



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.

Prayer 2022

God give us grace:
to seek after you with all our hearts,
to desire to know you with our minds,
to love you not for fear of loss or hope of gain
but for yourself alone.
Send us out that we may be
your hands of healing,
your voice of hope,
and your blessing for those around us. **Amen.**

Dates for your diary:

- **Holy Week and Easter Services as per pew sheet and on the website.**
- **Keren's Farewell service Sunday 24th April. Please book in via Parish Office or list in foyer.**
- **Garage & Goodies Sale April 30**
- **World Labyrinth Day 7 May**
- **Keren's Installation St Paul's Sale Friday 17 June at 7.00pm.**

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Staffing

We have now received notification from the Archbishop that Revd Dr Linda Fiske is to be our Locum for the foreseeable future. We are delighted that Linda has agreed to this appointment. She will work in a full time role, with Tuesday as her day off. We are continuing to seek options for ongoing support for Linda during this time.

Jennifer Round has now completed her time with us. We appreciated her friendly presence in the office.

We are currently working through the paperwork to appoint Carolyn Jung to the position of Parish Administrator.

ANGLICARE NEWS

A meeting of the AVPGs was held in the last week of March. Once again representatives of the 4 Melbourne AVPGs attended the Zoom meeting. Bundoora is getting ready to operate their Leggo Club now that Covid regulations have lessened,

Vermont had a trivia afternoon with 30 people attending, Camberwell have sorted out their speakers program for the year. And Eltham? Well we have continued food and "lightly used clothing" as well as knitting of clothes and rugs, knitted and crocheted baby clothing and quilting of cot covers. In addition we have collected boxes of foodstuffs left at the church. Another load of items will be taken to St Mark's/Mission House for distribution on Monday 11th April.

I have checked with Chris de Pavia and our donations of clothing are being well received. Clothing can be given to Jenny Disney ph 9435 7349 (either at 4/27 Old Aqueduct Rd or at the church) or to Bev Thompson ph 0459 4176 (9 Rangeview Court, Viewbank).

You may be aware of the effort by Fox FM for four weeks before Christmas to promote the work of Anglicare. Over \$250,000 was donated by listeners, probably people who had not heard before of Anglicare. This money was given as vouchers as Christmas presents for children (which meant no handling of presents which was a help in the time of Covid regulations,) Fox FM will repeat the appeal in 2022, once again with no cost to Anglicare.

Does the success of the Fox FM program help in providing for children and families in their programs? No. Paul, Anglicare CEO is very aware of price rises and the effect that has on the amount of food the clients can buy and has stressed there is a real need for donated foodstuffs to supplement food bought by Anglicare.

Calendar:

April 12 No formal meeting arranged for morning

May 10th Blumes Mobile fashions will come to the hall with new season's clothes for sale.

10am to 12noon. \$5 entry. Lots of raffles.

July 12th Christmas in July morning tea. Revd Cathrine Muston of Anglicare's Keep out of Goal Program will come and speak.

IN ADDITION, June is the month of Anglicare's 25th Anniversary so we will let you know of festivities. A booklet of 25 Milestones will be published and Eltham AVPG will be mentioned.

Jenny Disney

PS. DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BASKET IN THE FOYER.

TAIZE AT ST. MARGARET'S



Parish Council tried a new initiative during April and May. Each Sunday evening an invitation was extended to parishioners and anyone who enjoys this contemplative service to join, firstly for a light meal at 5:30, then Taize at 6:30. We would love your feedback. Huge thanks to

David and Mitzi Tuke (plus helpers, Jan Gack and Thomas), those who donated food. Thanks to Parish Council members who set up, and also to

our musicians, Keren, Amelia, Lachlan and Christina.

lease provide feedback to the Parish Office or in the suggestion box in the foyer.



GARAGE AND GOODIES SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 30 2022
9am - 1pm

Bargins galore. books, collectables,
homemade cakes, jams, toys, bricabrac,
homeware etc. etc

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St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham
Celebrating 60 years

The poster features a colorful illustration of various household items like a lamp, a clock, and a teapot.

**THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE PARISH
SO PLEASE HELP AND SUPPORT. IT IS
ALSO A GOOD TIME TO CATCH UP WITH
FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND LOCAL
COMMUNITY.**

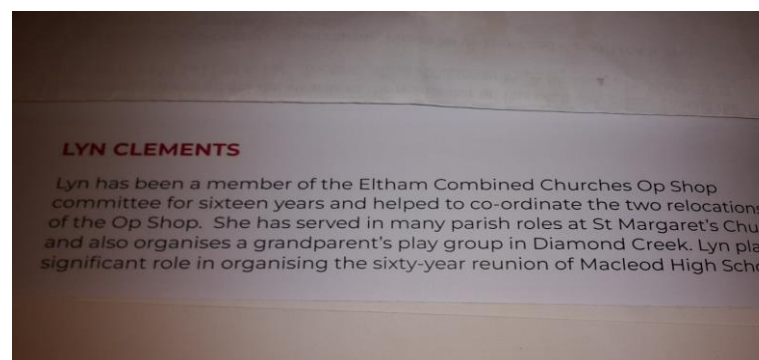
HOW CAN YOU HELP:

- **PASS THE WORD ALONG. PUT UP POSTERS (COPIES IN FOYER)**
- **COME AND HELP SET UP. Friday 3-5**
- **Sat, 8-100**
- **MAKE CAKES, SLICES, CUP CAKES.**
- **HELP CLEAR UP SAT. 1.00**

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Congratulations to Lyn Clements who was awarded Jagajaga Community Volunteer Award for 2022. Her citation reads:

Lyn Clements

*Lyn has been a member of the Eltham Community Op Shop Committee for sixteen years and helped to co-ordinate two relocations of the Op Shop. She has served in many roles at St Margaret's Church and also organises a grandparent's play group in Diamond Creek. Lyn played a significant role in organising the sixty year reunion of Macleod High School.



Our Outreach Yarning Circle School Project Completed

This week saw the completion of our 6 week partnership with Montmorency South Primary School, delivering what has been a successful understanding of a Yarning Circle.

The children were excited to have an excursion to our site sharing their curiosity with one another. One little person was heard to say "I've never been in a church before" and many asking question about what things were and used for. Many answers were able to be explained by talking about celebrations that took place, such as the font, which ended up a discussion about naming ceremonies.

The Yarning Circle they all agreed was a safe place to have an open discussion, where decisions could be made and where people were able to adopt deep listening skills, giving them the confidence that they mattered as others listened to them. They loved the idea that we were all equal, as it provided a tranquil space for respectful thoughtful interactions.

I would like to thank those wonderful parishioners who have made enormous effort to support this project, Diana Warrell, Kathleen Toal, Graham Constantine, Sally Petty, Mark Lawrence, David Pryor and Linda Fiske for sitting down early on and researching and writing up the program. Linda was of great assistance on the final day with all 100 little people who were shuttle from the school to St.Margaret's. Projects like these do carry a financial cost, but are part of the HeartEdge Commerce model. Kathleen is wonderful working on grants to support such projects, but I am sure she would love to hear from anyone who may like to donate to future activities.

Helen Robertson

Ed. Thanks Helen for such an amazing effort and such hard work.



