



## Pew Sheet 13 October 2024 Pentecost XXI

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 12th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 13th	8:00am & 10:00am	Pentecost XXI
Mon 14th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 15th	10:30am 1:30pm	Spiritual Direction Memory Care Café
Wed 16th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 19th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 20th	8:00am & 10:00am	Pentecost XXII
Sun 20th	11:30am —1pm	Awareness Raising
Sun 20th	4:30pm	FaithFull Women

### Parish Office

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

### 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

At times we feel forsaken, abandoned as did Job when he was very low. Jesus says nothing is impossible with God; if we believe this, we will never feel that abandonment.

- Our faith in Jesus allows us to pray with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.



### Hearing Loop

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



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# WORSHIP 13 OCTOBER - PENTECOST XXI

## SENTENCE

There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.  
*Mark 10.29–30*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God,  
in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance:  
draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction,  
and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant,  
that in seeking your truth,  
and obeying your will,  
we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Job 23.1-9, 16-17

## TODAY'S PSALM

*Psalm 22. 1-15*

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 4. 12-16

## GOSPEL

Mark 10. 17-31

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**Welcome Hymn:** God of Freedom—TiS 657

**Offertory:** Brother, sister let me serve you—TiS 650 (8.00am)

**Communion Hymn:** Holy, holy, holy—TiS 723

**Mission Hymn:** 10,000 Reasons—SOF 2231



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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRsIRq70IA6MUlg/live>

## Prayer of the Week



Almighty God,  
in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life  
that we must walk by faith and not by sight:  
give us such trust in your fatherly care  
that in the face of all perplexities  
we may give proof of our faith  
by the courage of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Awareness raising

Protection of Violence against Women

On **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 11.30am-1pm**; Mandy Stevens along with Revd. Yvette and the PVAW will be delivering basic awareness raising for our Parish Council .

This is a subject matter that all of us should be aware of and engaged with learning more about and its impacts on individual, families and the role of the church. The awareness raising is open to all of our church so please come and join us .

## Revd. Yvettes annual leave

Just to let you all know that I will be on annual leave Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October and back in the office on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

In my absence please contact Revd. Robert, the wardens or Carolyn .

Every blessing

Yvette

# NOTICES

## What's Coming Up

Sun 20th	8:00am & 10:00am	Pentecost XXII
Sun 20th	11:30am— 1:00pm	Awareness Raising
Sun 20th	4:30pm	FaithFull Women
Mon 21st	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Faith Issues Discussion
Wed 23rd	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 23rd	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting (zoom)
Sat 26th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 27th	8:00am & 10:00am	Pentecost XXIII
Sun 27th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service
Mon 28th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Wed 30th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 2nd Nov	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 3rd	8:00am & 10:00am	All Saints / All Souls
Sun 3rd	11:30am	Annual Meeting
Sun 3rd	12:00pm	Pub lunch

## Preventing Violence Against Women

Love does no harm.

No one should live in fear of violence

St Margarets Church is signed up to Preventing violence against women program( PVAW)

If you have any concerns related to any form of abuse or controlling behaviour exhibited towards yourself or , someone you know – in an emergency call **000**

24 hr information hotline 1800 Respect- **1800 737 732**

Orange door – our local family violence service – **1800 319 355**

**You can also speak with Mandy Stevens who is our church family safety champion or Revd. Yvette Daniel**

Remember – You are not alone

## St Margaret's Parish Annual Meeting (AM)

**Sunday 3rd November 2024 at 11:30am**

**Updating of Electoral Roll:** We are currently updating our Electoral Roll prior to the Annual Meeting. You are only able to vote at the Annual Meeting if you are on the Electoral Roll. If you are unsure if you are an electoral member or need to update details please contact the Parish Office ([parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au) or phone 9439 9238, so that Carolyn can update the electoral roll.

There is an application form which needs to be signed, to be added to the electoral roll, copies available in the church foyer. Once completed please give to Rev Yvette or Carolyn in the office, no later than Sunday 13th October.

**Annual Meeting Reports:** Any outstanding reports from committees and working groups, please submit to the Parish office ASAP.

**Nominations** for Vestry, Wardens, and Incumbency Committee are now invited and must be received by the Vicar by 2:00pm on Wednesday 23rd October. Forms available in the foyer.

