St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 8 December 2024
Advent II

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 7th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
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**)

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

Malachi's voice rings loud and clear. The Lord is coming. Not as a jolly Santa but coming to cleanse. The Lord's own righteousness will expose and purify that which is not of God.

The message is clear: turn from evil and do good by doing justice.

- May our ears be open to the insistent voice of God calling for us to be people of justice.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION
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 8 December - Advent II

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.78–79*

The Collect

God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through 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

Malachi 3.1-14

Today's Psalm

Song of Zechariah

Second Reading

Philippians 1.1-11

Gospel

Luke 3.1-6

Today's Music

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

Welcome Hymn: All my hope on God is founded—TiS 560(i)

Offertory: On Jordan's bank—TiS 270 (8.00am)

Communion Hymn: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful—CH 772

Mission Hymn: Godspell—Prepare ye the way of the Lord

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

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

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God,
who sent your messenger John the Baptist
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
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

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)

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

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
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

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 Sacristan Assistant, Greeters, Readers, Intercessors.

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

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**

'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

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		

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	Christina Green	
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16 Days of Activism

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

I hope that you are finding the prayer booklet helpful in our efforts to join in with the global voice to end all forms of family violence, abuse and coercive and controlling behaviours.

To add to these prayers – I share with you a beautiful benediction.

What is a Benediction???

The word benediction comes from Latin and literally means "good word". Put another way, a benediction is a blessing that "speaks well" to a person or persons at the conclusion of a church service. A benediction generally acts as a final blessing at the conclusion of a worship service but can also be used to close out a variety of Christian gatherings. They are traditionally somewhat short, often drawn from the Bible, and remind us of our identities as followers of Jesus and our inheritance as God's children [1]

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[1.] Benedictions accessed 2/12/24

May the God of Eve teach you to dance.

May the God of Hagar bring you comfort in the desert.

May the God of Miriam bring companions to you when you struggle.

May the God of Deborah teach you courage for your battles.

May the Christ who knew Mary and Martha show you the way of balance.

May the Christ who healed the bent-over woman heal your pain.

May the Christ of Mary Magdala send you out to proclaim your story.

In the name of Christ who is the memory, hope and authority of the future.

Adapted from a worship created by Jane Stranz for the World Council of Churches

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

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

Advent one

Theme: Hope

Written by Fr Richard Rohr – read by Revd. Yvette

On this first Sunday of Advent – the theme as we know is hope. I will share with you a piece written by Fr Richard Rohr.

Fr Richard Rohr is **an American Franciscan priest and writer on spirituality** based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He often speaks on the subject of Mysticism – which he defines mysticism as "The experiential knowledge of God"

Mystical hope offers us an experience of trust that God's presence, love, and mercy is in and all around us, regardless of circumstances or future outcome. Father Richard Rohr writes of such hope through our anticipation of Jesus' coming during Advent:

And his piece is entitled

The Theological Virtue of Hope

Richard Rohr Says …

"Come, Lord Jesus," the Advent mantra, means that all of Christian history has to live out of a kind of deliberate emptiness, a kind of chosen non-fulfillment. Perfect fullness is always to come, and we do not need to demand it now.

The theological virtue of hope keeps the field of life wide open and especially open to grace and to a future created by God rather than ourselves.

This is exactly what it means to be "awake," as the Gospel urges us! We can also use other "a' words for Advent: *aware, alive, attentive, alert* are all appropriate.

Advent is, above all else, a call to full consciousness and also a forewarning about the high price of consciousness.

When we demand—or "hope for"—satisfaction from one another,

….when we demand any completion to history on our terms,

….when we demand that our anxiety or dissatisfaction be taken away, BY saying as it were, "Why weren't you this for me? **OR**

Why didn't life do that for me?" - we are refusing to say, "Come, Lord Jesus." We are refusing to hold out for the *full picture* that is always still being given by God.

Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann views hope as trust in what God has done and will do, in spite of evidence to the contrary:

Hope in gospel faith is not just a vague feeling that things will work out, for it is evident that things will not just work out.

Rather, hope is the conviction, against a great deal of data, that God is tenacious and persistent in overcoming the deathliness of the world, that God intends joy and peace.

Christians find compelling evidence, in the story of Jesus, that Jesus, with great persistence and great vulnerability, everywhere he went, turned the enmity of society toward a new possibility, turned the sadness of the world toward joy, introduced a new regime where the dead are raised, the lost are found, and the displaced are brought home again. [1]

Richard Rohr continues:

"Come, Lord Jesus" is a leap into the kind of freedom and surrender that is rightly called the virtue of *hope.*

Hope is the patient and trustful willingness to live without full closure, without resolution, and still be content and even happy because our satisfaction is now at another level, and our **Source** is beyond ourselves.

We are able to trust that **Christ *will*** come again, just as Christ has come into our past, into our private dilemmas, and into our suffering world. Our Christian past then becomes our Christian prologue, and "Come, Lord Jesus" is not a cry of desperation but -an- assured -shout -of- cosmic- hope,

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.

Image: Charles Mackesy

Brussels sprout slaw

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without brussels sprouts!!! - ENJOY

Preparation time less than 30 mins, Cooking time no cooking required

Serves 4–6 Dietary

Brussels sprouts are delicious raw and can be used just like cabbage in a zesty, creamy, crunchy coleslaw.

If anyone says they don't like sprouts, give them this slaw instead and ask the question again. By Nadiya Hussain From Nadiya's Party Feasts

Ingredients

- 250g/9oz Brussels sprouts, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and grated
- 100g/3½oz cashew nuts, roughly chopped
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 100g/3½oz Greek-style yoghurt
- 50g/1¾oz full-fat mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- ½ unwaxed lemon, zest and juice
- large handful fresh chives, finely chopped
- large handful fresh flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped

Method

1. Put the sprouts into a bowl with the onion, carrots, cashews and cumin seeds and mix well.

2. Put the yoghurt, mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice and zest into a second, smaller bowl and stir until fully combined.

3. Tip the mayonnaise mixture into the chopped vegetables, and stir well, making sure the creamy dressing covers all the veg. If you like your slaw extra creamy, just add extra mayonnaise and yoghurt.

4. Stir through the chopped chives and parsley and serve

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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