

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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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St Margaret's Anglican Parish Eltham acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship. We commit to working for reconciliation and justice for Aboriginal people. Diversity and inclusivity are important to us at St Margaret's.

O God, out of your great love for us
you sent your Son Jesus into this world to bring us back to you:
give us grace to follow him,
to take his yoke upon us and learn from him,
and so to find both rest for our souls
and the courage to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly,
so that others may be brought to your light;
we ask this in his name. . **Amen.**

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Big Changes at St Margaret's!



Revd Christopher

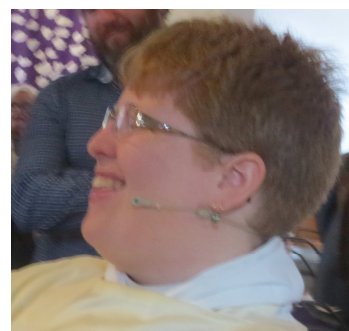
September was a tough month of ups, downs and changes in our leadership.

Two days after celebrating Christopher's 50th birthday, at the end of the online service on September 5, he was unwell and Sally took him to hospital. This precipitated his taking sick leave for the rest of September and then preparing for his new ministry at Cockatoo as of this weekend. Thanks to Sally, Mary and Coralie for helping with

many aspects of moving from his home in Eltham.

What should have been a two week handover from Christopher and our locum Linda to Keren was in actuality Linda 'holding the fort' for two weeks until Keren's return from 3 month's long service leave on September 17.

How fortunate we are that Linda is continuing with us for the rest of the year.



Revd Keren

Details of the timeline for the lead up to the Annual Meeting including group reporting, nominations and deadlines for the Agenda are found on the **back page** of this edition in lieu of being posted at the Church Entrance.
Should you be on the electoral roll?

**Annual Meeting of St
Margaret's Anglican Parish,
Eltham**
on
**Sunday 21st November at
11am.**

Join Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

From Linda our locum/assistant priest



The October Ignatian Exercises are offered at 11 am Monday through Thursday. On Sunday afternoon at 4pm we will meet to reflect on the experience of the week. You are welcome to join as you are able. The exercises will be offered for the month of October.

These Spiritual Exercises have begun in what can be called a retreat in daily life. A group of around seven people have met on-line at 11 in the mornings in order to draw into Sacred Space. It's a retreat in that time is set aside to be with God.

Each Exercise has specific steps set down by Ignatius they are:

Preparation, we take an inner journey from an ordinary place to a sacred place. Ignatius suggests us to consider why we wish to take this journey.

Opening Prayer, this step is about surrendering the self. It is about a personal response to the presence of God.

Desire, this step gives the exercise its purpose. Ignatius asks the individual to keep this desire active until it is answered. This may be a very extended period.

Prayer, this comes in the form of entering fully and imaginatively into relationship with God.

Conversation, a spiritual conversation between the person and God.

At end of the exercise the Our Father brings the individual back to ordinary life where we can say "thy Kingdom come."

We keep a Listening Book at hand to write or draw or reflect on each day's experience. Over a week and then over the month we can see where we've travelled and the things we have discussed with God.

On a Sunday afternoon after the Eucharist, we meet to reflect on the process of the week. There is no place for analysis of what other people have experienced. This is not the focus of the exercises. The Spiritual Exercises have a completely personal focus and there is no right or wrong process.

I can reflect on what I have learnt over this week. I have a strong sense of God being in the process. I have to admit being surprised by the movement of the Spirit in me. There have been unexpected insights! So, I find myself anticipating with new hope the road ahead. I have no idea where I will be led and it is a joy to have a group of St Margaret's folk journeying with me.

If you would like to join week two of the exercise that is called *Peace in Divine Love* you are welcome. The retreat will go for the whole month.

3rd Announcement

Living with Dementia

- ✚ What may change for me?
- ✚ How can I adapt my home to create an enabling environment?
- ✚ Caring at home for the person living with Dementia

You are invited to hear and participate in the discussion led by

Sheila Cheary, RN

Sheila has extensive experience in aged care, most recently as the Manager, Quality & Risk at Assisi Centre and as an Education and Training Manager

St Margaret's Anglican Church

Eltham - Sunday - ASAP 11.45

Option to continue the conversation at the 'Pub' over lunch at 1.15 pm.

Lodge your prepared questions when you register (free) with Jen 9439 9238 or in the Box in the Foyer

Also in Support of
Dementia Fridays
at 1.30 pm



REWIRE MUSICAL MEMORIES CHOIR
Nillumbik

What is the choir?
The Rewire Musical Memories Choir for Nillumbik is a FREE, 12-WEEK, STUDENT-RUN, PILOT PROJECT that aims to support residents living with dementia, their families, and carers to continue to be vibrant and active members of their communities and to provide opportunities to stay socially connected.

Cost?
FREE for all participants for the duration of the 12 week program.
If the project is successful and the choir continues after 12-weeks, there may be a small membership fee.

