



St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

the Parish Matters

Celebrates parish life and reports important items from the most recent Parish Council meeting
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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



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
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Annual Meeting SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Parish Council Report

23 September 2019

The meeting commenced with prayer and a wonderful meal prepared by MaryAnn Wilkie. Apologies: Rev Keren Terpstra, Mandy Stevens, Harry Watson. Psalm 139 was read aloud. Councillors discussed their responses to the given questions.

Growth intentions 1, 2 and 3.

A Vision Plan 2020 summary sheet was tabled itemising progress to end of August against each Ministry Action relating to each Growth Intention. This was accepted without amendment.

The following items were discussed and actions noted.

- Planned Giving High Tea – Feedback from parishioners indicated that we need to simplify the format of the giving form. Also in our communications, we need to emphasise that people will not be lectured to about tithing, nor will they be asked to sign up on the spot.
- Yarning Pit – Council examined an Artist's Impression created by Emily Tuke
- All Saints / All Souls service - Invitations need to be extended to families of those for whom St Margaret's has held funeral services.
- Taize Retreat – An Event Planning to be completed.

Correspondence & Feedback Box:

The correspondence report was received.

- a) Request to consider purchase of lighter tables to aid set-up for morning tea.
- b) Thanks for the design, execution and display of frontals in church during Season of Creation
- c) St Margaret's Day celebrations – request to form a planning group to develop program.
- d) CFA Planning Session – investigate feasibility of holding such a session at St Margaret's

Financial Report:

There was discussion about the application for Diocesan Funding for the part cost of employing an Assistant Curate in 2020 – 2021.

The Financial Reports were discussed and accepted.

Other subcommittee reports:

Reports by parish groups were presented and accepted:

- a) Communications Report – It was agreed the new look Pew Sheet was a success.
- b) Finance Committee (verbal) – John outlined the deliberations regarding the 3 year budget.
- c) Wardens Report (verbal) – John and Kathleen have been in discussion with Keren about possible hire of the church and/or hall by an outside religious group. Permission was declined.

John Humann, Churchwarden and Councillor

Combined Services

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

- **Sunday 10th of November** of the Parish prior to the Annual Meeting (**AGM**) at 11.15 and followed by the **Pub Lunch** at 12.45
- **Sunday 17th 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

Anglicare

Christmas cards.

On the notice board are the cards that can be ordered..

- 10 cards for \$12.

Order now and pay for the cards when you receive them. Cards will be distributed after services in the next few weeks.

The Eltham Anglicare Group will hold their AGM on Tuesday 15th October, 10 am in the church hall. We will be talking about the needs of the homework club for Sudanese children in Box Hill (30 meet on Saturday mornings.)

Gardening

We would really appreciate some help in the gardens. Instead of organising a Working Bee. We are asking if anyone has time to spend a few minutes pulling out weeds. Please help if you can.

Recycling

Still collecting stamps (container in foyer) Now collecting plastic milk and orange juice tops and bread ties. (see notice and containers in kitchen.)

Ed this edition: Sally

The closing date for articles for the Nov Issue of PM is 14/11 for publication on 17/11

Animal Blessing Service

Last Sunday's (6th October) Animal Blessing Service attracted a wide range of pets. Some were real, others prized toy friends and some too unwell came as photo images, hard copy or 'phone embedded.



The service was led by Keren and the address was presented by Wendy Harrison. The vicar's Gabrielle was left at home (there were a lot of those horrid dogs around) but was mentioned and prayed for. In reality the furry creatures were very



Angela and Babs

well behaved and only made noises to support the rounds of applause led by none other than Angela Langan's Babs who has a really loud voice even after a few kilometres of calming walk before coming to the service.

Wendy Harrison came to us on behalf of the Australian War **Animal** Organisation which seeks to honour the contributions made by animals during wars since WW1.



She spoke of the horrific losses in the various wars, with more than ten million animals lost in WW1, through to five tracker dogs left behind at the end of the Viet Nam war and recent losses in Afghanistan. One of the functions of her organisation was to gain public recognition for these contributions as was illustrated in a video. The collection from the service was donated in support of this charity.



**Australian
War Animal
Memorial
Organisation**

Lest we forget, four-legged diggers served too.

Pet food donated at the service by Eltham Veterinary Practice (644 Main Road) and Pet Barn (17 Bridge St.) Eltham is gratefully acknowledged. The selection of pictures which follows shows some of the variety of pets that were blessed by Keren and held in our prayers and joyfully sung to during the service.



Article and in Hall Images Harry Watson



St. Margaret's Eltham Anglican Parish
Patronal Festival

Sunday 17 November 2019

We are in the early stages of planning the celebrations for this important annual event when the entire parish comes together to celebrate.

Following a combined service we will enjoy *good food, fellowship and a lot of fun!*

Please put the date in your diary and be part of this significant day in the life of our Parish at St Margaret's.