St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 2 February 2025
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 2nd	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Epiphany IV
Sun 2nd	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 3rd	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Faith Issues Discussion
Tue 4th	1:30pm — 3.00pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 5th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 5th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care Team meeting
Sat 8th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 9th	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Epiphany V
Sun 9th	4:30pm — 6:00pm	Women of Spirit— Soul Friends on our Journey

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

Simeon and Anna meet Jesus and his family in the Temple. For the old man it is the fulfillment of a long-held dream, an event promised by the Holy Spirit. For the prophet Anna it is a moment to praise God and to talk to others about Jesus.

- May we see the fulfillment of what God has promised us. May we also praise God and tell others about Jesus.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Ceylon

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Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Hearing Loop

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

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Email: parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au, Tel: 9439 9238
Vicar: Revd. Yvette Daniel revdyvette@stmargaretseltham.org.au, Tel. 0439 035 741 (day off Thur)

Worship 2 February—The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sentence

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. *Luke 2.30–32*

The Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray
that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law,
so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Malachi 3.1-4

Today's Psalm

Psalm 84

Second Reading

Hebrews 2.14-18

Gospel

Luke 4.14-21

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: There's a light upon the mountains—TiS 276 (8.00am)

Offertory: Gather us in—Tis 474

Communion Hymn: In our darkness, there is no darkness—Tis 725

Mission Hymn: Praise the God who changes places—TiS 178

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

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

Prayer of the Week

Christ our cornerstone,
you were recognised at your presentation in the temple
as a sign of hope for the world,
but also as a stumbling-block for many:
help us so to present ourselves for your service,
that, in sharing your scandal,
we may become a people acceptable to you.
In your name we pray. **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 Hire

In Mary's absence Isobel will be dealing with all hall hire enquiries.

The contact method remains the same. For all hall hire enquiries please email **communications@stmargaretseltham.org.au** or information can be found on the St Margaret's website. **www.stmargaretseltham.org.au**

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 9th	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Epiphany V
Sun 9th	4:30pm—6:00pm	Women of Spirit—Soul Friends on our Journey
Mon 10th	10:30am 1:00pm	Marketing & Communications Monday Circle
Tue 11th	4:00pm	Do Justice
Wed 12th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 12th	2:30pm	Book Club, Dendy House
Sat 15th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 16th	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Epiphany VI
Mon 17th	10:30am 7:30pm	Marketing & Communications Faith Issues Discussions
Tue 18th	10:30am 1:30pm	Spiritual Direction Memory Care Café
Wed 19th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 22nd	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 23rd	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Epiphany VII
Sun 23rd	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service

Faith Issues Discussion 2025

Welcome to Faith Issues 2025.The discussion group is an active parish group which meets on the first and third Mondays of every month. Participants discuss a very wide range of issues which impact their faith. Encouragement is provided for all to participate in the discussions within a non-threatening environment. By sharing our faith experience, our beliefs, and attitudes with each other it provides opportunities for strengthening of individual faith. This can arise from new insights, confirmation, and challenges. During 2024 we met in the church and had an average attendance of 15 persons. Different members lead discussions with also an occasional visitor. It is optional to lead a discussion not compulsory., no pressure exerted. A couple of issues were discussed over two sessions, but usually they are stand-alone.

All parishioners and friends are invited to the first discussion of 2025 on Monday 3 February at 7.30pm in the Church. Refreshments will follow the discussion.

It will be led by myself, and the topic is ***Worship***. It covers what is worship, what is its purpose, and why do people worship in different ways. Some notes to assist your thoughts on the discussion will be issued soon, together with a number of Reflective Questions. Those on the distribution list will receive them through email. If you have not been before, please think about coming and contact me to have your name placed on the distribution list. All are welcome.

Geoff Sandy

Co-ordinator

MOB: 0434422768

Memory Café dates

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

FEBRUARY 4 and 18

MARCH 4 and 18

ROSTER	2 February 2025 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple 8:00am	2 February 2025 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple 10:00am	5 February Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Christine Winkett *Luke 2.22-40*	Christine Winkett *Luke 2.22-40*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Mark 6.1-6*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Christine Winkett	Mitzi Tuke	N/A
Communion Assistants	Dave Greenfield	Adrienne Watson Mabs Jones	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Catherine Pearson	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jenny Disney
First Reading	John Winkett *Malachi 3.1-4*	Mabs Jones *Malachi 3.1-4*	Barbara Alexander *Hebrews 12.4-7, 11 -15*
Second Reading	Clive Noble *Hebrews 2.14-18*	David Tuke *Hebrews 2.14-18*	
Psalm	*Psalm 84*	*Psalm 84*	*Psalm 103.15-18*
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Coralie Carew	Jan Kerr Sheila Cheary	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann Mandy Stevens	
Flowers	Pot plants		

