



## Pew Sheet 3 December 2023

### Advent I

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 2nd Dec	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 3rd	8:00 & 10:00am	Advent I (including Commissioning of Parish Councillors / Wardens
Sun 3rd	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 4th	12:00pm	Monday Circle (Montmorency RSL)
Tue 5th	1:30— 3:00pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 6th	9:00am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Thur 7th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care Team meeting
Sat 9th	8:00am	Meditation
Sat 9th	10:30am	LinC Hamper packing
Sun 10th	8:00 & 10:00am	Advent II

### Hearing Loop

A Hearing Loop is installed in the Church, please use the T switch on your hearing aid.



### 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 First Peoples. Diversity and inclusivity are important to us at St Margaret's. Everyone is welcome here, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, or ability.

### ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

Advent is the season of waiting and preparation. There will be many signs for us, sometimes as obvious as eclipses and new growth on fig trees, other times more abstract in clouds and angels. We do not know exactly when. Jesus reminds us always to be ready and prepared. Keep awake!

- God, may I always be ready for your coming.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.



### Parish Office

The Parish office will be open next week Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 10.00am to 2.00pm (closed Tuesday)

Address: 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham Vic 3095

Email: [parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au), Tel: 9439 9238

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# WORSHIP 3/12/2023—ADVENT I

## SENTENCE

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.' *Mark 13.31*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God,  
through long generations you prepared a way  
for the coming of your Son,  
and by your Spirit  
you still bring light to illumine our paths:  
renew us in faith and hope  
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts  
and claim our love;  
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 64.1-9

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

## TODAY'S PSALM

Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

## GOSPEL

Mark 13.24-37

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**Introit:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel—TiS 265 (8.00am)

**Offering:** Lo, He comes with clouds descending—TiS 273

**Communion Hymn:** In the Lord I'll be ever thankful—CH 772

**Mission Hymn:** Soon and Very Soon—TiS 547



**YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRsiRq70IA6MUIg/live>

# NOTICES

## What's Coming Up

Sun 10th	8:00 & 10:00am	Advent II
Mon 11th	12:00pm	Monday Circle (Montmorency RSL)
Wed 13th	9:00am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 16th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 17th	8:00 & 10:00am	Advent III
Mon 18th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 19th	1:30— 3.00pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 20th	9:00am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 23rd	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 24th	10:00am 5:00pm 10:30pm 11:00pm	Advent IV service Children's Service Carols Midnight Mass
Sun 25th	9:30am	Christmas Day Service

## Memory Care Café Dates

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

**DECEMBER (5 & 19)**



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**Advent** marks the beginning of the Church's year, and is a season of reflection, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

For the next 4 weeks the Advent Collect for the week will be printed in our pew sheets for us to pray in our own time.

***Advent prayer week one***

“Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**”

Peace and all good

Revd. Yvette

**LinC Hampers PLEASE - We would love to have your help.**

We are packing hampers on Saturday December 9th from 10.30am (St. Margaret's Hall)

Delivering will start when they are ready (about 1.30pm). There is a roster on a clipboard in the foyer so we can see how many people can help.

**Donations of Christmas food can be placed in the LinC basket in the foyer**

Thankyou, Diana Warrell



## Memory Care Café – ELTHAM

Presenting :  
Diamond Creakers Ukulele & Guitar Band

### Eltham:

*St Margaret's Anglican Church Hall  
79-81 Pitt St, Eltham  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
1:30pm  
Cost \$5 (includes refreshments)*

*Please RSVP to  
SSG Manager: Michael Plowright  
ph: 9430 9125 or [SSG@healthability.org.au](mailto:SSG@healthability.org.au)*

OPEN TO EVERYONE



<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>3 December 2023 Advent I 8:00am</b>	<b>3 December 2023 Advent I 10:00am</b>	<b>6 December 23 Wednesday 10:30am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Yvette Daniel	Yvette Daniel	Yvette Daniel
<b>Preacher Gospel</b>	Yvette Daniel Mark 13.24-37	Yvette Daniel Mark 13.24-37	Yvette Daniel Matthew 15.29-37
<b>Sacristan Assistant</b>	Barbara Speed	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	N/A
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Christine Winkett	Mitzi Tuke	N/A
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	John Winkett	Adrienne Watson Mabs Jones	N/A
<b>Greeters &amp; Sides People</b>	Catherine Pearson	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jenny Disney
<b>First Reading</b>	John Winkett Isaiah 64.1-9	Mabs Jones Isaiah 64.1-9	Barbara Alexander Isaiah 25.6-10
<b>Second Reading</b>	Clive Noble 1 Corinthians 1.1-9	Julia Urwin 1 Corinthians 1.1-9	N/A
<b>Psalm</b>	<i>Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19</i>	<i>Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19</i>	<i>Psalm 23</i>
<b>Intercessor</b>	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	N/A
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Coralie Carew	Anna Mott	Margaret Charles & Margaret Alexander
<b>Banking</b>	John Humann		
<b>Zoom/Ppt Cameras</b>		John Humann Rob Mackenzie	
<b>Flowers</b>	Advent		