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>13 October 2024 Pentecost XXI 8:00am</b>	<b>13 October 2024 Pentecost XXI 10:00am</b>	<b>16 October Wednesday 10:30am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Yvette Daniel
<b>Preacher Gospel</b>	Rev Yvette Daniel <i>Mark 10.17-31</i>	Rev Yvette Daniel <i>Mark 10.17-31</i>	Rev. Yvette Daniel <i>Luke 11. 42-46</i>
<b>Sacristan Assistant</b>	Coralie Carew	Mabs Jones	N/A
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Coralie Carew	David Pryor	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	Jill Rogers
<b>First Reading</b>	Mary Lynton-Moll <i>Job 23.1-9, 16-17</i>	Adrienne Watson <i>Job 23.1-9, 16-17</i>	Lorna Howard <i>Galatians 5.18-25</i>
<b>Second Reading</b>	Barbara Speed <i>Hebrews 4.12-16</i>	Jan Kerr <i>Hebrews 4.12-16</i>	
<b>Psalm</b>	<i>Psalm 22.1-15</i>	<i>Psalm 22.1-15</i>	<i>Psalm 1</i>
<b>Intercessor</b>	Catherine Pearson	Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Helen Coutts	Linda Mackenzie Jan Gack	Jill Rogers
<b>Banking</b>	David Pryor		
<b>Zoom/Ppt Cameras</b>	Sally Warner	Mandy Stevens Liz Pryor	
<b>Flowers</b>	Pot Plant		

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>20 October 2024 Pentecost XXII 8:00am</b>	<b>20 October 2024 Pentecost XXII 10:00am</b>	<b>23 October Wednesday 10:30am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Yvette Daniel
<b>Preacher Gospel</b>	Rev Yvette Daniel <i>Mark 10. 35-45</i>	Rev Yvette Daniel <i>Mark 10.35-45</i>	Rev. Yvette Daniel <i>Luke 12.39-48</i>
<b>Sacristan Assistant</b>	Robert Brazenor	Jan Gack	N/A
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Robert Brazenor	Geoff Sandy	N/A
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Jan Kerr	N/A
<b>Greeters &amp; Sides People</b>	John Winkett	Roger Alcock	Margaret Charles
<b>First Reading</b>	David Greenfield <i>Job 38.1-7</i>	David Pryor <i>Job 38. 1-7</i>	Barbara Alexander <i>Ephesians 3.2-12</i>
<b>Second Reading</b>	Sally Warner <i>Hebrews 5.1-10</i>	Sandra Brooks <i>Hebrews 5.1-10</i>	
<b>Psalm</b>	<i>Psalm 104.1-10, 26</i>	<i>Psalm 104.1—10, 26</i>	<i>Song of Isaiah (APBA p.391)</i>
<b>Intercessor</b>	Felicity Wiltshire	Linda Mackenzie	N/A
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Sally Warner	Anna Mott Sandra Brooks	Jennifer Constantine
<b>Banking</b>	Rob Mackenzie		
<b>Zoom/Ppt Cameras</b>		John Humann Val Tucker	
<b>Flowers</b>	Pot Plant		

## **Dendy House**

Rev Yvette is now working out of the Vicar's office in Dendy House. Carolyn has also relocated to Dendy House now that the building works have been completed. Thanks to everyone for your patience during the building works.

Thanks to all who worked behind the scenes to get things ready, special thanks to Sally.

## **Lectionary's arrived**

If you ordered a 2025 Lectionary they are now available from the Parish Office. The cost for this year increased slightly to \$16.95, and payment can be either by Cash or via EFT to the St Margaret's Bank Account. Please contact Carolyn to arrange collection and payment.

## **St Margaret's Day**

**17th November 2024**

### **Save the Date**

This is the annual occasion when the whole of the Parish Family comes together to celebrate.

Bishop Brad Billings will join us for the day and bless the extensive renovations to Dendy House.

Enjoy a light luncheon, fun and fellowship. Please see the flyer in the Church Foyer for full details and booking information.



## Pet blessing service thank you.....

*" I didn't know church could be like this"*

*" we will come back again "*

*"can you pray for my dog who is very  
anxious "*

The above represents snippets of conversations I had with some of those people 'outside' of our church community who crossed the threshold into our church for our annual Pet Blessing service on Sunday.

