St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 1 December 2024
Advent I

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 30th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 1st Dec	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

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

As Advent begins, the words of the ancient prophets ring clear for us today as they did when first heard thousands of years ago. God's purposes will be worked out and God will make known the righteousness and justice and mercy which is at the heart of God's love and desire for all people.

- We pray that we may hear God's call to righteousness and justice, and so live by this way that we are agents too of God's good news of peace and love for all people.

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the Bishop-Designate of Port Moresby, the Very Rev'd Wilfred Kekea, as well as the recently-appointed new Principal for the Bishop Newton School of Theology, the Rev'd Dr Ishaya Anthony, as well as the other staff and students.

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Worship 1 December - Advent I

Sentence

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21.28

The Collect

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him;
and, with all your saints,
may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Today's Psalm

Psalm 25.1-10

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Gospel

Luke 21.25-38

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: O come, o come, Emmanuel—TiS 265 (8.00am)

Offertory: 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—CH 749

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

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

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.**

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

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 8th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent II
Mon 9th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 10th	4:00pm	Do Justice, Dendy House
Wed 11th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 11th	2:30pm	Book Club, Dendy House
Sat 14th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 15th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent III
Sun 15th	To be advised	FaithFull Women (**Singing the Holy Birth: Carols in the Cathedral)**
Mon 16th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 17th	1:30—3pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 18th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 21st	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 22nd	8:00am &	Advent IV

Parish Office

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

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to the last Faith Issues Discussion for 2024 on Monday 2 December at 7.30pm in the church.

The discussion is on the ***Yazidis from Iraq***. They follow a syncretic religion and have been persecuted for doing so for hundreds of years. Recently ISIS committed genocide against them and enslaved the woman as sex slaves and killed the others. There is a small disapora in Australia, New South Wales. We shall discuss all aspects of these people especially focussing on their religion and any connection to Christianity.

The discussion will be led by Geoff Sandy. Some wonderful images will be used. Not to be missed. Refreshments will follow the discussion.

Geoff Sandy Coordinator

MOB: 0434422768

Memory Café dates

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

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

DECEMBER 17

Christmas hampers packagers needed!!

Will you be able to help this year? Packing or deliver please add your name to a list which will be in the foyer over the next week. In addition, if you know of a family or an individual who may welcome one of these hampers please add there name to the list too.

If you wish to find out more information, please speak with Diana Warrell.

Peace and all good, **Revd. Yvette**

ROSTER	1 December 2024 Advent I 8:00am	1 December 2024 Advent I 10:00am	4 December Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Robert Street
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 21.25-38*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 21.25-38*	Revd. Robert Street *Matthew 15.29-37*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Christine Winkett	Mitzi Tuke	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Dave Greenfield	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Catherine Pearson	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jenny Disney
First **Reading**	John Winkett *Jeremiah 33.14-16*	Sandra Brooks *Jeremiah 33.14-16*	Barbara Alexander *Isaiah 25.6-10*
Second **Reading**	Clive Noble *1 Thessalonians 3.9-13*	David Tuke *1 Thessalonians 3.9-13*	
Psalm	*Psalm 25.1-10*	*Psalm 25.1-10*	*Psalm 23*
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	N/A
Morning Tea	Helen Coutts	David Tuke Mitzi Tuke	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	Sandra Brown-Holt Val Tucker	
Flowers	Advent		

ROSTER	8 December 2024 Advent II 8:00am	8 December 2024 Advent II 10:00am	11 December Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 3.1-6*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 3.1-6*	Revd. Yvette Daniel *Matthew 11.28-30*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	Mabs Jones	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	David Pryor	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Kathleen Toal	Sylvia Gilbert Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	May Lynton-Moll	Roger Alcock Harry Watson	Jennifer Constantine
First **Reading**	Mary Lynton-Moll *Malachi 3.1-14*	Adrienne Watson *Malachi 3.1-14*	Michael Tucker *Isaiah 40.25-31*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Philippians 1.1-11*	Jan Kerr *Philippians 1.1-11*	
Psalm	*Song of Zechariah*	*Song of Zechariah*	*Psalm 103.1-5*
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Linda Mackenzie Jan Gack	Jenny Disney
Banking	David Pryor		
Music	Helen Coutts	Amelia Trinh	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	Mandy Stevens Rob Mackenzie	
Flowers	Advent		

Shirley Burns

It is with sadness that I announced officially the death of Shirley Burns.

I know that for many of you at St Margaret's Church she was a dear friend and someone who was much admired for her ministries, kindness and generosity.

I have spoken with her daughters and can confirm that a requiem mass will be held here at our church **on Friday 6th December at 10.30am**- all are welcome to attend.

The service will be officiated by Fr Graeme Brennan and myself.

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for Shirley whom we remember this day;
fulfil in her the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with Shirley, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

16 Days of Activism; Let us pray!

To pray is to make our hearts ready to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Praying regularly will help us to develop a spiritual rhythm. A discipline of prayer changes the way that we think about our lives, because it creates new habits of heart and mind. Prayer opens us more deeply to the transforming grace of God. We enter into God's presence, allowing the Holy Spirit to pray in us. [1]

Whether we pray corporately or individual – prayer has the power to heal , and change hearts and minds.

