St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 23 February 2025
Epiphany VII

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 23rd	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Epiphany VII (incl. baptisms at 10am service)
Sun 23rd	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service
Mon 24th	1:00pm 2:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle PVAW Parish Council
Wed 26th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 1st March	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 2nd	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Last after Epiphany—Transfiguration
Sun 2nd	12:00pm	Pub lunch

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

Today's gospel continues on from last week's. Jesus now exhorts us to love our enemies, asking what good it is to love only those who already love us. He commands us to be merciful, just as God the Father is. And, perhaps most difficult of all, we are commanded to avoid judging others.

- Pray that we can love so extravagantly that there is absolutely no room for unrestrained judgementalism in our hearts.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines

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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 23 February—Epiphany VII

Sentence

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. *Luke 6.35*

The Collect

God of compassion,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and deeds help us to be like him,
through whom we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 45.3-11, 15

Today's Psalm

Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15.35-50

Gospel

Luke 6.27-38

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Now the green blade rises—TiS 382

Offertory: Beauty for Brokenness—TiS 690

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

Mission Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace—TiS 607 (8.00am)

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Rev Yvette

Just to let you know that the Vicar is on EPIC (Educating Priests in Charge) training next week along with being on retreat Thursday and Friday

Revd. Yvette will respond to your emails and phone calls when she is able

Every blessing

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 2nd	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Last after Epiphany—Transfiguration
Sun 2nd	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 3rd	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Faith Issues Discussion
Tue 4th	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 5th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 5th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care Team
Wed 5th	TBC	Ash Wednesday
Sat 8th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 9th	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Lent I
Sun 9th	4:30pm	Women of Spirit
Mon 10th		Labour Day—public holiday
Tue 11th	4:00pm	Do Justice
Wed 12th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 12th	2:30pm	Book Club
Sat 15th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 16th	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Lent II

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

Memory Café dates

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

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Taize Service

The next Taize monthly service will be on Sunday 23rd February. A simple meal will be provided at 5:30pm followed by Taizé prayer at 6:30pm.

Prayer request

Elizabeth and I would welcome prayers for Geoff Milgate who has recently undergone an emergency operation. The operation has gone well but please pray for him and his family during this time of recovery

ROSTER	23 February 2025 Epiphany VII 8:00am	23 February 2025 Epiphany VII 10:00am	26 February Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 6.27-38*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 6.27-38*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Mark 9.38-40*
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 *Genesis 45.3-11, 15*	Harry Watson *Genesis 45.3-11, 15*	Barbara Alexander *Sirach 4.11-19*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *1 Corinthians 15.35-50*	Roger Alcock *1 Corinthians 15.35-50*	
Psalm	*Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41*	*Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41*	*Psalm 119.161-168*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Robert Street	
Morning Tea	Coralie Carew	Mitzi Tuke David Tuke	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Music	Barbara Speed	Jason Zeng	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	Val Tucker Sandra Brown-Holt	
Flowers	Liz Pryor		

ROSTER	2 March 2025 Last after Epiphany—Transfiguration 8:00am	2 March 2025 Last after Epiphany—Transfiguration 10:00am	5 March Ash Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Geoff Sandy *Luke 9.28-36*	Geoff Sandy *Luke 9.28-36*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 6.1-6, 6-21*
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 *Exodus 34.29-35*	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate *Exodus 34.29-35*	Barbara Alexander *Joel 2.1-2, 12-17*
Second Reading	Sally Warner *2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2*	David Tuke *2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2*	
Psalm	*Psalm 99*	*Psalm 99*	*Psalm 51.1-17*
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Liz Pryor	
Morning Tea	Coralie Carew	Jan Kerr & Sheila Cheary	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Barbara Speed	Jason Zeng	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Felicity Wiltshire	Mandy Stevens John Humann	
Flowers	Sally Petty		

We'd love you to join us for an afternoon

Taizé retreat

at **St Margaret's Anglican Church**, 79–81 Pitt Street, **Eltham** with **Brother Merric** from the Taizé community in France on:

Sunday, 30 March: 3pm-7.30pm

On the day:

- Learn more about the Taizé community
- Hear from Brother Merric
- Learn new song parts
- Walk the labyrinth
- Taizé evening prayer.

A simple meal for dinner is included.

Can't make the full day? Join us for Taizé evening prayer at 6.30pm.

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Email: **parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au**

79–81 Pitt Street, Eltham.

Places for the retreat are limited.

Please register online:

Join the **Taize in Melbourne, Australia Facebook group** or **What'sApp Channel** to find out more.

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

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: 6 "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness ....."

What is righteousness? A right relationship with God; holiness, which leads to Godly living.

How is this achieved?

