

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.

**Living God, present in us, around us, beyond us  
be present to us now,  
breathe in an through our lives,  
that we may know you more clearly  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly  
every day.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen**

## Answer to Our Prayers

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**Please don't forget and add to the tubs for food in the Foyer each week. For the LINC basket and St Mark's Fitzroy and is distributed by Anglicare**

### Vicar's Appointment



Last Sunday, the Archbishop permitted us to announce Rev. Yvette Daniel's acceptance to take up her appointment at St. Margaret's Eltham. She will be instituted on November 16th @ 7:30 pm.

Yvette comes to us from St. Francis Church of England, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She will arrive the first week in November with her son Marco.

Before her ordination Rev. Yvette had spent many years working in the community as a Police Officer with Northumbria Police for 10 years, followed by 2 years as Manager of a Woman's refuge, as a Strategic Domestic Violence Coordinator and a Domestic Violence and Abuse worker. As a Deacon/priest Assistant Curate, she has had many development roles and led a number of groups during her time at St. Francis in the Newcastle Diocese.

## Sunday Zoom Now Youtube

We are pleased to inform you that the upgrade of the audio/visual desk at Church has been completed and we are ready to go with YouTube in line with Revd. Keren's plan at the time of going online because of Covid..

Test the link at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWewMdRslRq70IA6MUIq/live> This is the link that members of the congregation will use.

Did you notice the  
**change for Sunday 10am Services**

**from Zoom  
To  
Youtube**

**began on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

This means that everyone accessing the link will be able to view the service at any time and not just on Sunday 10 am as previously. This will also increase the visibility of St Margaret's services to a wider audience. **It follows that Zoom won't work on Sunday mornings but will for planned meetings.**

**Thanks to Rob Mackenzie**

- Correspondence was received from the Anglican Board of Mission for our \$4000 donation to the Holy Land Gaza Child Nutrition Project; from the Christmas Bowl appeal requesting an ambassador; and Geoff Sandy regarding the Heritage oak tree
- The Vicar was thanked for her ongoing work and noted that she highlighted that of several people are needing transport to church.
- The financial report was received which identified we are still in a healthy position. Several abnormal maintenance costs were identified including the leaking foyer roof. The committee will start preparing next year's budget.
- Other Sub Committee reports were received from: Pastoral Care, Marketing and Communications and Do Justice.
- Property noted the final design for the new notice board and investigation on the replacement of the kitchen boiling water heater.
- The Communications proposal for an Events advertising template to be included in the Event's Planning document was endorsed.
- And the Do Justice Concept for a Sensory Garden and the engagement of consultant was approved but being mindful of possible restrictions on what can be achieved on the site considering the compacted undersurface of the labyrinth (old tennis court) and how the garden would be maintained. The concept plan is to come back to Parish Council for further consideration.
- The final Mission Allocation for 2022-23 was approved that \$4,000 be donated to the Bush Church Aid (BCA)
- The September Parish Concert preparations are almost complete.
- Child safety: We are now fully compliant including the display of posters. →
- Most groups have lodged Terms of Reference as requested. 6 groups have not responded.
- Taizé Service ~ 33 attended when the new cross was blessed. Thanks to Tony Michaelson for stepping up to play the piano.
- November St Margaret's Day lunch advertising has begun.

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### SEPTEMBER MUSIC CONCERT

3pm Sunday 10th September 2023



Featuring:  
The Open Door Singers  
Piano, organ and harp solos

\$20.00 per person.  
Children Free

Use the QR code or link  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CJQFX>  
Phone: 9439 9238. [www.stmargaretseltham.org.au](http://www.stmargaretseltham.org.au)

Funds raised will support the annual St. Margaret's music scholarship program

This concert supports the funding of the St. Margaret's music scholarship winners. We offer two scholarships worth \$2000 each to pay for the student's music tuition fees. Once students complete their St. Margaret's scholarship, their experience gained enables them to become paid contracted players for services/events at St. Margaret's. This is a help to them as they continue their studies and musical career. Involvement in this program gives them experience in accompaniment and the different styles of Christian music which is often the basis for modern music. Do you know someone who would enjoy this experience? Donations too are most welcome. What pleasure we all gain from listening to our young musicians.

For more information Contact: [Vicar@stmargaretseltham.org.au](mailto:Vicar@stmargaretseltham.org.au)



## Parish Council Report

**The August meeting of Parish Council was held by zoom on Monday 28 August. Extracts from the Minutes (available to Parishioners) follow.**

- Institution of our new vicar Revd. Yvette: save the date St Margaret's Day November 16th. .
- AM (or AGM) is on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> before we welcome Revd. Yvette and farewell Revd. Linda with great thanks at the Parish Lunch Celebration.

**Harry Watson**

## New Wonder in Taizé Service



Our last Taizé Service began with our Vicar Linda blessing our new large Taizé Cross. Up until now we had been generously loaned one. Thanks to Heidi and David Tuke for arranging and installing ours in pride of place. Our lovely icons, candles and light lend themselves to a beautiful setting that wraps around us all.

We continue to attract new people to our

service of song, prayer and reflection. Thirty-three people came together to share the gifts this service has to offer, a number commenting on the wonder and power of its spirituality and how they were struck by being in the presence.

Our thanks to Lachlan, Robert and Jim for the music so central to the shared time. Thank you to Coralie and helpers for the meal 17 people enjoyed together.

We have 3 more services before Christmas, taking a break in December but returning in the new year. Watch out for the dates later in the year.

Remember if your curiosity has been sparked come and dip your toe in the water and share this special time with us.

**Coordinator Helen Robertson**

## Memory Care Café Dates

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

**SEPTEMBER** (5 & 19)

**OCTOBER** (3 & 17)

**NOVEMBER** (21st only)

closed 7th due to Melbourne Cup holiday)

**DECEMBER** (5 & 19)



## Vale Vicki Abery

A large funeral was held recently at St Margarets. It wasn't until after the event that we heard it was for

Vicki. A number of parishioners would remember Vicki. We have lost contact of late but a group of us sat around remembering Vicki and Caritas. Caritas was for young women, an offshoot from Mothers Union. In the mid 70s we had a large and active group at St Margarets. It didn't raise funds except to support the purchase of bibles for children christened in the parish. We had such fun, some wonderful dinners and provided support to each other as we produced our children. Most of us acted as leader at one time or another, Vicki was a member and a leader. A funny, lively lady and obviously loved by her family and friends.

**MaryAnn Wilkie**

## Maintenance Impossible

Property maintenance is a time consuming and ever-present issue. A leak in the foyer appeared to be caused by blockage on the roof. Is that a



garden? No, just a weird construction put in by the builder, resulting in weeds seen from the car park. You can see in the bottom right of this picture. Fixing the weeds has led to needing a roof plumber clearing out the mess and resealing the surface.

**Sally Petty**

## For Your Diary

### Blessing the Animals Service

**10 am October 1**

### Institution of our Next Vicar Revd. Yvette Daniels

**7.30 pm Thursday November 16**

### Annual Meeting + Lunch & Welcome to Yvette + Thanks to Linda

**11.15 am Sunday November 19**

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