



Pew Sheet 5 May 2024 Easter VI

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 4th	8:00am	Meditation
	8:30am	Men's Breakfast
Sat 4th	12:45pm for 1:00pm	World Labyrinth Day walk
Sun 5th	8:00 & 10:00am	Easter VI
Sun 5th	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 6th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
	7:30pm	Faith Issues
Tue 7th	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 8th	9:30am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Wednesday Service
Wed 8th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care Team meeting (Vestry)
	2:00pm	Book Club
Sat 11th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 12th	8:00 & 10:00am	Easter VII / Sunday after Ascension

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

The believers accompanying Peter were astonished that the Holy Spirit was being poured out even on to the Gentiles who heard the word. This must have been truly shocking to them. When and how have we seen God throwing open the doors to the Church even wider in our own experience? How have we responded? In awe and wonder, or angry that God has done something new that we do not understand?

- Pray for all whom the Church excludes, and pray that God will open the doors of our hearts and minds to be as welcoming as Christ would have us.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, remembering especially Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City.



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WORSHIP 5TH MAY 2024— EASTER VI

SENTENCE

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.' *John 15.16*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-48

TODAY'S PSALM

Psalm 98

SECOND READING

1 John 5.1-12

GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

TODAY'S MUSIC

Welcome Hymn: The strife is past, the battle done—TiS 367

Offertory: Love divine, all loves excelling—TiS 217(i) 8.00am

Fraction Anthem: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Communion Hymn: The Lord is Risen—Taize 40

Mission Hymn: Great is your faithfulness—TiS 154

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LOVE
ONE ANOTHER
as I have
loved YOU
John 15:12

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRsIRq70IA6MUIg/live>

Prayer of the Week



Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant that we may walk in his way,
rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Parish Office – Dendy House

Due to ongoing work at Dendy House, it has been decided that for the foreseeable future Carolyn will work from home. Carolyn will work her normal work days of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am to 2pm. Should you wish to contact the Parish Office you can email parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au or phone 9439 9238.

Rev Yvette will be working out of the Vestry and Church and is contactable on 0439 035 741.

Parish Directory

The Parish Directory has now been printed, and will be available in the Church Foyer at our Worship services on Wednesday and Sunday. Should you require a copy to be sent, please contact the Parish Office. We cannot email the directory for privacy reasons.

Please check your details in the Parish Directory and if there are any amendments please get back to the Parish office with any changes. After a few weeks we will print a slip of paper with any changes to amend your copy at home. Thankyou.

Parish Office

The Parish office will be contactable by phone and email next week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 2pm (closed Wednesday).

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 12th	8:00 & 10:00am	Easter VII / Sunday after Ascension
Mon 13th	1:00pm 2:00pm	Monday Circle PVAW meeting
Wed 15th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 18th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 19th	8:00 & 10:00am	Pentecost
Sun 19th	4:30-6pm	FaithFull Women
Mon 20th	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Faith Issues Discussions
Tue 21st	10:30am 1:30—	Spiritual Direction Memory Care Café
Wed 22nd	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 25th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 26th	8:00 & 10:00am	Trinity Sunday
Sun 26th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service

Sacristan

As part of our 10am service on Sunday 5th May we will be thanking Jean Taylor for her ministry as Head Sacristan at our church for almost 3 decades whilst also welcoming our new head sacristans.

I look forward to seeing you all then. There will be cake!!

Revd. Yvette

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY MAY 4, 2024

WALK AS ONE AT 1PM
FOR WORLD PEACE
ALL WELCOME



WHERE: 79-81 PITT STREET ELTHAM (BEHIND ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH)
MEET OUR FACILITATOR IN THE HALL BEFORE WE WALK (12.45PM)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: PHONE: 9439 9238
WWW.STMARGARETSELTHAM.ORG.AU



St Margaret's Labyrinth

Dear Church

As you know this Saturday (4th May) we will be marking World Labyrinth Day. Our labyrinth is a gift to our community and beyond and is prayed and walked regularly. Some of our church has brought to my attention that some stones that make up the labyrinth are not secure and maybe a trip hazard- (even though no incident has come to light as yet).

On Saturday I will mention this in the welcome and the indoor and finger labyrinths will be offered as additions to the event. When praying and walking the labyrinth yourself (in the weeks and months to come) I ask that you take into consideration your own ability and dexterity before you begin.