My acknowledgement that in God's sight, I am a sinner, and that Jesus died in my place and for my sin and will forgive me when I confess it to Him. No merit of mine, but God's grace alone.

Relationships need to be maintained. How do I do this?

By daily prayer and the study of His word – the Bible.

Jesus is asking you and I to prioritise righteousness above all else.

Matt 6: 23 "Seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness ..."

Read prayerfully Matt 6: 19 – 34 "... and you will be filled".

DONATIONS TO ANGLICARE

Many thanks to all the parishioners who have in recent weeks donated so generously to help people being cared for by Anglicare. Almost every day we hear stories on radio and on TV of people who have difficulties in paying for enough foodstuffs to feed their families, let alone paying for new clothes and paying rents.

Our church is fortunate that we have Bob, who lives nearby, to collect our donations and take to Anglicare. On some days the donations go to St Mark's Fitzroy. On other days he takes the donations to western suburbs for distribution.

In recent weeks, parishioners have been wonderfully generous with donating foods and used clothing. This Christmas Bob came to collect what was the largest collection of foods that I have seen in the 50 years the church has been collecting for Anglicare. Today, Bev Thompson rang to say that people had left with her a total of 16 large black plastic bags of lightly used clothing.

So it is obvious that people in our parish care for people by donating foods and used clothing.

Can we make the next few weeks a time when we can donate to help people who are in financial troubles?

Foods that are specifically welcome: cereals, rice, macaroni, tinned fish, honey, tinned vegetables, coffee and tea and packets of long life milk.

All donations are acceptable and are heartedly welcomed by Anglicare clients.

Jenny Disney

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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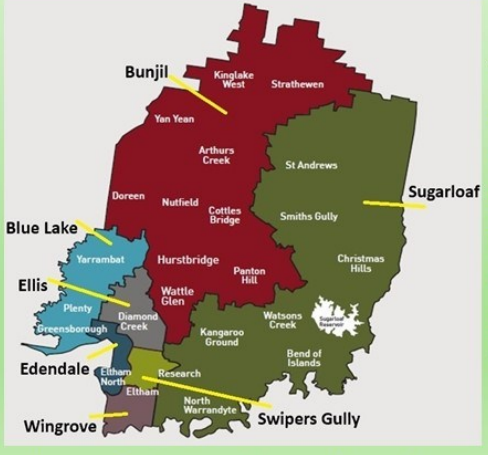
You are invited to a Public Meeting
to hear & meet the new Nillumbik Councillors
When: **Wednesday 12th March 7.30pm**
Where: **Eltham Community & Reception Centre**
Main Road Eltham opposite the hotel

Eltham
Community
Action
Group



The Nillumbik Wards and current Councillor are:

BLUE LAKE - **Cr Grant Brooker** Attendance Confirmed

BUNJIL - **Cr Naomi Joiner**, Deputy Mayor Apology (pre-existing work commitments)

EDENDALE - **Cr Kelly Joy** Attendance T.B.C.

ELLIS - **Cr Peter Perkins** Attendance T.B.C.

SUGARLOAF - **Cr Kim Cope** Attendance Confirmed

SWIPERS GULLY - **Cr Kate McKay** Attendance Confirmed

WINGROVE - **Cr John Dumaresq**, Mayor Attendance Confirmed

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LENTEN CHALLENGE

Reading the Gospel of Luke in 6 weeks

In the week leading up to Ash Wednesday – each member of our church community will be given a copy of The Gospel according to Luke (NIV).

In addition, each will be given a Lenten bible reading plan to go alongside it!

To keep us on track there will be moments during the week when we will be able to check in with each other to see how we are doing.

These gatherings will be led by Michael Tucker, Davd Greenfield and Revd. Yvette

More information will be in up-and-coming pew sheets.

Are you ready ??????

ROOM FOR RENT

(Complete with own ensuite and walk in robe)

One of the members of our church community has a room to rent in their beautiful 4-year-old home. Situated on a quiet street in Eltham and in walking distance to amenities.

To find out more information please contact Revd. Yvette

The gift of our church name badges

Names are more than just words; they're an integral part of our identity. They carry the history of our ancestors, the culture of our homeland, and the uniqueness of our personal story.

When someone makes an effort to learn our name or/ and correctly pronounce our name, it's a sign of respect and acknowledgment of our individuality, heritage whilst also encouraging that gift of belonging and being known.

Being known by name is important especially within the church context of St Margarets. We are growing in number, and more people are beginning to cross the threshold into our church as they 'come and see'.

In addition, we cannot escape the fact that some memories may not be as reliable as they once were; and I can testify to that!!

So, let us make a concerted effort to wear our name badges with pride – not just for ourselves but for the betterment and inclusion of us all.

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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