St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 28 September 2025
Creation Sunday

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 27th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 28th	9:30am	Creation Sunday (one service only)
Sun 28th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize prayers
Mon 29th	1:00 pm	Monday Circle
Wed 1st October	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 1st	1:00pm	Pastoral Care team meeting
Sat 4th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 5th	8:00am 10:00am	Said service Pet Blessing Service
Sun 5th	12:00pm	Pub lunch

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.

Prayer of the Week

O God,
from whom light rises in darkness
for those who seek you:
grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would have us do,
that in your light we may see light,
and in your narrow path may not stumble;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Office

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

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)
Revd. Prashant Bhonsle revdprashant@stmargaretseltham.org.au, Tel 0457 876 622
(works Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Worship 28 September —Creation Sunday

Sentence

During this season the church celebrates the Creator and God's Creation. We confess our abuses of creation and seek inspiration to find ways of living in balance with the world God reconciled to himself through Christ.

Prayer of the Day

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First Reading

Isaiah 24. 4-6

Today's Psalm

Psalm 104, 1-32

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6.7-10, 17-19

Gospel

Luke 8. 22-25

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Sing out, earth and skies—TiS 181

Offertory: My life flows on in endless song—CH 565

Communion Hymn: Lord God, you love us—Taize 54

Mission Hymn: Joyful, Joyful we adore you—TiS 152

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRsIRq70IA6MUlg/live

The Five Marks of Mission

The Five Marks of Mission are an important statement on mission. They express the Anglican Communion's common commitment to, and understanding of, God's holistic and integral mission. The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ.

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1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 5th	8:00am 10:00am	Said service Pet Blessing Service
Sun 5th	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 6th	1:00 pm 2:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle PVAW Faith Issues discussion
Tue 7th	10:00am	Warden's meeting
Wed 8th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 8th	2:30pm	Book Club
Fri 10th	10:00am	Property Committee
Sat 11th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 12th	10:00am	Pentecost XVII (Generosity Sunday) - One service only
Sun 12th	11:45am	Life matters—Death and Dying
Sun 12th	4:30pm	Women of Spirit
Mon 13th	1:00 pm	Monday Circle
Tue 14th	1:30pm 4:00pm	Memory Care Café Do Justice team meeting
Wed 15th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 15th	1:30pm	Finance Committee
Sat 18th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 19th	8:00 & 10:00am	Pentecost XIX

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

Parish Council and Wardens do respectively wish our whole Parish to ***Read*** over the coming weeks the Child Safety Standards developed by the Diocese, that we at St. Margaret's are responsible for. Some of the Standards may be familiar to you, others not so familiar. Therefore your attention to each one is for your consideration.

It is the responsibility of the whole Parish to keep our young people and others safe. In the coming weeks we will *highlight* one Standard a week for you to think about, discuss and comeback to Parish Council, Wardens or our Vicar Rev.Yvette if you have questions.

This week – **Child Safety Standard 9:**

Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

- Diocesan Risk Management plan is implemented. All ADOM Child Safety policies and procedures are in place when using the online environment. Diocesan incident forms for safety incidents are used and reported to Parish Council. Diocesan hall hire agreements are used.

CREATION SUNDAY

Sunday 28th September 2025

One service only at 9.30am

Taize Service

The next Taize monthly service will be this Sunday 28th September. A simple meal will be provided at 5:30pm followed by Taizé prayer at 6:30pm.

All welcome.

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to Faith Issues Discussion on Monday 6 October 2025 in the church at 7.30pm. Refreshments to follow.

I will lead a discussion on the ***Cross of Christ.*** Many of you may have heard my sermon on the matter a few weeks ago. This opportunity allows for discussion and a more critical examination of the different understandings of the cross of Christ, and the fall of humankind. The cross of Christ is critical to our faith and so a sharing of our individual understandings will only strength and positively clarify our faith on this central issue.

If you have not attended Faith Issues Discussion before or attended some time ago give it a go. Your contribution is most welcome and valued.

Geoff Sandy MOB: 0434422768

Memory Café dates

Please note the change of dates for the cafe which will now open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 1.30 to 3pm

OCTOBER 14, 28

NOVEMBER 11, 25

Creation Sunday 28 September 2025

"Hope and Act with Creation"

*******We will have a combined Sunday service on 28 September, at 9.30am*******

Creation Season is an opportunity for us globally to pause, reflect and listen deeply in the midst of the climate crisis. It is a time to marvel at creation's beauty, lament what is broken and participate in God's vision of restoration and justice for all people and the planet.

Our service at St Margaret's will have prayers, readings and hymns specially selected for Creation Sunday, with the reflection offered by Mitzi Tuke.

Each week, in the lead up to Creation Sunday, there will be short reflections and excerpts from the St. Francis of Assisi "Canticle of the Sun" to mark aspects of creation: "Ocean", "Fauna", "Storm" and "Earth".

