St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 17 November 2024
St Margaret's Day

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 16th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 17th	10:00am	St Margaret's Day service (one service only)
Sun 17th	12:00pm	St Margaret's Day lunch
Sun 17th	4:30pm	FaithFull Women
Mon 18th	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Faith Issues
Tue 19th	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 20th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 23rd	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 24th	8:00am & 10:00am	Christ the King
Sun 24th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service

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

Today's gospel was written in the context of the persecution Christians were already beginning to experience. The words are to encourage them (as well as us) in times of trial, rather than point to a timetable for God's actions in the world.

Whenever we challenge injustice or speak against the powers of oppression, then the powers will fight back, but we can trust that the Holy Spirit will give us the words we need.

- Pray for Christians round the world who face persecution because of their stand for justice.

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Amity Foundation, created in 1985 on the initiative of Christians in China with the late Bishop K H Ting as its founder. Its main objective has been to help develop poor areas of the country.

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Worship 17 November - St Margaret's Day

Sentence

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false; they will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. *Psalm 24: 4, 5*

The Collect

God, the ruler of all,
who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne
and gave her zeal for your Church and love for your people
that she might advance your heavenly kingdom:
mercifully grant that we who commemorate her example
may be fruitful in good works
and attain to the glorious crown of your saints;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Revelation 9.13-end

Today's Psalm

Psalm 112

Second Reading

3 John 5-8

Gospel

Luke 18. 1-8

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: O God, you called St Margaret (to tune TiS 595)

Offertory: Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus—TiS 517

Communion Hymn: O, how good is Christ the Lord—TiS 740

Mission Hymn: Christ, be our light—CH 543

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
whose sovereign purpose none can make void:
give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world,
knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done,
to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

St. Margaret's Day – Sunday 17 November 2024

Bishop Brad Billings will join us for our Patronal Day and we are looking forward to the whole parish family coming together to celebrate.
Please note, there will be no 8am service.

Programme:

10.00 am	Joint Service
11.30 am	Blessing of Dendy House
12.00 pm	Luncheon in the Hall*

A Special Collection for Anglicare on St. Margaret's Day
For many years, parishioners of St. Margaret's have assisted Anglicare in its mission to support families and individuals experiencing disadvantage and deprivation. In the spirit of our Patron, St. Margaret, we ask that you contribute to a collection of non-perishable grocery essentials.
Your donations of canned vegetables, fish or meat, as well as rice, pasta, breakfast cereal, long-life juice etc., can be placed in an Anglicare box in the foyer and will be much appreciated.

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 24th	8:00am & 10:00am	Christ the King
Sun 24th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service
Mon 25th	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Parish Council Meeting (zoom)
Tue 26th	10:30am	Spiritual Direction
Wed 27th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 30th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 1st December	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent I
Sun 1st	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 2nd	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 3rd	1:30pm	Memory Care Café—Bus trip—Farm Visit
Wed 4th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 4th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care Team
Sat 7th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 8th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent II

Parish Office

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

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

Congratulations to Rev'd Dr Linda Fiske

On Tuesday 19th November Revd. Linda Fiske will be commissioned as the vicar of South Darebin Parish All Saints Church, 16 High Street, Northcote at 7pm.

It would be wonderful if members of our church were able to support her by being part of the service.

I will be attending and willing to drive those who are interested .

Please send me an email or text me and we can arrange a time .

Every blessing Yvette

ROSTER	17 November 2024 St Margaret's Day 10:00am	20 November Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Bishop Brad Billings	Revd. Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Bishop Brad Billings *Luke 18. 1-8*	Revd. Yvette Daniel *Luke 19.11-28*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Tony Michaelson Angela Langan	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Harry Watson Kevin Gillett	Jill Rogers
First **Reading**	Helen Robertson *Revelation 9.13-end*	Lorna Howard *Revelation 4. 1-11*
Second **Reading**	Jan Kerr *3 John 5-8*	
Psalm	Sally Petty *Psalm 112*	*Psalm 150*
Intercessor	Geoff Sandy Felicity Wiltshire	N/A
Morning Tea	Anna Mott Sandra Brooks Helen Coutts	Jill Rogers
Banking	Rob Mackenzie	
Music	Jason Zeng	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Val Tucker Mandy Stevens	
Flowers	Jan Kerr	