ROSTER	9 February 2025 Epiphany V 8:00am	9 February 2025 Epiphany V 10:00am	12 February Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Christine Winkett *Luke 5.1-11*	Christine Winkett *Luke 5.1-11*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Mark 7. 14-23*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Coralie Carew	Mabs Jones	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Coralie Carew	David Pryor	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Kathleen Toal	Sylvia Gilbert Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Catherine Pearson	Roger Alcock Harry Watson	Jennifer Constantine
First **Reading**	Robert Brazenor *Isaiah 6.1-8*	Adrienne Watson *Isaiah 6.1-8*	Michael Tucker *Genesis 2.4b-9 and 15-17*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *1 Corinthians 15.1-11*	Jan Kerr *1 Corinthians 15.1-11*	
Psalm	*Psalm 138*	*Psalm 138*	*Psalm 104.26-32*
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Sandra Brown-Holt	
Morning Tea	Dawn Greenfield	Linda Mackenzie Jan Gack	Jenny Disney
Banking	David Pryor		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	Rob Mackenzie John Humann	
Flowers	Sandra Brown-Holt		

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

Hope25 | Anglican Church of Australia | Hope - in an uncertain

WOMEN OF SPIRIT PROGRAM 2025
Companions on the Way

9TH FEBRUARY 4.30—6pm

SOUL FRIENDS ON OUR JOURNEY

In Celtic Christianity, *Anam Cara* or Soul Friend(s) are very important companion(s) on a person's life journey.
Come and learn more about *Anam Cara* and then walk the Labyrinth with other women companions.

Led by: Judy Scott in the Labyrinth at St. Margaret's Church

Bible Reader—Second Sunday 10am service

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 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).

Volunteers needed

Asset Register.

During the month of February, we would like to thoroughly examine and update the Asset Register which lists all our possessions in detail. This has not been actioned for some time. The wardens and Revd. Yvette need your help.

We will divide areas into church, sacristy, vestry, kitchen, archives and Dendy House.

Work can be done singly or in groups at a convenient time. There is a volunteer signup sheet in the church foyer, or you contact Sally Petty (by Monday 3rd February please)

Thank you!

ELTHAM COMBINED CHURCHES OP SHOP

The newly renovated Op Shop is now open, larger, brighter and better than before.

Fantastic range of goods.

Come visit us soon at the Eltham Montmorency Uniting Church.

Hours of Opening:
Wed 10am - 1pm
Thurs 10am - 4pm
Fri 10am- 4pm

Taize Retreat at St Margaret's

There will be a Taize Retreat at St Margaret's on

Sunday, 30 March, from 3.00-7.30pm.

We are very fortunate to have Brother Merric, who is back in Australia from Taize in France, leading the retreat. We will have everything Taize - prayer, readings, candles, chants, reflections, and a meal. There will be Taize workshops, including learning parts to the chants. All are welcome!

Let's make this truly special.

There will be online booking for the event, but for now, save the date.

Revd. Yvette invites you to join her on

Wednesdays 9.30am for Morning Prayer

Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Three of us meet every Wednesday morning (at the back of church) to 'pray' together – to spend time in community and to pray for our church St Margarets and the world.

If you have never tried morning prayer, come and see spiritually what it is like …..

We look forward to welcoming you.

Every blessing, Revd. Yvette

One of the features of the Anglican tradition is its strong commitment to daily prayer within the life of the church. The Book of Common Prayer, as it developed in the 16th century, provided Christians with an order for Daily Morning Prayer and Daily Evening Prayer throughout the year. These "offices" (that is, orders of service) were intended to be said in community in the local church: not alone, but with others. The very title makes this intention clear; it is common prayer, prayer for everyone, and not just the clergy.

So why this Anglican emphasis on praying together daily with the whole Christian community? The practice goes back to the New Testament and the gathering together of Christians as often as possible to pray, praise and give thanks together, and to intercede for the needy. Ephesians speaks of Christians being filled with the Spirit: "as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (5:18-20).

TMA Dorothy A. Lee 15 May 2024

Thought for the week.

During the next few weeks, a member of our church community is sharing with us some thoughts for us to mull over during the week. Let us ponder together!!

If you have something to share with us, please be in contact with Revd Yvette

The Jesus Way

Matt 5: 3 Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit ....."

Jesus is comparing humankind's ways with God's ways.

The world's way says, "Stand up for yourself; Push your way to the top."

However, God's way says, "It's OK to be put down, for my sake. It's OK not to keep up a social status, for my sake".

Phil. 2: 6 – 7 Speaking of Jesus, "..... but made himself nothing."

The reward: "Then yours is the Kingdom of Heaven".

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His Glory and Grace.

Baptisms on Sunday 23rd February

Leo & Kye

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love.

Leo (aged 8) and Kye (aged 11) will be baptised here at St Margaret's church during our 10am service. If you recall, they both came to the Pet service with their parents and pet Lizard last year!

As the local church it is our responsibility to welcome them as new Christians, promising support and prayer for their futures.

I would be grateful if we all take time to pray for these brothers and their parents as they prepare to take this life changing step into the body of Christ.

Peace and all good

Revd. Yvette

Baptisms

Revd. Robert Street would like to invite parishioners of St Margarets church to the baptisms of his Nephew Nicholas and Great Nephew Christian which is to take place on Sunday 9th February at 1.30pm .

It is a Eucharist service so please feel free to come along as we welcome more people into the love of a church community and the body of Christ.

Image: Charles Mackesy

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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