With every blessing

Revd Yvette

ROSTER	5 May 2024 Easter VI 8:00am	5 May 2024 Easter VI 10:00am	8 May 24 Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev. Yvette Daniel John 15.9-17	Rev. Yvette Daniel John 15.9-17	Rev. Yvette Daniel John 16.12-15
Sacristan Assistant	Barbara Speed	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Christine Winkett	Mitzi Tuke	N/A
Communion Assistants	John Winkett	David Pryor Mabs Jones	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Catherine Pearson	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jennifer Constantine
First Reading	John Winkett Acts 10.44-48	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate Acts 10.44-48	Michael Tucker Acts 17.15, 22-18.1
Second Reading	Clive Noble 1 John 5.1-12	David Tuke 1 John 5.1-12	
Psalm	<i>Psalm 98</i>	<i>Psalm 98</i>	<i>Psalm 148.7-15</i>
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	N/A
Morning Tea	Coralie Carew	Jan Kerr & Sheila Cheary	Jenny Disney
Banking	John Humann		
Zoom/Ppt	Felicity Wiltshire	Liz Pryor John Humann	
Flowers	Jan Kerr		

ROSTER	12 May 2024 Sunday after Ascension / Easter VII 8:00am	12 May 2024 Sunday after Ascension / Easter VII 10:00am	15 May 24 Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev. Yvette Daniel John 17.6-19	Rev. Yvette Daniel John 17.6-19	Rev. Yvette Daniel John 17.11-19
Sacristan Assistant	Coralie Carew	Mabs Jones	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Coralie Carew	Julia Urwin	N/A
Communion Assistants	Kathleen Toal	Sylvia Gilbert Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Mary Lynton-Moll	Roger Alcock Harry Watson	Jill Rogers
First Reading	Sally Petty Acts 1.15-17, 21-26	Julia Urwin Acts 1.15-17, 21-26	Lorna Howard Acts 20.28-38
Second Reading	Mary Lynton-Moll 1 John 5.9-13	Melissa Quintarelli 1 John 5.9-13	
Psalm	<i>Psalm 1</i>	<i>Psalm 1</i>	<i>Psalm 68.28-35</i>
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Jan Gack	Jill Rogers
Banking	David Pryor		
Zoom/Ppt	Felicity Wiltshire	Sandra Brown-Holt Val Tucker	
Flowers	Mandy Stevens		

Living the resurrection life

Poem by Rev. John Newton, born July 24, 1725, London, England—died December 21, 1807, London. English slave trader who became an Anglican cleric, a hymn writer and later a noted abolitionist, best known for his hymn “Amazing Grace”.

Go well this Eastertide.

Revd Yvette

The Resurrection and the Life

I Am, saith Christ our glorious head,
(May we attention give)
The resurrection of the dead,
The life of all that live.

By faith in me, the soul receives
New life, though dead before;
And he that in my name believes,
Shall live, to die no more.

The sinner, sleeping in his grave,
Shall at my voice awake;
And when I once begin to save,
My work I ne'er forsake.

Fulfill thy promise, gracious Lord,
On us assembled here,
Put forth thy Spirit with the word,
And cause the dead to hear.

Preserve the pow'r of faith alive,
In those who love thy name;
For sin and Satan daily strive
To quench the sacred flame.

Living the resurrection life (cont.)

Thy pow'r and mercy first prevailed
From death to set us free;
And often since our life had failed,
If not renewed by thee.

To thee we look, to thee we bow;
To thee, for help, we call;
Our life and resurrection thou,
Our hope, our joy, our all.

Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession)

During his earthly ministry, it was not only Jesus' miraculous power that astounded and transformed people, but also his willingness to forgive sins.

Our Sunday services and midweek service of Holy Communion always include a corporate prayer of confession, after which the presiding priest pronounces God's forgiveness of our sins. Yet it is also true that sometimes we benefit from the opportunity to confess privately and specifically those things that trouble our consciences.

Reconciliation of a Penitent, or Confession, is a rite in which anyone who repents of sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution.

If you would like to find out more, please feel free to contact me in the strictest of confidence.

Peace and all good

Revd Yvette

<https://www.incarnationsantarosa.org/reconciliation-of-a-penitent-confession/#:~:text=Reconciliation%20of%20a%20Penitent%2C%20or,and%20the%20grace%20of%20absolution.> Accessed 01/05/24

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to the next Faith Issues Discussion **Monday 6 May at 7.30pm** in the church. Refreshments follow. Transport can be arranged.

The issue to be discussed is ***The Anglican Communion***. It will be led by myself. At Saint Margarets our faith is significantly impacted by The Anglican Communion. So we will discuss that aspect as well as What is it? When was it formed? Why was it formed? What are its distinctive characteristics? What does it do? Is it important to us? and much more

Please come. A special invitation to those who have never attended and those who have been a few times. Remember attendance at Faith Issues can be as frequent or infrequent as you like.

Each Discussion is stand-alone.

Grace and peace to all

Geoff Sandy, Coordinator

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Choir Notice

Just to let you know at the Pentecost service 19th May – the communion chant/song will be Spirit of the living God CH619 which we will sing x3

With thanks

Revd Robert



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Name Badges

Being known by name is important as it can help us feel like we are known and belong.

If you are new to the church or have misplaced your name tag, please speak with Linda Mackenzie and she will make you one.

If you are part of the 8am service or the midweek service if you let me know I will forward your details onto Linda.

Revd Yvette

St Margaret's Church Welcome Pack

Linda Mackenzie has had a great idea of us having our own welcome pack which will be given to visitors or left in the foyer for people to take.

Therefore, we need to make sure that the current leaflets/cards are up to date.

I would be grateful if the convenors of our groups could check the accuracy of the information found in their literature and amend if needed.