ROSTER	24 November 2024 Christ the King 8:00am	24 November 2024 Christ the King 10:00am	27 November Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *John 18.33-37*	Rev Yvette Daniel *John 18. 33-37*	Revd. Yvette Daniel *Luke 21.12-19*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Sally Petty	Diana Warrell	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Sally Petty	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Catherine Pearson	Angela Langan Anna Mott	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Jo Norman	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell	Margaret Charles
First **Reading**	Catherine Pearson *2 Samuel 23. 1-7*	David Tuke / Mitzi Tuke *2 Samuel 23.1-7*	Barbara Alexander *Revelation 15.1-4*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Revelation 1.4b-8*	David Pryor *Revelation 1.4b-8*	
Psalm	*Psalm 132.1-12*	*Psalm 132.1-12*	*Psalm 98*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Robert Street	N/A
Morning Tea	Sally Warner	Mitzi Tuke David Tuke	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Music	Helen Coutts	Robert Street	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann Rob Mackenzie	
Flowers	Barbara Speed		

Memory Café dates

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

NOVEMBER 19

DECEMBER 3—Bus Trip from Café – Farm Visit - Pick up at 1.30pm

DECEMBER 17

Christmas Hampers

We plan to pack 60 Christmas Hampers this year on Saturday December 14th. We will be starting at 9.30am. If you can help with packing or driving or can do both please let me know. I will be putting a roster sheet in the foyer closer to the date.

Thank you

Diana Ph.0414398565 or email: warrelldiana@gmail.com

Climate Change

There will be a Northern Territory Roadshow coming to Melbourne, composed of two events, with presenters including several Traditional Owners, speaking out against the harms to Country, climate and water from the impacts of fracking in the Beetaloo Basin.

The two events are:

1. Voices from the Frontlines of the Climate Crisis - An Urgent Call to Action, Coburg Town Hall on Saturday 23 November, 2.30-5.00pm. Further details and to register are at this link: https://www.ecnt.org.au/frontlinesoftheclimatecrisis

2. Community Gathering for NT Climate Justice at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square on Sunday 24 November, 9.30am-12.00noon. Further details and to register are at this link: https://www.ecnt.org.au/ntclimatejusticegathering

Contact: Mitzi

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to the next Faith Issues Discussion to be held on Monday 18 November at 7.30pm in the church. Refreshments will follow.

The discussion on Faith and Belief will be led by Harry Watson.

Harry will draw upon the work of the renowned religious scholar Marcus Borg.

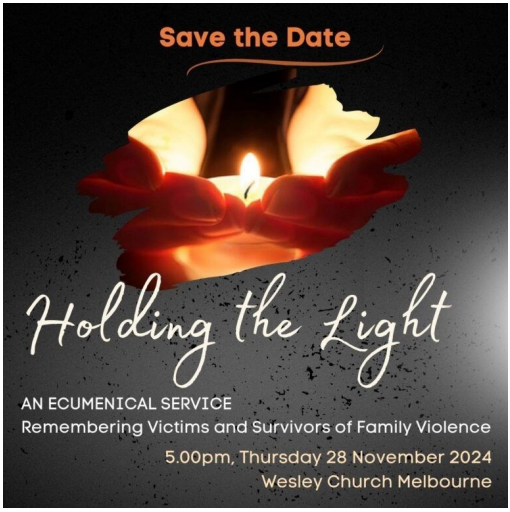
Please come. All welcome.

Geoff Sandy Co-ordinator
MOB: 0434422768

International Men's Day

On Tuesday 19th November is International Men's Day. It is an opportunity for people everywhere of goodwill to appreciate and celebrate the men and boys in their lives and the contribution they make to society for the greater good of all.

Let us give thanks and prayers to all those who have been a positive influence in our lives and continue to be.



16 Days of Activism

25 November – 10 December

The 16 Days of Activism, against Gender-Based Violence, is a global campaign led annually by UN women. It runs every year from 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day).

During the 16 Days of Activism, communities around the world join the call to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls. St Margarets is joining this call to draw attention to this fundamental violation of human rights.

The 16 Days of Activism at St Margarets.

We will be undertaking a number of small actions at St Margs. These include displaying posters, praying special prayers each week and including information about violence against women on our social media and website. We also wanted to draw your attention to the following actions the Diocese of Melbourne is involved in during the 16 Days of Activism. Please let Yvette know if you are interested in attending any of the following. We could possibly coordinate travelling together as a group. We would love anyone to join in these actions:

WALK AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE: FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

(meet on St Paul's Cathedral steps at 10.30am to walk together)

Respect Victoria is kicking off the 16 Days of Activism with the annual Walk Against Family Violence **on Friday 22 November**. The walk commences **at 11am** from Birrarung Marr and ends at Treasury Gardens. The Diocese invite all churches to meet at St Paul's Cathedral at 10.30am, so that we can walk together with a banner. It is a great way to visually show that the church cares and wants to shine the light of Jesus in dark places.