Throughout September, we will have a painting of an impression of "Paradise Lost" by Carmen Tuke, hanging in the church.

ROSTER	28 September 25 Creation Sunday 9:30am	1 October Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Mitzi Tuke *Luke 8. 22-25*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 9. 57-62*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Diana Warrell	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Angela Langan Anna Mott	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell	Jenny Disney
First **Reading**	David Tuke & Mitzi Tuke *Isaiah 24. 4-6*	Barbara Alexander *Nehemiah 2. 1-8*
Second **Reading**	David Pryor *1 Timothy 6.7-10, 17-19*	
Psalm	*Psalm 104. 1-32*	*Psalm 137*
Intercessor	Geoff Sandy—Set	
Morning Tea	Veronica Dobson Michael Dobson	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann	
Music	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	John Humann Rob Mackenzie	
Flowers	Memorial flowers	

ROSTER	5th October 2025 Pentecost XVII (Said service)	5th October 2025 Pet Blessing 10:00am	8 October Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Prashant Bhonsle
Preacher Gospel	Rev Prashant Bhonsle *Matthew 6.25-34*	Rev Prashant Bhonsle Matthew 6.25-34	Rev Prashant *Luke 11. 1-4*
Sacristan Assistant	Barbara Speed	N/A	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Mitzi Tuke	N/A
Communion Assistants	To be confirmed	N/A	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Catherine Pearson	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jennifer Constantine
First Reading	Robert Brazenor *Genesis 1.24-31*	Jen Pretty—EMUC *Genesis 1.24-31*	Michael Tucker Jonah 4.1-11
Second Reading	Barbara Speed *Romans 8.18-25*	Merilyn Brown—EMUC *Romans 8.18-25*	
Psalm	*Psalm 8*	*Psalm 8*	*Psalm 86.8-13*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Geoff Sandy—Set	
Morning Tea	Rev Yvette	Mandy Stevens Jan Gack	Jenny Disney
Banking	John Humann		
Music	N/A—Said service	Jason Zeng	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Alan Coutts	Rob Mackenzie Sandra Brown-Holt	
Flowers	Memorial flowers		

Season of Creation September 2025

Week 4, “EARTH” beginning 28 September

“Let the heavens be glad, and let Earth rejoice” Ps.96:11

This week we reflect on planet Earth, lovingly gifted by God. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with Earth. We sing with Earth, our planet home spinning through space. We celebrate Earth as a sacred place, a sanctuary filled with God’s presence. We lament that humans have polluted skies, land, ocean, and rivers and that Earth’s balance is being upset.

“Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us” *Saint Francis of Assisi*

Creation Season September 2025

HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

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ST.MARGARET'S IS INVITING EVERYONE TO A EUCHARIST SERVICE TO CELEBRATE OUR NATURAL WORLD AND TO REFLECT ON HOW WE CAN BEST PROTECT IT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

prayer *reflection *action * refreshments to follow

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025, BEGINS AT 9.30AM
ST. MARGARET'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,
79-81 PITT STREET, ELTHAM

COMMON GRACE

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pet Blessing

Eltham Montmorency Uniting & St. Margaret's Anglican Churches are hosting a Pet Blessing Service on Sunday October 5th at 10:00 am.

Please bring your pets or photo's along and join us all, to celebrate what our pets bring to us.

St. Margaret's Church
79 - 81 Pitt Street, Eltham

Flowers in Memorial

Memorial Flowers this week in loving

memory of Steven James Gack,

son of Jan Gack, father of Jessie, Jacob, Ella and Ryan

It was one of my greatest privileges serving alongside dedicated and professional staff of the ABM since 2012. The ABM has always dedicated itself to empowering and serving the vulnerable and those in the margins of our communities and stepping in to fill the gaps when the ACoM is unable to provide the services itself. In doing so, it stays true to its motto of "Working for Love, Hope, and Justice". As an organization whose origins was closely associated with the Melanesian Mission, I would like to wish the ABM joyful 175th Anniversary celebrations and wishing it many more years of fruitful engagement with its partners bringing hope to people across our region and beyond.

Dr Abraham Hauriasi, the Anglican Church of Melanesia's General Secretary

175 YEARS ANNIVERSARY 1850 - 2025

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Celebrating 175 Years

Bible Reading Reminder..

I am so looking forward to reading the Book of Acts alongside you all . The Wednesday group will commence on
24th September during morning tea—11.30am.

It will run for 6 weeks.

Everyone is welcome not just the midweek congregation!

The reading schedule is separated into weekly 5 day 'chunks' for ease.

