St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 23 March 2025
The Third Sunday in Lent

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 23rd	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Lent III
Sun 23rd	9.15am 11.30am	Lent gathering Lent gathering
Mon 24th	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Parish Council
Wed 26th	9:30am 10:30am 11:20am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service Lent gathering
Sat 29th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 30th	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Lent IV
Sun 30th	9.15am 11.30am	Lent gathering Lent gathering
Sun 30th	3:00-7.30pm	Taize retreat

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 reading tells us two things: that without repentance we will all perish, just as certainly as those who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them; and that the Lord wants us to have one extra chance to bear fruit. After that, if we are still fruitless we will be accounted for as being utterly worthless.

- May we all produce fruit in our lives that Jesus our Lord finds worthy of him.
- Give thanks for the Episcopal / Anglican Church of Alexandria.

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Parish Office

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

Hearing Loop

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

Address: 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham Vic 3095
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 March—Lent III

Sentence

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord.
Isaiah 55.9

The Collect

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through 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

Isaiah 55.1-9

Today's Psalm

Psalm 63.1-9

Image : Charlie Mackesy

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Gospel

Luke 13.1-9

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Praise with joy the world's Creator—TiS 179

Offertory: As the deer pants for the water—TiS 703 (CH 550)

Communion Hymn: Kyrie eleison – TiS 736

Mission Hymn: Community of Christ—TiS 473 (8.00am)

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

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

Prayer of the Week

Lord God, our Redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
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

Hall Hire

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 30th	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Lent IV
Sun 30th	9.15am 11.30am	Sunday gathering—Lent Sunday gathering—Lent
Sun 30th	3:00-7.30pm	Taize retreat
Mon 31st	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 1st April	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 2nd	9:30am 10:30am 11:20am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service Wednesday gathering—Lent
Wed 2nd	1:00pm	Pastoral Care Team meeting
Sat 5th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 6th	8:00a.m. & 10.00am	Lent V
Sun 6th	9.15am 11.30am	Sunday gathering—Lent Sunday gathering—Lent
Sun 6th	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 7th	1:00pm 2:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle PVAW Faith Issues
Tue 8th	4:00pm	Do Justice
Wed 9th	9:30am 10:30am 11:20am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service Wednesday gathering—Lent
Sat 12th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 13th	9:30am	Palm Sunday (one service only)
Sun 13th	9.15am 11.30am	Sunday gathering—Lent Sunday gathering—Lent

Memory Café dates

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

APRIL 1, 15

MAY 6, 20

An additional Finance Committee member needed could this be you??

To find out more please speak with Kathleen Toal

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: 10 " Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake ..... "

There are many around the world who are suffering and losing their lives because they are Christians and are witnessing to what Jesus can do for others.

Do we need to actively find out who they are, where they are, and how we can help them. One certainty is that we can pray for them and for their protection.

What would I do if I were in that situation?

" .... for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Read Matt 5: 11 & 12

ROSTER	23 March 2025 Lent III 8:00am	23 March 2025 Lent III 10:00am	26 March Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 13.1-9*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 13.1-9*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 5.17-19*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Sally Petty	Diana Warrell	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Sally Petty	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Dave Greenfield	Angela Langan Anna Mott	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Jo Norman	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell	Margaret Charles
First **Reading**	Sally Petty *Isaiah 55.1-9*	David Tuke & Mitzi Tuke *Isaiah 55.1-9*	Barbara Alexander *Deuteronomy 4.1, 4-9*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *1 Corinthians 10.1-13*	David Pryor *1 Corinthians 10.1-13*	
Psalm	*Psalm 63.1-9*	*Psalm 63.1-9*	*Psalm 147.12-20*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Robert Street	
Morning Tea	Helen Coutts	Mitzi Tuke David Tuke	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	Rob Mackenzie Liz Pryor	
Flowers	Lent		

	30 March 2025 Lent IV 8:00am	30 March 2025 Lent IV 10:00am	2 April Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 15.11-32*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 15.11-32*	Rev Yvette Daniel *John 5.17-30*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	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**	Sally Petty	Rob Mackenzie	Jenny Disney
First **Reading**	Dave Greenfield *Joshua 5.2-12*	Liz Pryor *Joshua 5.2-12*	Barbara Alexander Isaiah 49.8-15
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *2 Corinthians 5.16-21*	Rob Mackenzie *2 Corinthians 5.16-21*	
Psalm	*Psalm 32*	*Psalm 32*	*Psalm 145.8-13*
Intercessor	Sally Petty	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Coralie Carew	Anna Mott Sandra Brooks	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Helen Coutts	Robert Street	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann Mandy Stevens	
Flowers	Lent		

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LENT APPEAL 2025

Helping women break free from violence, injustice and oppression

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www.abmission.org/Lent2025

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.

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

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.

Lenten Offering

Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession)

During his earthly ministry, it was not only Jesus' miraculous power that astounded and transformed people, but also his willingness to forgive sins.

