St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 15 December 2024
Advent III

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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 6:30pm	Monday Circle Faith Issues Christmas Function
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 & 10:00am	Advent IV

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

Although prophets often have words of judgement or even condemnation, they also reassure by reminding us of God's overall purposes of love and goodness. Those who have unjustly suffered rejection or disaster will be restored. Past wrongs will be set to right, and we can again rejoice.

- We pray that God's love and goodness may once again be known to those who have unjustly suffered.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy

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Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Parish Office

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

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Email: parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au, Tel: 9439 9238
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Worship 15 December - Advent III

Sentence

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

Zephaniah 3.16–17

The Collect

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him
whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Today's Psalm

Song of Isaiah

Second Reading

Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel

Luke 3.7-18

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Tell out, my soul—TiS 161) (8.00am)

Advent: Advent Candles tell their story (tune Angels Voices—CH498)

Offertory: Let all mortal flesh keep silence—TiS 497 (8.00am)

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,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of 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

Hall access from 27 December

PLEASE NOTE: NO ACCESS TO THE HALL FROM 27TH December to 4 January for any reason. Hall floor is being sanded and polished. Thankyou

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 22nd	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent IV
Tue 24th (Christmas Eve)	5:00pm 10:15pm 11:00pm	Children's Service Carols in the Hall Midnight Mass
Wed 25th (Christmas Day)	9:30am	Christmas Day—All Age Eucharist
Sun 29th	8:00am & 10:00am	First Sunday after Christmas
Wed 1st Jan 2025	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 4th	8:30am	Men's Breakfast
Sun 5th	8:00am & 10:00am	Epiphany of our Lord
Sun 5th	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Wed 8th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sun 12th	8:00am & 10:00am	Baptism of our Lord
Wed 15th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sun 19th	8:00am & 10:00am	Epiphany II
Tue 21st	1:30pm	Memory Care Café re-opens for 2025
Wed 22nd	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sun 26th	8:00am & 10:00am	Epiphany III

'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

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.

In particular needing for Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th 9.30am

- Sacristant Assistant
- Communion Assistants
- Greeters
- Second Bible reader
- Intercessor

Rosters—Bible Reader

We have a vacancy in our bible reading roster for the second Sunday of the month at our 10am service on the odd months of the year (ie January, March, May, July, September, November). If you would be interested please contact Carolyn from the Parish office. Safe Ministry Training level 1 is needed prior to being on the roster. (many parishioners already have this).

ROSTER	15 December 2024 Advent III 8:00am	15 December 2024 Advent III 10:00am	18 December Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 3.7-18*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 3.7-18*	Revd. Yvette Daniel *Matthew 1.18-24*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	Geoff Sandy	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Jan Kerr	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	John Winkett	Roger Alcock	Jill Rogers
First **Reading**	Dave Greenfield *Zephaniah 3.14-20*	David Pryor *Zephaniah 3.14-20*	Lorna Howard *Jeremiah 23.5-8*
Second **Reading**	Sally Warner *Philippians 4.4-7*	Sandra Brooks *Philippians 4.4-7*	
Psalm	*A Song of Isaiah*	*A Song of Isaiah*	*Psalm 72.15-21*
Intercessor	Felicity Wiltshire	Linda Mackenzie	N/A
Morning Tea	Sally Warner	Anna Mott Sandra Brooks	Jill Rogers
Banking	Rob Mackenzie		
Music	Helen Coutts	Robert Street	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann Liz Pryor	
Flowers	Advent		

ROSTER	22 December 2024 Advent IV 8:00am	22 December 2024 Advent IV 10:00am
Celebrant	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 1.39-45*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 1.39-45*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	Diana Warrell
Liturgical **Assistant**	Christine Winkett	Adrienne Watson
Communion **Assistants**	Catherine Pearson	Angela Langan Anna Mott
Greeters & **Sides People**	Jo Norman	Keving Gillett Diana Warrell
First **Reading**	Catherine Pearson *Micah 5.2-5a*	Harry Watson *Micah 5.2-5a*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Hebrews 10.5-10*	Roger Alcock *Hebrews 10.5-10*
Psalm	*Song of Mary*	*Song of Mary*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Robert Street
Morning Tea	Helen Coutts	Mitzi Tuke David Tuke
Banking	Kevin Gillett	
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	Sandra Brown-Holt Val Tucker
Flowers	Advent	

ROSTER	24 December 2024 Christmas Eve 11.00pm	25 December 2024 Christmas Day 9:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 1.18-25*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 2.8-20*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	
Liturgical **Assistant**	Adrienne Watson	Christine Winkett
Communion **Assistants**	David Pryor	
Greeters & **Sides People**	Mary Lynton-Moll Harry Watson	
First **Reading**	David Pryor *Isaiah 62. 1-5*	Sandra Brooks *Isaiah 62. 6-12*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Acts 13.16-25*	*Titus 3.4-8a*
Psalm	*Psalm 89.19-29*	*Palm 97*
Intercessor	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	N/A	
Banking		
Music	Robert Street	Cecilia Spicer
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Liz Pryor Sandra Brown-Holt	Val Tucker John Humann
Flowers	Angela Langan	

