group at the church.

A little reminder. St Mark's Fitzroy is very grateful for the food supplies we give them. However there is a great demand and they will welcome a topup for their shelves. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Jenny Disney**

## Council Appreciations

A regular item on the Parish Council's agenda is to recognise and express our appreciation to specific people. In this issue **we report our thanks to the child safe working group, specifically:**

- **Mandy Stevens**  
The child safe officer
- **Keren, David Tuke and Geoff Sandy**  
assist in the preparation of the procedures and documentation

- And for managing **the High Tea** in support of our 2019 stewardship program **Coralie Carew, Mitzi Tuke, MaryAnn Wilkie and Liz Pryor**

## Combined Services

A notice of combined services **starting at 9.30 am** on

- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of November** of the Parish prior to the Annual Meeting (**AGM**) at 11.15 and followed by the **Pub Lunch** at 12.45
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** as part of the **St Margaret's Day Celebration**

Note **NO PUB LUNCH** on the first Sunday of November

**Harry Watson**

## Annual Report Planning

It will soon be time for Church Groups and Committees to prepare annual reports. Council has suggested that it will **be very helpful** in planning the next church year if **their reports concluded with three or four points on Groups and Committees' plans for 2020**. There may therefore be a benefit in discussing this at their last meetings this church year,

**Harry Watson**

### SOME HOLY HUMOUR

*The Minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the Congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.*

*Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular Organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.*

*The substitute wanted to know what to play.*

*"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently.*

*"But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."*

*During the service, the Minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."*

*At that moment, the substitute Organist played "The NATIONAL ANTHEM."*

*And that is how the substitute became the regular Organist*

**Ed this edition: Sally**

The closing date for articles for the Oct. Issue of PM is 10/10 for publication on 13/10