Our Sunday services and midweek service of Holy Communion always include a corporate prayer of confession, after which the presiding priest pronounces God's forgiveness of our sins. Yet it is also true that sometimes we benefit from the opportunity to confess privately and specifically those things that trouble our consciences.

Reconciliation of a Penitent, or Confession, is a rite in which anyone who repents of sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution.[1]

If you would like to find out more, please feel free to contact me in the strictest of confidence.

Peace and all good

Revd Yvette

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[1] https://www.incarnationsantarosa.org/reconciliation-of-a-penitent-confession/#:~:text=Reconciliation%20of%20a%20Penitent%2C%20or,and%20the%20grace%20of%20absolution. Accessed 01/05/24

No ...we didn't forget St Patricks Day!!

Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. (The term breastplate refers to a piece of armor worn in battle.)

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today
Through the strength of the love of cherubim,
In the obedience of angels,
In the service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,
In the prayers of patriarchs,
In the predictions of prophets,
In the preaching of apostles,
In the faith of confessors,
In the innocence of holy virgins,
In the deeds of righteous men.

I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,

The radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire,

The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth,
The firmness of rock.

I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me
From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near.

I summon today
All these powers between me and those evils,
Against every cruel and merciless power
that may oppose my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,
Against laws of pagandom,
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul;
Christ to shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that there may come to me an abundance of reward.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

[Note that people sometimes pray a shorter version of this prayer just with these 15 lines about Christ above. The conclusion follows below.]

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

DV Safe Phone

"Your old phone could save a life. Donate it to DV Safe Phone and empower domestic violence victims with connectivity. Since 2020, we've transformed outdated tech into lifelines for over 400 agencies nationwide. Declutter and create change—contribute funds or spare devices today to ensure every call for help is answered."

Visit *www.dvsafephone.org for more information*.

St. Margaret's Eltham has installed a collection box in the foyer of the church. Apple and Android phones are needed: any age, any condition. Charging cables are not required. *If you have an Apple iPhone to donate please ensure that it is disconnected from the Cloud*. You can access instructions for preparing your phone for donation on the above website. For more information please contact: Liz Pryor 0412 664 162.

St Margarets Church
Il Lent
16th March 2025
Psalm 27
Theme :Feeling Vs Knowing

"False witnesses have risen against me"
"they are breathing out violence"
"An army encamp about me"
"Evildoers assail me to devour my flesh"
"War rises up against me"

It is evident that when David wrote Psalm 27 his life was in turmoil… he was being threatened and challenged psychologically, emotionally, spiritually and physically ....
But even during this turbulent time David – chooses to draw nearer to God. How David communes with God is intimate – they are clearly in relationship
as David asks of God…..
"Do not cast me off, do not forsake me"
"Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries"

Regardless of what was going on around him – and regardless of his emotions within – David knew that he was not alone that God was with him and would keep him from

harm – as he knows that the Lord would hide him in his shelter in the day of trouble.

This is a Psalm of confidence and trust and the strength gained by being in the presence and knowledge of God.

So I wonder -
how do we find God when life is less than smooth….
When we are surrounded by events and issues that we have little or no control over ?
I would like to suggest Maybe we need to focus on what we Know about God – and not necessarily how we feel about God

In verse 4, David writes this:
"One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

There have been moments and seasons in my own life when I have felt close to God – felt Gods presence- as if we dwelled in the same home

For example,
Lying on the ground on the summit of Mount Batur (the active volcano Indonesia) high above the clouds -watching

the sun rise - and feeling overwhelmed by Gods presence – a thin place … where I felt closer to God.

When I have been jogging along the northeast coast back home and feeling the power of God as I prayed into the horizon where land and sea meet

When I was ordained priest – and the bishop placed her hands upon my head as she invoked the Holy Spirit – I knew God changed me in that instant – I emotionally knew that Gods hand was on my life.

But for me if I am being honest I haven't lived every moment of my Christian life with that sense of God's presence all the time .

I cannot say that I feel God alongside me day in day out. That absence is usually felt during those seasons of my life ---when it just meanders – no highs nor lows – just the gift of the routine of the everyday.
Or…. those times when I am struggling with life events which are difficult –
or when the world news and the injustices just seem to be so intricately woven into humanity, I truly question our ability to do right by creation or our humankind

So a large proportion of the time I have to remind myself of what I *know* about God rather than how I *feel* about God. For If my faith relied on my feelings, then my faith would never really grow at all.

Instead, I have testimonies.
a collection of personal stories , in which I have seen the hand of God ,
the grace of God
the mystery of God
the miracles of God in my life,
sometimes in quite extraordinary ways and so I *know* that God has been with me.

And over the years I been fortunate to walk alongside many people of Christian faith and listened to and marvelled at their life-stories and testimonies and so I *know* that God has been active in their lives.

I have tried to drench myself in the Bible stories and learn from them and so I *know* that God has been active through-out history.

So, when life has those moments or seasons of turmoil or

when my life is simply meandering
I go back to what I *know* rather than rely on how I *feel*.