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>10 December 2023 Advent I 8:00am</b>	<b>10 December 2023 Advent I 10:00am</b>	<b>13 December 23 Wednesday 10:30am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Yvette Daniel	Yvette Daniel	Yvette Daniel
<b>Preacher Gospel</b>	Yvette Daniel Mark 1.1-8	Yvette Daniel Mark 1.1-8	Yvette Daniel Matthew 11.28-30
<b>Sacristan Assistant</b>	Coralie Carew	Mabs Jones	N/A
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Coralie Carew	Julia Urwin	N/A
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Kathleen Toal	Sylvia Gilbert Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
<b>Greeters &amp; Sides People</b>	Mary Lynton-Moll	Roger Alcock Harry Watson	Jennifer Constantine
<b>First Reading</b>	Mary Lynton-Moll Isaiah 40.1-11	Adrienne Watson Isaiah 40.1-11	Michael Tucker Isaiah 40.25-31
<b>Second Reading</b>	Barbara Speed 2 Peter 3.8-15a	Jan Kerr 2 Peter 3.8-15a	N/A
<b>Psalm</b>	<i>Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13</i>	<i>Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13</i>	<i>Psalm 103.1-5</i>
<b>Intercessor</b>	Coralie Carew	Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Mary Lynton-Moll	Linda Mackenzie	Jenny Disney
<b>Banking</b>	David Pryor		
<b>Zoom/Ppt Cameras</b>		Sandra Brown-Holt Val Tucker	
<b>Flowers</b>	Advent		

**Christmas Services at  
St Margaret's Church, Eltham.**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Eve**

**10.00am** Holy Eucharist

**5.00pm** Children's Christmas Service

A joyful reminder of the story of Jesus with well-known Christmas hymns

**10.30pm** Carols

Atmospheric short service of hymns by candlelight; leading us into Midnight Mass.

**11.00pm** Midnight Mass

Marking the first service of Christmas. Sung eucharist, candlelight and incense.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Day**

**09.30am** All Age Eucharist

A service for everyone. A lovely way to begin your Christmas celebrations.



## Prayer of the Week



Almighty God,  
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son  
Jesus Christ came among us in great humility,  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Children's Service Place

Rehearsal for 'A Star Lit Christmas' the Children's service play is on Sunday 17th 11.20 am in the church.

## Rosters—Christmas Service/January

A draft copy of the Christmas services and January roster is in the foyer. As there is one morning service on Christmas Eve (10am) those normally rostered on for 10am (4th week) have been included. For Christmas Day, 9.30am service those normally rostered for 8am (4th week) have been included. If you will be away please either let the Parish Office know or amend the hard copy roster accordingly. The January roster is also there to check your name against. This greatly assists us with our planning.

## Parish Meetings— zoom

The below zoom link can be used for Parish meetings should you require zoom access.

[https://zoom.us/j/732357170?  
pwd=UTZuR1JkK1U1WkVKdm9uZVFLZFR6dz09](https://zoom.us/j/732357170?pwd=UTZuR1JkK1U1WkVKdm9uZVFLZFR6dz09)

Passcode: 433645

## 16 days of Activism

Our community and those who walk, or drive passed our church cannot escape but notice the huge advertising board outside our building stating:

*16 days of Activism against gender-based violence.*

Feeling unsafe in your own home is the reality for millions of women in our world today.

Where is your safe place? As Christians, we understand God to be our stronghold, our place of refuge – a God of solidarity in suffering. How can we join with God, by standing in solidarity with women and children who do not have a safe refuge from violence?

The Istanbul Convention, the gold standard framework on violence against women, recommends one woman's refuge space per 10,000 population. A refuge is a safe haven, but every day, women and children are turned away because of lack of space.

This week let us pray for the women who need to access the refuges, for women who are healing from trauma, for staff on the frontline and for the provision of adequate supplies of emergency refuge accommodation.

Accessed Mothers Union 30/11/23.

"I've realised why we are here,"  
whispered the boy.

"for cake?" asked the mole.



"To love," said the boy

"And be loved," said  
the horse.

Image : Charlie Mackesy



Grace

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings  
with your most gracious favour,  
and assist us with your continual help;  
that in all works, begun, continued and ended in  
you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy  
obtain everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## Prayer Chain

For any prayer  
Requests



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