Get Information Session - If you're interested, Nick will make a time to call or visit you to provide more information.

A community choir for people living with dementia, their families, and carers.

Why join this choir?
Music is an enjoyable and powerful part of our lives. It connects us with the moments in our lives. It is there for us through tough times and also in our most joyous moments. When we listen to those special songs, we remember those moments. Singing with others brings us closer together, as we share our songs, and feel the great physical and social effects of singing.

Where?
During lockdown/restrictions - ONLINE using Zoom Video Platform
After lockdown/restrictions - Hurstbridge Community Hub
50 Graysharps Rd, Hurstbridge, 3099

When?
Fridays (September 3rd onwards) 1:30-3:30pm
Afternoon tea provided





For more information, please contact
Nick Murray (Masters of Music Therapy)
Student: ph: 0406-485793 or email:
nimmurray@student.unimelb.edu.au and
visit: https://www.rewire.org.au/

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Rather than participating in the retreat, or as well as the retreat you may like to view a series of

videos I have made on Ignatian Spirituality. The plan is to upload these to St Margaret's Youtube channel.

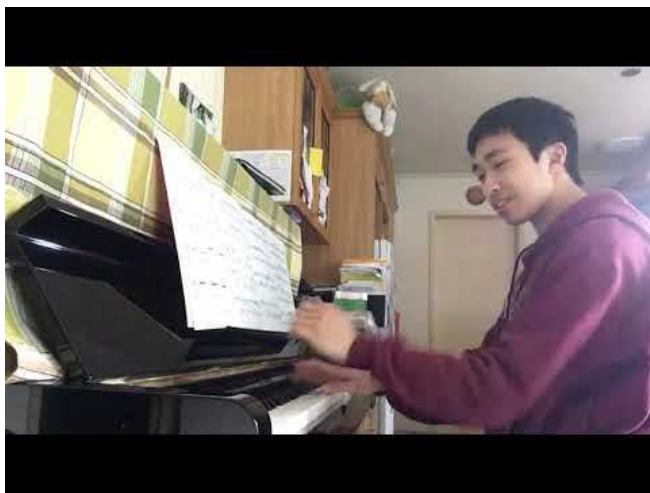
To conclude, I've found over many years of experience that things happen when I put myself in God's way. That way can be reading, prayer, conversation or listening to music. Your path or way may take a different form. Whatever it is, enjoy your bliss because that is exactly where God is waiting for you!

Please contact Linda 0408 561 964 to join.

Moving !

[Lachlan's farewell to Christopher on youtu.be](https://youtu.be/1E2KrdqEEb4)

One of our music scholars, Lachlan Chau has done a little farewell performance for Christopher. Here is the YouTube link, enjoy!



<https://youtu.be/1E2KrdqEEb4>

Our Farewell to Christopher

On Sunday 26th September we farewelled our beloved Associate Curate Christopher Garcia. What a time we have had. We were privileged to be part of his Ordination at St Margaret's, albeit by zoom.. We have all felt his love and enjoyment of life, some terrific sermons and unfortunately been there when he had his slight stroke. Now he leaves us to continue his ministry at St Luke's Cockatoo. Many parishioners have helped him on the way, with dinners, tea, coffee and now assisting as he moves from Bird St. Thankyou



Parishioners were incredibly generous. A total of \$1515.50.

Linda Mackenzie pulled together some wonderful pictures of Christophers time at St Margaret's Thankyou Linda so much

We collected and bought Christopher a Home Communion set which we knew he wanted and needed.

The balance of the funds (\$1043.50) were handed to Christopher for him to use as needed.

Go well Christopher with our thanks and our love.

Sally Petty



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Council Report

Parish Council met via zoom on 27th September 2021.

- Discussion on projects we need to adopt to move forward and on staffing requirements.
- Sincere thanks were extended to Kathleen and David as they wend their way through the issues surrounding our personal and their rights.
- Thanks also to Helen Robertson who has stepped in to the wardens role while John was away.
- Council was reminded about the Vision Day to be help on 2nd October to be facilitated by the Revd John Sanderson.
- Reports were received from the Pastoral; Care Committee, Property Committee and Do Justice.
- Following a request from Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

(ARRCC), Do Justice submitted a request, that was approved. for a banner to be displayed

PROTECT CREATION BOLD CLIMATE ACTION BY 2030, STARTING NOW.

- Thanks extended to those who are helping Christopher to move and looking after him during his sick leave.
- Mandy reported on Child Safety compliance
- The Vicar tabled the timetable for the lead up to the Annual Meeting. This will mean a review of the Electoral Roll, request for reports and strong recommendation for nominations to positions.
- Reminder to all parishioners that articles for Parish Matters are always welcome.
- Archbishop will join us to celebrate St Margaret's Day on 14th November.
- Bishop Kate will join us on Christmas Eve.
- The Vicar and Wardens are urgently reviewing the requirements for us to worship together understanding that under government guidelines, there must be provision for worship for those who are vaccinated and unvaccinated services.