ROSTER	29 December 2024 First Sunday after Christmas 8:00am	29 December 2024 First Sunday after Christmas 10:00am	1 January Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 2.41-52*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 2.41-52*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 2.15-21*
Sacristan Assistant	Mary Lynton-Moll	Diana Warrell	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion Assistants	Kathleen Toal	Angela Langan Anna Mott	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Catherine Pearson	Rob Mackenzie	Jenny Disney
First Reading	Dawn Greenfield *1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26*	Liz Pryor *1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26*	Barbara Alexander *Numbers 6.22-27*
Second Reading	Barbara Speed *Colossians 3.12-17*	Rob Mackenzie *Colossians 3.12-17*	
Psalm	*Psalm 148*	*Psalm 148*	*Psalm 8*
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Coralie Carew	Anna Mott Sandra Brooks	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Helen Coutts	Robert Street or Jason Zeng	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Felicity Wiltshire	Rob Mackenzie & ??	
Flowers	Angela Langan		

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

Thankyou—Nativity Scene

A huge thankyou to everyone who helped on Saturday to display our Nativity Scene.

Peace, Rev Yvette.

CAROLS IN THE HALL

Christmas Eve 10.15pm

Join St Margarets Band in singing well-known hymns.

Enjoy mulled wine and mince pies too!!

Don't let driving at nighttime put you off sharing in this wonderful time together …why not car share?!

Please invite friends, neighbours and family.

I look forward to welcoming you all then

Peace and all good

Revd. Yvette

Advent II
Sunday 8th December 2024
8am 10am St Margarets Church
Theme: Enter the wilderness this Advent and readying ourselves for welcoming the Prince of peace

I wonder if it has already begun for you.
I wonder if the madness of Christmas looming is already overwhelming.
I wonder if you are preparing for guests – wanted or unwanted
Whether family, friends or acquaintances – preparing for guests prompts us to mend things that are broken , paint walls that may have seen better days , paint the deck , purchase new towels and bedding
….and the stress mounts as the "to do list" grows longer – and that's without the groceries and the additional toilet roll.

Somehow - I cannot imagine John the Baptist going through all that trouble for his guests - especially as he was a man of the wilderness – living off the fat of the land –
The wilderness being an area devoid of human habitation, cultivation, or significant use
an area essentially undisturbed by human activity together with its naturally developed life community
an empty or pathless area or region

In that place of wilderness – the place of unwanted distraction– that place of being undisturbed – that place of peace
He was able to hear the word of God –
We don't know from Lukes Gospel if it was the audible voice of God or that quiet voice of God in his heart.
Either way he heard it, felt it and knew Gods voice
Either way his conviction drew him out of the life he inhabited into all the regions around the Jordan – proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
John the Baptist calls us from our places of busyness and challenges us to a different kind of preparation this advent ---
-- one that doesn't call us to examine and critique the cleanliness of our homes, the gifts that we purchase, the façade of order we create for our guests -

But he calls us to examine our lives, our values, our priorities.
If we truly are to prepare to make way to receive the Prince of peace this Christmas…..
this advent season we must be willing to go through a detailed preparation process – maybe even for us to compile "a to do list" as we would do in preparation for our guests.
For what John the Baptist is proclaiming is a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins

According to New Testament scholar Mariam J Kamell – in the context of our gospel reading this morning we must note that that Johns Baptism is not identical to that baptism commanded upon the resurrection of Christ.

While both baptisms signify a commitment to a new life and repentance from the old,
this baptism is one of preparation for the impending judgement , an acceptance that repentance alone – not status or ritual – can bring about forgiveness when the judgement arrives .

She goes onto say –
*in Lukes setting then, **Johns Baptism** is the preparation for the ministry, life and death of Jesus , because those who accept John's call show themselves humble before God and willing to submit to God's word , ready to acknowledge the Messiah of the Lord .*

So in light of this ….
sisters and brothers in Christ – let us prepare well this advent –
in fact, more than that …
let us prepare theologically.
Let us lay down that paint brush
Let us lay down the vacuum cleaner and furniture polish,
Let us lay down the rolls and brightly coloured wrapping paper
Let us lay down the food list of things to buy
Let us lay down the expectation on ourselves of being good hosts for our guests.
Let us lay down all those things that are drawing us away from God this advent

And Let us eagerly walk – no…let us run into the wilderness – (or our equivalent here in the green wedge) our senses ready and open to the word of God
And let us cry out to our God those words from psalm 139

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.
And let us- like John the Baptist act on and proclaim - whatever we hear

Amen

Melbourne Anglican & Christmas Bowl

We encourage you to join us in celebrating the Christmas Bowl this year, to support people around the world who are forced to flee their homes due to conflicts and disasters. Please find our giving envelopes located in the Church Foyer. The Christmas Bowl is the Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

Keep your eye out also for the latest edition of The Melbourne Anglican.