There isn't one way that people come to know and follow Jesus and to share the good news - paraphrasing St Francis "preach the gospel at all times and when we must us words".

The gospel and the love of God was shared and evident at our service and I wish to thank everyone for participating through our gifts of hospitality, music, welcome, passion, advertising, friendliness and the volunteering freely of your time and resources .

Once again St Margarets being a light of Christ in our community.

Peace and all good

Rev'd Yvette

## Memory Café dates

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

**OCTOBER 15**

**NOVEMBER 5** (Closed—Melbourne Cup Day)

**NOVEMBER 19**



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# What is Hope25?

Hope 25 is an opportunity for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus.

**It is an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus for every parish and community in the Australian Anglican Church.**

Each parish is asked to commit to doing (at least) one thing to help share the hope that we have in Jesus during this season.

Whatever we choose to do at St Margarets will need to take place between Easter Day (April 20, 2025) to Pentecost Sunday (June 8, 2025)

So lets get our thinking caps on !

***If you would like to be part of a Hope25 working group to take this initiative forward, please be in touch with Revd. Yvette by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.***

To find out more please go to the website

[Hope25 | Anglican Church of Australia – Hope – in an uncertain world](#)

## **16 Days of Activism**

**25 November – 10 December**

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence was started by activists at the inauguration of the Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991.

Three decades on, the [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#) is a widely recognised global campaign that encourages action to end gender-based violence.

During this time, organisations and individuals from around the world raise awareness that men's violence against women is a fundamental violation of human rights.

The PVAW group at St Margarets will be focussing on some of the small things we as church and Christians can do to help towards the elimination of this crime that blights many lives.

Information will be in future pew sheets.

### **Confidentiality**

Dear church community

Please be mindful if you sit on any committees or groups where sensitive information is discussed and minutes/notes taken – I ask that you are responsible with how or whom this information is shared with – especially with those who sit outside of those meetings

With gratitude, Revd. Yvette

## **Introduction to Disability Awareness Course Free** **Online Training**

**Melbourne diocese and our Inclusion and disability team would like as many of us as possible to attend the "Introduction to Disability Awareness" course which promotes understanding and awareness of disability.**

**It addresses societal attitudes, stigma, and discrimination, providing an overview of the legislative framework supporting disability inclusion in Australia.**

**The course consists of four modules with quizzes and is designed for a broad audience, including church leaders, parishioners, volunteers, and staff. It is free to complete online and takes approximately 90 to 120 minutes. For more details and to enrol, visit the website [Introduction to Disability Awareness](#).**

**I will be completing it – and I would like to encourage as many of our church community to take part. If there is enough interest, we could all gather in the hall with a cuppa and laptop and complete it together?!**

**Dates to follow**

**Peace and all good**

**Revd. Yvette**

## **Advent and Christmas music**

We all have our favourite seasonal hymns and songs that speak to us of this special time of year. This year we would like your input.

Please put in the box (which will be outside on the coffee table in the foyer) your three favourite worship songs, hymns and songs that you would like to be included for our church services. Closing date Sunday 20th October.

The most popular, or in fact unique, may have its first outing!

**St Margarets Church**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 8am and 10am**  
**Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22 Yr B**  
**Theme: God is never absent**

An ordinary young Jewish girl who became a Queen and saved her people.

Whose life changed beyond all recognition and became something and someone that she could never have imagined.

The book of Esther is a gripping story as it follows the main protagonist Esther through the ups and downs and the meanderings of her life.

There is bravery, anger, celebrations, risk, humility and doubts all held in a story of conspiracy.

But the story is also about her uncle Mordecai who is never far from her-

Challenging her

Supporting her

And looking out for her

It is difficult for many of us here this morning to understand what would possess a group of people to conspire to bring about the total annihilation of another group of people – but even in our own time certain groups have been targeted for this reason through terrorism, wars and concentration camps.

The book of Esther is the story of a genocidal plot against a Jewish group of people and how Esther and her uncle Mordecai prevented it.

The story is set during the five centuries before Jesus, when many of the Jewish people were uprooted and turned out of their homelands and forced to settle on foreign soil and this book reflects with detail the challenges these Jewish people had to face – especially having to live under the constant concern for their safety .