If you don't do this already – this is such a key spiritual discipline for us all to develop and inhabit

Having the discipline of looking back over our lives to discern where God had been and what God has done forms part of the foundation on which we stand.

When we hear the stories and testimonies of other people's encounters with God- let us not be envious, judgemental or overly doubt filled – let us absorb some of the gift of their encounter – some of the joy of their experience.

But I suppose first we need to get comfortable with sharing our experiences and encounters to start with

And sisters and brothers in Christ we do need to spend more time dwelling in the Scriptures to learn about the God of our history and the God of our presence

And then, when our feelings are being manipulated and swayed by our situations, and we cannot feel the sense of God ….

let us be more like David and draw on what we know is true and lean on that knowledge to get us through.

Amen

Image : Charlie Mackesy

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER THIS LENT

GOSPEL OF LUKE

READING PLAN

WEEK 2: 7-11COMPLETE BY SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

WEEK 3: 12-16COMPLETE BY SUNDAY 30TH MARCH

WEEK 4: 17-20COMPLETE BY SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

WEEK 5: 21-24COMPLETE BY SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

WEEK 6: TAKE TIME TO REFLECT

ACCOUNTABILITY GATHERINGS

Some of us may have struggled reading the Gospels let alone the entire bible. How wonderful will this be to read it 'together'; in the knowledge that we are not alone.

Whether you are a seasoned bible reader or not or just need a little
reminder: this can only but help our discipleship journey.

Once a week during the season of Lent; Michael Tucker, David Greenfield and I will 'host' a group.

This will not be a bible study more of a space for us to share what we noticed during that week's reading, how it impacted on our spirituality, questions from that week reading and also the challenges. The gatherings will be no longer than 30minutes – very much led by those gathered. To gather is not compulsory

Wednesday Gathering

In the church @ 11.20 (after morning tea) hosted by Michael Tucker

26th March, 2nd April, 9thth April ,16th April.

Sunday Gathering

In the church@09.15 (after morning tea) hosted by David Greenfield

23rd March ,30th March,6th April ,13th April

Sunday Gathering

In the church @11.30 (after morning tea) hosted by Revd. Yvette

23rd March ,30th March ,6th April, 13th April

Helpful Prompts

Observations

Write down all your observations from the day's passage. Take the time to record what you read before feeling pressured to figure out why it was written. You'll be amazed at how much meaning sur faces when you pause to observe

the passage's details. In addition to gaining confidence by noticing the details, also think through how Jesus presents through what you read

SUMMARY

If you'd like, attempt to summarize the passage in a single sentence. This exercise aids retention and helps sharpen your focus on how the passage may speak to your every-day life. What did you learn from the parables

APPLICATION

Reflect on how the passage might relate to your day. Was it encouraging in a current situation? Write down how it up-lifted you. Did you find a passage troubling - then pray about that. There are very few things that help prayer more than spending some time in reading scripture.

Go well this Lent
Peace and all good
Revd. Yvette

Ps….don't forget to pick up your free Lukes Gospel (NIV) translation this week – gifted to us by Melbourne Diocese !

HOPE 25

Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls (PVAW) & HOPE25

Hope25 is an opportunity for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus. It is an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus for every parish and community in the Anglican Church of Australia. The dates will be Easter Day (April 20) to Pentecost Sunday (June 8) 2025.
Each parish is invited to prayerfully commit to doing (at least) one new activity to share the hope that we have in Jesus during this season.

At St Margarets our contribution will focus on domestic Violence and abuse. More info to follow shortly on how we all can be involved

The Mission and Ministry Commission have written the following Collect for Hope25, to be used in parish intercessions and meetings

God of Hope
you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;
by your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen

St Margarets needs you!

First Aid Volunteers

Would you be willing to train to be a first aider for our church?

What is first aid?

First aid covers the steps taken to help a person in the first minutes of an illness or injury.

Accidents or illness can happen to anyone at any time.

First aid may:

- ease someone's pain or discomfort
- help them recover more quickly
- save a life

Being a first aider may seem daunting to you; however, if you wish to find out more please speak with Coralie or Revd. Yvette

Prayer at the time of choosing a bishop

Eternal God, shepherd, and guide,

In your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart

Who will walk in your ways,

And in loving care watch over your people,

Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of truth.

So may your Church be built up and your name glorified;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

As we prepare to elect a new Archbishop, please continue to be praying for the Nomination Board in bringing names of candidates to the Electoral Synod.

Invitation to MASSG Twilight Bargain Art Sale

When: Art sale starts 6.30pm
Monday 31st March 2025

Where: War Memorial Hall,
Main Rd Eltham

Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group invites you to an inspiring evening of conversation and fund raising.

- Learn about the work MASSG does supporting people seeking asylum.
- Join a special conversation with Mahdi who will tell us about his journey as he sought asylum in Australia.
- Find the perfect artwork at the Twilight Bargain Art Sale.
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massginfo@gmail.com

Please note: All profits go to people seeking asylum

Cash or EFT please. No cards

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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