Pew Sheet—reprinting

We will be looking to reprint the Parish Directory in early 2025. Should you have any changes please let Carolyn in the Parish office know by the end of the year.

Thankyou

Hope 25 & PVAW

Imagine every Anglican Church, in every town and city, in every suburb and community, all working in the same season to proclaim hope in our uncertain world.

Dear Church community!

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to be part of the Hope 25 working group!

Hope25 is a mission project which seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities in an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025 -

with the goal of every single parish and community in the Anglican Church of Australia committed to doing one thing to share the hope we have in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost 2025.

Our PVAW group have discerned a possible idea for St Margarets Church that we could run/host in 2025!! Before bringing it to the wider church, conversations are being had with varies people to ascertain if the idea is possible

I believe the concept is excellent ….so watch this space and we will update you very soon and al look forward to hearing your thoughts!

Every blessing

PVAW committee & Revd. Yvette

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Missing items from our shed.

Dear Church family,

It has been brought to my notice that the following items have gone missing from our shed:

- Mower including catcher
- Whipper snipper; &
- Katcher high pressure hose with attachments.

If they have been borrowed, I would be grateful if they are returned before further action is taken.

Every blessing Revd. Yvette

Memory Café dates

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

DECEMBER 17

JANUARY 2025 21 (café OPENS FOR 2025)

Image: Charles Mackesy

Parish Council Minutes

25th November 2024

1. Meeting opened with prayer (Revd Yvette)

2. There were 2 apologies

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

4. **General business**
   a. Appointment of secretary: Harry Watson
   b. Appointment of treasurer: Kathleen Toal
   c. Members each received a copy of the Parish Council Handbook, and signed the declaration
   d. Draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were reviewed

5. **Correspondence**
   Letter of thanks from the Anglican Parish of North Bendigo. The benefit of a suitable play area was noted

6. **Vicar's Report**
   a. With Carolyn, had organised and delivered the Parish Annual Meeting
   b. Attended a Deanery meeting and an Oodthenong quiet day
   d. Planning Christmas music with the team and also the Church Band
   e. Attended EPIC training – focus on self care as a vicar

7. **Subcommittee reports**
   a. Finance — There may be a COVID levy in land tax
      Presentation of property and hall hire: will be discussed further by the finance committee
   b. Do Justice — Aboriginal Sunday Service: January 19, 2025
      LINC can used the refrigerator in the kitchen when necessary
   c. PVAW — St Margaret's is one of the leading parishes in the Diocese
      In collaboration with Hope 25, there will be events in 2025
      There is a process for developing a Parish guideline / policy document for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

8. **Heart Edge**
   a. Yarning Circle: Cleaned up before the blessing of Dendy House
   b. Taizé Service: last service well attended – not necessarily Anglican. The meal is providing an opportunity for discussion, which is considered to be important. Christina (musician) added an extra chant – much appreciated

9. **Policies and Procedures**
   The following were approved:
   a. Taizé Policy
   b. Procedure for Marketing and Communications Committee
   c. Property Committee Policy (amendment): "Chair to be able to approve, together with another warden or Parish Accountant, up to $5000 for emergency works".

10. **Safe Ministries**
    The New Parish Councillors (Barbara Speed and David Greenfield) are in the process of completing the Ministry Training level 3 for Leaders

11. **Other Matters**
    a. A list of Lay Assistants at Holy Communion has been drawn up. It was agreed that a Llay Assistant should present the consecrated small glasses of wine at the 8 am service.
    b. Voice for Gaza booked for a meeting in the hall on Dec 6th. Some concerns were raised about community reaction.
    c. Submission for papers to be discussed at Parish Council meetings must reach Carolyn by Wednesday of the week preceding the council meeting

Next Church Annual meeting: Sunday 9th November, 2025 11:30am

Next Meeting: An informal meeting will be held on 27th January, 2025
The meeting was concluded with the Grace

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

Ginger, mango and lime trifle

Why not try something a little different during this Advent and Christmas season- Enjoy!!

Ingredients

½ mango, skin and stone removed, flesh cut into chunks
1 tbsp honey
5 tbsp dark rum
150ml/5fl oz double cream, whipped to soft peaks
2 tbsp maple syrup
3 slices Jamaican ginger cake, crumbled
½ lime, zest only
1 orange, peeled and segmented

To serve

2 lime slices icing sugar, for dusting
2 large glasses

Method

1. Place half of the chopped mango, the honey and two tablespoons of the rum into a food processor and blend to a smooth purée. Fold the mango mixture into the whipped cream, along with the maple syrup.
2. Place half of the ginger cake into the bottom of two large glasses or serving dishes. Drizzle over the remaining rum, then layer half of the mango mousse on top, followed by the remaining ginger cake.
3. Finish with the rest of the mango mousse, then top with the remaining chopped mango, lime zest and orange segments.
4. To serve, garnish with the lime slice repeat the layers, finishing with t mousse. Top with the chopped mango pieces, lime zest and orange segments and garnish with the lime slices and dust with the icing sugar

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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