In addition, if your group does not have a leaflet and need help producing one, please let Linda know.

We would like the packs to be available by the end of May.

With thanks

The Communications Committee



CHURCHES UNITE

MONDAY, 13 MAY - 7:30PM

DIAMOND VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
(309 DIAMOND CREEK RD, PLENTY)



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Would you like to be a Synod Rep.

Synod is **the gathering of the clergy and lay representatives of the Diocese with the Archbishop** to make decisions about our corporate life in Christ.

Ideally each church should have 3 lay synod representatives – however at St Margaret's we have two: Sally Petty and Felicity Wiltshire.

'Being part of synod is an important role. They make decisions in areas, such as:

- Establishing how clergy are appointed to – and removed from – parishes, and how parishes function in terms of their finances, property and office-bearers.
- Ensuring children and vulnerable people are protected in church and church-related activities.
- Monitoring and reviewing diocesan finances and budgets, and the oversight of diocesan property; and
- Encouraging and sometimes implementing change in areas such as who can be ordained (Melbourne Synod was a pioneer in the women's ordination movement, for example), and in ecumenical relationships.

Synod also comments on issues and concerns in Australian society from the Gospel perspective, such as care of the environment, marriage and family life, education, and refugees.'

If you are interested and would like more information – please feel free to speak with Felicity and Sally or myself.

Peace and all good,

Revd Yvette

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/governance-synod/> ASSESSED 24th April

Memory Café dates

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

MAY 7, 21

JUNE 4, 18

JULY 2, 16



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Common cup as of Sunday 19th May – Pentecost Sunday

- What does holy communion mean to you?
- What delights you about participating in it?
- What do you think/believe happens to the bread and wine during the prayers of thanksgiving?
- How does receiving Holy Communion help you see the world differently?
- Is holy communion for you purely a re- enactment of the last super.

There can be no doubt that Covid 19 changed or altered how we practiced being a worshipping community on Sunday mornings and during our midweek service. One of those practices is how we celebrated Holy Communion.

Globally, across all denominations, different ways of instituting and sharing of this meal took place. Some examples being, abstinence all together, sharing the eucharist in one kind (bread only), intinction (priest dipping the wafer into the wine), congregations bringing their own bread and wine and the clergy collectively blessing them from the altar ...and the list goes on.

During the last 12 months most, Anglican churches in Melbourne have gone back to holy communion practiced and shared in both kinds (bread and common cup- (if this was their usual practice prior to covid) whilst here at St Margaret's Church this has not been so.

During the past few weeks, you will have noticed that we have been experimenting with different ways of administering the small communion cups and the common cup together.

However, as from Pentecost - Sunday 19th May we will go back to having the common cup only (which also means no intinction).

For many this will be a point of joy as sharing in the eucharist in this way is at the core of their spirituality and not being able to partake in this way has been described as “painful”; whilst for others this will not be so.

Pastorally, I understand that some of you will have underlying health issues or reasons why you do not feel able to share in the common cup at this time but would still like bread **and** wine .

For these members of our church community there will be available pre-consecrated wine in the small glasses and tray which you can consume after you have taken your bread.

Some of you may have reservations and concerns in drinking from the common cup. On speaking with clergy colleagues in our deanery and beyond who have gone back to sharing in the common cup – there has been no evidence in covid being caught and spread in this way.

You all have a few weeks to contemplate for yourself whether you will take wine from the common cup but, just to let you know you are free to share the meal in one kind (bread) until you are ‘ready’.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to explore your own concerns and thoughts in this matter.

Peace and all good

Revd Yvette

Ascension Day

Thursday 9th May marks Ascension Day the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.

Below I have included excerpts from the liturgy for an Ascension Day service. This will give you a sense of the importance of this short season as we wait for Pentecost - when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.

In this season of absence, hope and expectation let us pray the responsory in our own homes

Peace and all good

Revd Yvette

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

Ascension Day (cont.)

The Ascension Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1.4-11)

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'

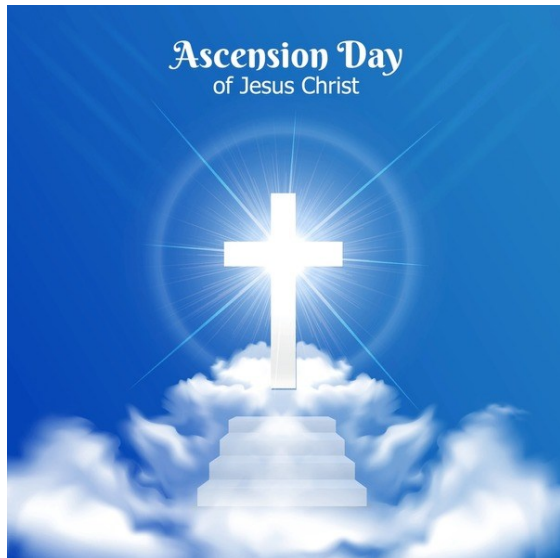
He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Ascension Day (cont.)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1.12,13a,14)

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.



Ascension Day (cont.)

Responsory

As we wait in silence,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Amen



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
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