Esther is a unique book as it the “only account of the Jewish people scattered in ancient Persia after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian exile”.

So let me share extracts from a blog which tells us more about this old testament book along with its main characters Mordecai and his niece ....so if you are sitting comfortably I will begin !!!

The book is ...*“Set in Persia around 479 B.C., during the reign of the ruthless King Ahasuerus also know as King (ZERK-SEAS)*

*When Queen Vashti refused to come before King (ZERK-SEAS) and his drunken friends at a feast, she was banished. In search of a new queen, King ZERK -SEAS ordered all the beautiful women in the royal precinct of Susa to be brought to the palace so he could choose a wife. During this time, there lived in Susa a Jewish man named Mordecai, who took care of his orphaned niece Esther, a girl of exceptional beauty. Esther was brought to the palace, and out of all the young women, she was selected as the king’s favourite and declared queen. But Mordecai had advised her, she told no one of her Jewish heritage.*

### *Mordecai Saves the King*

*One day, when Mordecai was walking outside the royal gates, he overheard two eunuchs plotting to assassinate the king. Mordecai told Esther of what he had heard, and she in turn, told the king. Thanks to Mordecai, he was able to stop the attempt and execute the conspirators.*

### *Haman Plots Against the Jews*

*Following the foiled assassination attempt, Haman, a chief advisor to the king, periodically went outside the palace gates and demanded that the king's servants bow to him. But Mordecai refused to bow to Haman. This infuriated Haman, and after he discovered Mordecai was a Jew, he conceived a plot to kill all the Jews.*

*When Mordecai heard of this, he asked Esther to plead with the king on their behalf. However, Esther reminded Mordecai that whoever went to the king uninvited would face the penalty of death unless he extended his golden scepter.*

*Mordecai urged Esther to visit the king anyway.*

*(Esther fasted ...)*

*On the third day, Esther went to see the king, and he extended his golden sceptre to her, saying, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled."*

*Esther alludes to the king that something could be happening that would reflect badly on him . (5:3)*

*Esther invited him to a banquet the following night, and the king accepted. At that banquet, Esther invited him to a second banquet the following night.*



*After that banquet as Haman walked home, Mordecai once again refused to bow to him. Infuriated, Haman ordered the construction of gallows for Mordecai's execution.*

*That night, the king was unable to sleep, and asked for the chronicles of the city to be read to him. Hearing of Mordecai's role in stopping the assassination, he inquired whether he had been rewarded, and his servant responded that he had not.*

*Later, the king and Haman attended Esther's second banquet, where she told the king of the plot against the Jewish people. Disturbed by this revelation, the king asked who had organized it, and Esther replied, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman"*

*Upon hearing this, the king was incensed, and he had Haman executed upon the gallows built for Mordecai. After Haman's execution, the king made a decree that the Jews could defend themselves on the day of the attack, and the Jewish people triumphed over their enemies."*

**There is so much more to this story and if you haven't read it I urge you too as it is filled book If you have never read the book of Esther it is a great story to read and you can read it quite easily in an hour !**

Now, there is something I chose to omit right at the beginning of my homily.

The book of Esther is the only book in the bible that doesn't mention God .

No one speaks to God

No one speaks about God

No one speaks Gods name

And God doesn't appear to speak to any one

All of us.... have or will have at least once in our lives asked the question WHERE IS GOD?

Whether it refers to our own life or that of those we love and care for – and also we can ask WHERE IS GOD when we hear or watch the news today – conflicts and wars in **Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine , Yemen and the list goes on .**

The Jewish people 5 century's before Christ may have asked “ Where is God”

Some scholars interpret the absence of God in the book of Esther as a kind of divine judgment against the Jewish people at that time

Whilst other scholars interpret Gods absence as a “veiled presence” – I love that – not an absence – the state of being away from a place, person or a people

But veiled -not openly or directly expressed; masked; disguised; hidden; obscured – **but very much present all the same.**

I think the book of Esther is a signal for us to look for God at work in between the lines of the story – and in our own lives too!

**Amen**

References to Sermon..

30 days with Esther – Emily Owen  
The NRSV student bible pg. .480

[“For Such a Time as This” – the Story of Esther - National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#) accessed 28/09/24

The NRSV student bible pg. 480



## 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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