Sally Petty

Child Safety Update

The Anglican Diocese has advised that there have been further recent updates to the Child Safety requirements for churches. In many ways the changes are welcome and will potentially reduce the burden on parishes, however much work that has already been completed at St Margarets will now have to be reviewed and updated to align with the new changes. An ever-evolving task!

A summary of the main changes are listed below:

- The number of lay people in prescribed roles who need a Clearance for Service as well as a Police and Working with Children's Check has been reduced. You will be advised by myself or Keren if you need to apply for any of these. Many of you who completed these checks previously may not need to reapply for them in the future.
- New Child Safety templates and documents have now been put onto the Diocesan website. We can adapt these to use at St Margarets and they may replace some of our previous documents.

- The Child Safety Standards will be updated from July 2022 to include 11 standards (previously there were 7).
- Some new Child Safe Training will be delivered by the Diocese in the coming months. More details will be advised regarding this but it is likely all parishioners will need to complete the 2 hour training session at some point.

As always, we remain committed at St Margarets to ensuring a safe space for all visitors and members of our congregation. Although it can seem a burden at times, we thank you for being so willing to comply with these important directives.

Mandy Stevens
(Child Safety Officer)

Finance Committee Report

Our Treasurer John H is taking a well-earned break from us all for a couple of months. Helen Robertson is filling the gap. She asks 'Please forgive any oversights that I haven't captured.'



St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham Finance Committee Member Report to Parish Council – 27 September 2021

I am more than happy to welcome back our much rested Treasurer, as will Kathleen and David. I thank him for the opportunity to step in and experience the role, but hand back with a ribbon attached.

The following points will provide you with the most up to date discussion had by your Finance Committee.

Current key points are:

- Total Surplus for the period - 11 months \$30,845;
- **Underlying deficit for 11 months \$30,095;**
- Stipend includes back pay increase for Christopher \$6,500;
- Diocesan Long Service Leave contribution to cover cost of Locum in Keren's absence;
- ***Offertory continues to decline against budget;***
- increase in occasional service fees (funerals) against budget;
- Nil Income from Hall hire in August due to Lock Down;

September 2021 items:

- Expected income distribution in September from our Investments of \$9,300;

- Final Mission Allocation payment of \$4,000 will be made to Brotherhood of Saint Laurence;

Budget 2021-2022

- A revised budget takes into consideration the incorporation of the 2 days per week for our Locum and a deferment of new staff appointment to 1st April 2022, **showing a deficit of \$49,043**

The 3 Year Budget for 2022 has had some revision worked through as we endeavour to gain clarity on the base line reality.

We are exploring the parameters to set down the personnel requirements for 2022 and the Budget document that will be finalised ready for the AGM. I would like to have minuted the excellent work done by Kathleen and David in keeping us a viable Parish. The hours they commit to the tasks at hand are many.

Helen Robertson



The beauty of spring in our garden cheers us up

Ed this edition Harry Watson
Pictures by Harry, Sally and Website

Annual Meeting

It's that time of year again! We're preparing for the Annual Meeting which this year will be held on **Sunday 21st November at 11am.**

Nomination forms for parish officers will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

In the mean time we're looking to update the **electoral roll**, so if any of your details have changed in the last twelve months, please let Jen know so we can amend the roll.

All reports from committees and groups will be due by **Sunday 24th October** - please forward them to Jen for inclusion in the Annual Meeting booklet/papers.

At this stage we're unsure whether we'll be on zoom or in person; we'll let you know as soon as we have more information.

Keren

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Annual Meeting of St Margaret's Anglican Parish, Eltham

on

Sunday 21st November at 11am.

Agenda for the Annual Meeting

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners
2. Open with prayer
3. Appointment of Minutes secretary
4. Circulation of attendance roll/taking of attendance
5. Apologies
6. Reception of the Electoral roll
7. Minutes of the 2020 AGM
8. Vicar's report (includes the entries in the registers of the Parish for the financial year, including numbers of baptisms, persons received into communicant membership, confirmations, marriages, funerals, Sunday services, acts of communion and such other statistics from the registers as Archbishop in Council determines);
9. Reports (including Churchwardens, and reports of parish groups)
10. Treasurer's Report:
 - Presentation and Adoption of audited Parish Annual Financial Accounts
 - adoption of the Parish Council approved Budget for 2021-2022
11. Business Arising from the reports
12. Elections:
 - a. 2 Churchwardens
 - b. 4 Parish Councillors
 - c. Independent auditor
 - d. 3 Members of the Incumbency Committee (and of the incumbency committee reserve list)
13. Any Other Business
14. Reading and Confirmation of minutes of the meeting (unless delegated to Parish Council).
15. Votes of thanks
16. Notices
17. Close with Prayer.

Nominations for elected positions must be advised to the Vicar by 2pm Wednesday 10th November 2021, using the forms provided. Any items of Business not listed on the Agenda must be advised to the wardens in writing before Wednesday 17th November 2021.