St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 30 March 2025
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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
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 Lent gathering
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	Lent gathering Lent gathering
Sun 6th	12:00pm	Pub lunch

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 we read the familiar story about the Prodigal Son. For some of us it's easy to feel that we take on the role of the older son, always there, usually ignored. But the point of the story is to show us that God's love is there for us, no matter how much of a mess we have turned our lives into. When we're in the mud surrounded by the swine – a desperate situation for a pious Jew – we should remember that God is always willing to welcome us home with a warm embrace and a party.

- Pray that all who would benefit from returning to God would do so, firm in the knowledge that a warm welcome awaits.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North India

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Worship 30 March—Lent IV

Sentence

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5.18*

The Collect

God of compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies
the hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Joshua 5.2-12

Today's Psalm

Psalm 32

Image : Charlie Mackesy

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Gospel

Luke 15. 11-32

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Love Divine all loves excelling—TiS 217(i)

Offertory: My song is love unknown—TiS 341

Communion Hymn: Kyrie eleison – TiS 736

Mission Hymn: To God be the Glory—TiS 147 (8.00am)

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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

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.

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

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
Sun 13th	4:30—6.00pm	Women of Spirit
Mon 14th	10.30am 1:00pm	Communications & Marketing Monday Circle
Tue 15th	10.30am 1.30pm 7:30pm	Spiritual Direction Memory Care Café Tenebrae Service
Wed 16th	9:30am 10:30am 11:20am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service Wednesday gathering—Lent
Thur 17th	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday service
Fri 18th	10.00am	Good Friday Service
Sat 19th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 20th Easter Day	6:30am 10.00am	The Great Vigil Easter Day Service

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

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

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.

	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		

ROSTER	6th April 2025 Lent V 8:00am	6th April 2025 Lent V 10:00am	9 April Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *John 12.1-8*	Rev Yvette Daniel *John 12.1-8*	Rev Yvette Daniel *John 8.31-42*
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	Jennifer Constantine
First **Reading**	John Winkett *Isaiah 43.16-21*	Mabs Jones *Isaiah 43.16-21*	Michael Tucker Daniel 3.14-28
Second **Reading**	Clive Noble *Philippians 3.3-14*	David Tuke *Philippians 3.3-14*	
Psalm	*Psalm 126*	*Psalm 126*	*Song of 3YM*
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Coralie Carew	Jan Kerr Sheila Cheary	Jenny Disney
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Helen Coutts	Jason Zeng	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Sally Warner	Rob Mackenzie Sandra Brown-Holt	
Flowers	Lent		

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1850 - 2025

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LENT APPEAL 2025

Helping women break free from violence, injustice and oppression

To **Donate Online**, please scan the QR code or visit:

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

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER THIS LENT

GOSPEL OF LUKE READING PLAN

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

WEDNESDAY GATHERING

In the church @ 11.20 (after morning tea)

hosted by Michael Tucker

2nd April, 9th April ,16th April.

SUNDAY GATHERING

In the church@09.15 (after morning tea)

hosted by David Greenfield

30th March,6th April ,13th April

SUNDAY GATHERING

In the church @11.30 (after morning tea)

hosted by Revd. Yvette

30th March ,6th April, 13th April

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

Parish Directory

The Parish Directory has now been printed, and will be available in the Church Foyer at our Worship services on Wednesday and Sunday. Should you require a copy to be sent, please contact the Parish Office. We cannot email the directory for privacy reasons.

Please check your details in the Parish Directory and if there are any amendments please get back to the Parish office with any changes. After a few weeks we will print a slip of paper with any changes to amend your copy at home.

Please be mindful that the Parish Directory contains confidential information of Parishioner's contact details.

Thankyou.

St Margaret's Anglican Church

Holy Week Easter Services 2025

Holy Tuesday (Tenebrae) 15th April – 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday 17th April, 7.00pm

Good Friday 18th April, 10.00am

Easter Sunday

Great Easter vigil, 20th April 6.30am

Easter Eucharist service 20th April 10.00am

LIVING FAITH CHURCH
Quiet Day

Theme: "Being One with Our God"

"On the day we come to God as a blank canvas allowing God's Spirit to prompt, fill and renew our minds, like rebooting a computer. It's wonderful how things find their place and life and faith start making sense again."

Saturday 5th April 2025
10.00am to 3.00pm

At Living Faith Church
37 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough

Prayer Guide: Rev. Apryl Huglin will be our guest prayer guide for the day, leading gathered prayer times and being available for personal prayer.

BYO lunch
Tea/Coffee/Water provided.

RSVP to Stewart Macdonald
0414 569 132
by Sunday 30th March 2025
or place your name and phone contacts on this notice and place in the box in the LFC church foyer.

NAME: .....

PHONE: .....

Number attending: .....

Living Faith church
Everyone Closer to God

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.

Ahead of our St Margaret's afternoon Taize retreat on Sunday 30th, so why don't we take some time to exhale and pray the finger labyrinth. Rev Yvette.

Here is a simple Lenten soup recipe using store cupboard basics!!

Enjoy

From Good food BBC

- 2 tsp cumin seeds
- pinch chilli flakes
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 600g carrots washed and coarsely grated (no need to peel)
- 140g split red lentils
- 1l hot vegetable stock (from a cube is fine)
- 125ml milk (to make it dairy-free, see 'try' below)
- plain yogurt

Method

1. Heat a large saucepan and dry-fry 2 tsp cumin seeds and a pinch of chilli flakes for 1 min, or until they start to jump around the pan and release their aromas.

2. Scoop out about half with a spoon and set aside. Add 2 tbsp olive oil, 600g coarsely grated carrots, 140g split red lentils, 1l hot vegetable stock and 125ml milk to the pan and bring to the boil.

3. Simmer for 15 mins until the lentils have swollen and softened.

4. Whizz the soup with a stick blender or in a food processor until smooth (or leave it chunky if you prefer).

5. Season to taste and finish with a dollop of plain yogurt and a sprinkling of the reserved toasted spices. Serve with warmed naan breads.

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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