Ecumenical Service remembering Victims and Survivors of Family Domestic Violence (5.00 28th November, Wesley Church Melbourne)

The service is invitational and held in a spirit of welcome. While it is held within the Christian tradition, it is open to anyone who might wish to join together and take part in a ritual and is a time for anyone to engage in a period of quiet, lament, and prayer/reflection on the tragic results of violence and in hope for a better future for our communities.

St Margarets Church
Sunday 9th November 2024
8am and 10am
Theme: There is building …and there is building!!
Psalm 127

Verse 1 from our Psalm this morning says

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain!!

We are natural builders aren't we.

Some of you here this morning may have built your own homes; from the foundations to the roof – or had professions where you built Computers , roads, industries , cars –

we no doubt would have marvelled at those who have built structures that have enabled us to view our world differently e.g. rockets, ships and submarines –

possibly someone you know - may have been involved in building physical bridges that allowed people or vehicles to cross from one place to another

or we could have built the humble fire to keep warm or to prepare a barbeque or two!

It is in our nature to build, after all when we read the creation story in Genesis, it tells us **Genesis 1:27**

'God created humankind in Gods image, in the image of God – God created them'

So, if we are made in the image of God (Imago Dei), and God built all things - it is only natural that we too should build.

However as Christian disciples- followers and learners of Jesus Christ – I would like to suggest that there are two ways that we can build.

First, we can build being **dependent** on God,
or second, we can build being i**ndependent** of God.

So how should we build?

To build depending on God involves prayer, discernment and supplication

– whereas to build dependant on ourselves – just needs a good idea and others to agree or sometimes not

And this is important if we are thinking about building in the church context …

Sisters and brothers in Christ - If what we build and if what we accomplish is not for the Lord, if it is not for Gods glory-

…if the process has not been prayerful, if there **have not been** periods of discernment…

…..then it is in vain -because

what we achieve isn't for the betterment and growth of the Kingdom of God- here - now and for the future….

but it becomes more about our own needs - our own ideas and passions - therefore ,what is achieved is really for our own glory and our own comfort carried out by our own strength and desires .

It's not to say that what we do or have done without prayer, discernment or supplication cannot bear fruit – but with God there will be an abundance of fruit – more than we could ever imagine….

….ideas , solutions, growth that could never have come into being from our humanity alone ….for sometimes building without God can lead to stagnation, frustration and discouragement.

There is a great example of building without God and of vain effort. Look at the tower of Babel.

. *"According to Genesis 11:1-9, all people used to speak the same language.*

Their unity of language allowed them to collaborate efficiently. They decided to build a grand tower, so tall it would reach into the heavens.

Doing so would bring them glory, or so they believed. God watched his people start their construction efforts and realized that they were immensely powerful because of their ability to communicate. God realized that people would be able to do virtually anything, potentially giving them too much power over a world that was meant to be ruled by God.

Before the tower was completed, God made everyone speak different languages. No longer able to understand each other, the builders were unable to complete the tower." 1

The Tower of Babel is a reminder to us to be sure to build according to God's will and word.

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1. Themes accessed 9/11/24

So, how do we build church so that we do not build in vain?

The answer is found in Misso Dei

Missio Dei: *A Latin Christian theological term that can be translated as the 'mission of God,' or the 'sending of God.'*

Christian mission is joining with God in the redemption and restoration of all humanity and creation—made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Christian mission refers to the church's calling and practice of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, making disciples of all neighborhoods and nations, and serving others in love and compassion. 2

The belief that mission is at the heart of God's very self, and that mission is Gods task not ours. The church exists because God has a mission, not the other way around.

And then we co-labour with God – the Holy Spirit to accomplish it

Definition by Helen Paynter an Old Testament tutor at Bristol Baptist College

God builds and we build. We both build. We work with God to accomplish.

- We don't build on our own thoughts, passions and ideas of what church should be like. We build on Christ our lord and savour
- We acknowledge our creator God is the designer and builder of all things. And that we can only do what we can by God's grace.
- We acknowledge our utter dependence upon God.
- We must pray and saturate all that we do in seeking God's will and blessing.
- We must always remain humble before God and seek God relentlessly
- We must never forget that as the body of Christ we build our church and our lives with God, because of God, and for God.