From 25th November to 10th December our PVAW committee invites us all at St Margarets Church to pray for issues surrounding Domestic Violence and Abuse – along with coercive and controlling behaviours .

Available for your collection this Sunday and Wednesday is a copy of daily prayers to be prayed during the 16 days of activism.

Please ensure you pick up a copy along with your pew sheet as we aim to tackle this crime not just locally but globally too.

With gratitude,

PVAW, Mandy Stevens & Yvette

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1. CofE

Christmas Service/January Rosters

A hard copy of the Christmas services and January roster is in the foyer, can you please fill in your names in the Christmas services for which you will be available to assist, and check your names on the January roster? If you are unavailable on dates listed, please arrange a swap and let the Coordinator of your roster know, and also the Parish office to assist with planning.

CHRISTMAS

LOVE! HOPE! PEACE! JOY!

AT ST. MARGARET'S

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 2024

CHILDREN'S SERVICE 5PM

KIDS, JOIN THE VISITORS TO BETHLEHEM TOWN. BE SURPRISED!

CAROLS IN THE HALL 10.15PM

ENJOY MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES WHILE SINGING

MIDNIGHT MASS 11.00PM

SUNG EUCHARIST, CANDLELIGHT AND INCENSE

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 2024

ALL AGE EUCHARIST 9.30AM

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE. A LOVELY WAY TO BEGIN YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Anglican Overseas Aid

…is a charity that carries out work globally in the name of Jesus.

Please pick up a copy of their Advent Reflection on Sunday and Wednesday entitled '*Our story -his Glory'* as we take time to dwell in the complete story of our saviour .

Peace and all good

Revd Yvette

Christmas Tree and Nativity Set

Can we please have volunteers to set up Sat. 7 December @ 2.00pm. It will take much less time if there are a few to help. Many thanks.

Sally

'Toy/activities ' request for Christmas hampers

We often say don't we that "Christmas is for the children"! even though we know it is not true there is definitely some truth there.

Linc and Diana thank you so far for the gift of food for the hampers – however what is coming to our notice is that families are also struggling for gifts for the younger members of their family .

In the foyer over the next few weeks – we would be grateful (if you are able) to donate gifts for children aged 0-16 years of age and leave them in the blue Linc basket .

Thank you all in advance

Every blessing,

Linc & Revd. Yvette

ADVENT

Introduction to the Season

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement:

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty.
(Charles Wesley)

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas.[1]

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1. Church of England

‘*Follow the star calm and bright’* is the theme for the Church of England advent and Christmas season 2024.

They have produced a booklet which I think would be a wonderful resource for us at St Margarets church to use.

(You will be given a copy on Advent Sunday!)

Each day during this season there is a bible reading, a reflection, challenge and a short prayer to end with. I intend to use this as one of my devotionals during December. I also will journal each day what emerges for me. Why don’t you try this practice too as we all wait with anticipation on the birth of the saviour of the world.

Go well this season

Love, peace and all good

Revd. Yvette

Open air local carol services

Diamond Creek community carols; Sunday, 15th December, 5.30-8.30pm; Diamond Creek

Featuring the Carols Band, singing your favourite carols and some new ones. There will be local community groups performing, an animal farm, face painting, a sausage sizzle and food trucks. There will also be a bunch of Christmas services at St John's, including a Family Christmas Eve service. At Coventry Oval. Just turn up.

Carols in the park, Diamond Creek; Tuesday, 24th December, 8-9.30pm; Diamond Creek

Sing along to your favourite Christmas carols and get into the festive spirit with family and friends accompanied by an orchestra. There will be a children's section where youngsters can perform with supplied instruments. Take a picnic basket, torches, rugs and chairs and grab your spot from 8 PM. The orchestra will begin at 8:30pm and conclude around 9:30pm. At Wadeson Reserve.

Regards, David P

Mince pie recipe!!

I know that some of us enjoy baking and we are officially in the season for all the preparations to begin. Why not bake these for your selves or even with grand children or great nieces and nephews – most of all …in the making …enjoy time together .

Peace and all good Revd Yvette

Prep:30 mins - 40 mins **Cook:**20 mins

Makes 18 pies

- **Ingredients**

225g cold butter diced
100g golden caster sugar
1 small egg beaten
350g plain flour
280g mincemeat
icing sugar to dust

- **Method**

1. To make the pastry, rub the butter into the flour, then mix in the golden caster sugar and a pinch of salt.
2. Combine the pastry into a ball – don't add liquid – and knead it briefly. The dough will be fairly firm, like shortbread dough. You can use the dough immediately, or chill for later.
3. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line 18 holes of two 12-hole patty tins, by pressing small walnut-sized balls of pastry into each hole.
4. Spoon the mincemeat into the pies. Take slightly smaller balls of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies.
5. Top the pies with their lids, pressing the edges gently together to seal – you don't need to seal them with milk or egg as they will stick on their own. Will keep frozen for up to one month.
6. Brush the tops of the pies with the beaten egg. Bake for 20 mins until golden. Leave to cool in the tin for 5 mins, then remove to a wire rack. To serve, lightly dust with the icing sugar. Will keep for three to four days in an airtight container.

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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