Amen

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2. What is mission? - UCA

The head of the Anglican Communion Archbishop Justin Welby has resigned

Letter dated 12/11/2024

Having sought the gracious permission of His Majesty The King, I have decided to resign as Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Makin Review has exposed the long-maintained conspiracy of silence about the heinous abuses of John Smyth.

When I was informed in 2013 and told that police had been notified, I believed wrongly that an appropriate resolution would follow.

It is very clear that I must take personal and institutional responsibility for the long and retraumatising period between 2013 and 2024.

It is my duty to honour my Constitutional and church responsibilities, so exact timings will be decided once a review of necessary obligations has been completed, including those in England and in the Anglican Communion.

I hope this decision makes clear how seriously the Church of England understands the need for change and our profound commitment to creating a safer church. As I step down I do so in sorrow with all victims and survivors of abuse.

The last few days have renewed my long felt and profound sense of shame at the historic safeguarding failures of the Church of England. For nearly twelve years I have struggled to introduce improvements. It is for others to judge what has been done.

In the meantime, I will follow through on my commitment to meet victims. I will delegate all my other current responsibilities for safeguarding until the necessary risk assessment process is complete.

I ask everyone to keep my wife Caroline and my children in their prayers. They have been my most important support throughout my ministry, and I am eternally grateful for their sacrifice. Caroline led the spouses' programme during the Lambeth Conference and has travelled tirelessly in areas of conflict supporting the most vulnerable, the women, and those who care for them locally.

I believe that stepping aside is in the best interests of the Church of England, which I dearly love and which I have been honoured to serve. I pray that this decision points us back towards the love that Jesus Christ has for every one of us.

For above all else, my deepest commitment is to the person of Jesus Christ, my saviour and my God, the bearer of the sins and burdens of the world, and the hope of every person.

Dear Church community

Considering this letter and the implications for the worldwide Anglican church – this is a sad time for us all.

It reminds us that abuse continues to be abusive even after an abuser has died.

I continue to pray for all those who experienced such trauma at Smyths hands and also for all people who have experienced church abuse in any way.

I also pray for ++Justin, in the profound solitude of leadership as "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown".

“As a community walking in Jesus’ footsteps, we follow this command, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; and love your neighbour as yourself.” (Deut 6:5, Matt 22:37, Luke 10:27) God calls us to love and minister to vulnerable and marginalised people – these are people who need special care, protection and support.

The Anglican Church of Australia within the Diocese of Melbourne is committed to child safe practice. The safety and the wellbeing of children and vulnerable people are embedded in policies and practices which reflect a commitment to zero tolerance of abuse.” [1]

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1. Safe Ministry | Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

I am very grateful for Mandy Stevens and Carolyn Jung who coordinates and ensures those of us at St Margaret's Church are up to date with this vital training and to everyone who has undertaken Safe Ministry training and those who will do so soon. I thank you all for your time and energy you give to this important area of ministry.

Below is a prayer from St Martins in the field

Tender God, look with mercy on all who have experienced profound harm and any for whom faith is associated with hurt and damage. Bless those for whom this week's events have stirred up memories and emotions that evoke grief and woundedness. Send your Spirit on your church, that it may be wiser and more rigorous even as it is sadder and humbler. Surround Archbishop Justin as he faces the glare of public scrutiny and blame. Guide your church to cherish all your children, exalted leaders and vulnerable members, that in your Son's broken body we may see not only sorrow but also your everlasting faithfulness to us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

With gratitude

Revd. Yvette

It’s been a full week for folk, so why don’t we take some time to exhale and pray the finger labyrinth. Thankyou for everything you have done this week. Rev Yvette.

Also, to help you relax a simple biscuit recipe

Empire biscuits for the Feast Day of St. Margaret of Scotland.

Recipe

For the shortbread biscuits

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, room temperature
- ½ cup of sugar (super fine is best), plus extra for sprinkling on top
- 2 cups of flour
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon cream

For the glaze and garnish

- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ¼ teaspoon almond extract
- 2+ teaspoons water
- glace cherries

Directions

In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter. Add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Stir in flour a cup at a time. Add egg yolk and cream. Mix well.

Scoop a mound of dough and drop them on a lightly greased cookie sheet about two inches apart. Bake in a preheated oven at 325 degrees F for 22-25 minutes or until golden. Remove from the oven. Cool completely.

While the biscuits are cooling, prepare the glaze by mixing the powdered sugar with the almond extract and water. Add a little more water if the glaze is too thick. Add a little more powdered sugar if the glaze is too thin and runny. Dip the top of each biscuit into the glaze. Top with a cherry before the glaze sets.

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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