- **Week 2 read before 1/10/2025—Acts 6, Acts 7.1-53, Acts 7.54-8.25, Acts 8.26—9.19, Acts 9.20—10.8**
- Week 3 read before 8/10/2025—Acts 10.9-48, Acts 11, Acts 12.1-24, Acts 12.25-13.12, Acts 13.13-14.7
- Week 4 read before 15/10/2025—Acts 14.8—15.21, Acts 15.22-16.5, Acts 16.6—40, Acts 17, Acts 18
- Week 5 read before 22/10/2025—Acts 19, Acts 20, Acts 21.1-26, Acts 21.27-22.21, Acts 22.22—23.22
- Week 6 read before 29/10/2025—Acts 23.23—24.27, Acts 25.1-22, Acts 25.23-26.32, Acts 27, Acts 28

Just to remind you all it is a bible discussion more than a bible study. I suggest making notes of your thoughts, learning etc to share with the group.

Enjoy!

See you there, Rev Yvette

Music Concert update

Our music concert did not disappoint!

Great atmosphere, outstanding performances from the musicians, a full church, engaging MC and joy filled choir …what more did we need??

Well, none of this would have happened without the Music Committee, Marg Sandy, hospitality and those who made copious amounts of food for the event; so, a huge thank you to everyone.

Once costs were paid the event made just over $2000, which is excellent as this sum will allow St Margaret's Church to continue this valuable ministry.

Please be in touch with Diana Warrell if you know of a young person who would like to take up this opportunity in the future.

With gratitude

Revd. Yvette

Life Matters—Dying and Death

Save the date

Sunday 12th October, 11.45am to 1.15pm

Pastoral Care will be sharing with you on the topic of 'Life matters' - death and dying.

A workshop, with some thought-provoking introductions will be an opportunity for people to share in confidence thoughts, needs, even fears, on this often-difficult subject area and suggest how it can be supported by professionals early in 2026. Nearly everyone will have lived through experience(s) of this process and by gathering the essence of stories, pitfalls and needs we can identify opportunities for guidance in the early months of next year, and if needed links to specific resources. The Invitation to attend is extended to all St Margaret's parishioners.

Please note on the 12th October, there will be one joint service at 10.00am only.

Remembering those for whom we love but see no longer.

Dear church family,

Remembering our loved ones who have died is important to us as church.

Having said that we do need some clarity especially at our time of weekly intercessions.

During this time of prayer, we only pray for those people who are interred in our memorial garden (whether they are St Margarets, (St Faiths) congregational members or not).

All Saints /All Souls Day is the service when our loved ones are reverently remembered collectively in church.

If you wish to speak to me about this, please be in touch.

Peace be with you

Revd. Yvette

Prayers needed

Please hold Roger Prowd (Bishop Kate's) husband in prayer as he is very ill at this time .

'Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
we make our prayer to you saying,
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
Grant to Roger and all who seek you
the assurance of your presence, your power and your peace.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
Grant your healing grace to Roger and all who are sick,
that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
Grant to all who minister to the suffering
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful
and lift up all who are brought low.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
Hear us, Lord of life.
Heal us, and make us whole.
A period of silence follows.
O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon us and all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen '**
(Book of Common Prayer)

Pray for peace in the Middle East

A Prayer for the Holy Land

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world:

In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls.

By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer by The Most Reverend Dr Hosam E. Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem (August 2025).

Thank you for praying with us today.

Yours in Christ,

Anglican Overseas Aid

Open Garden

For 70 years, members of **The Eltham Rural Group** have raised funds to support many local services and organisations. Currently, these include four C.F.A. Brigades (Eltham, Kangaroo Ground, Panton Hill and St. Andrews) and community groups such as C.A.V.E., Riding for the Disabled, disability support services, assisted adult accommodation, food banks and other family welfare support organisations.

Our next event is an **Open Garden at Cassington Wood**, 29 Nyora Road, Eltham on **Sunday 5th October from 9.30am to 4pm**. Entry $10, Students $5, Under 18 free.

Three acres of garden to explore, with a wide range of plants, from large trees to flowers, prolific birdlife and a natural reserve adjacent to the dams.
Homemade baking and plants for sale, all proceeds to Eltham Rural Group.

Preventing Violence Against Women

Love does no harm.

No one should live in fear of violence

St Margaret's 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

Image : Charlie Mackesy

Tandem Trailer storage

If anyone has storage/parking space for a tandem trailer to be stored for a period of time, please be in touch with Michael 0433 608 975.

Hall Hire

Mary Lynton-Moll will be on leave from 13th September to 21st October 2025. The Wardens and Rev Yvette have agreed there will be no new hall bookings made during this time (with the exception of funerals). For urgent matters please contact the Parish Office. Hall hire enquiries will be dealt with on Mary's return.

Barbara Speed will be coordinating the Prayer Chain during this time. Prayers requests can be emailed to **prayerchain@stmargaretseltham.org.au**

St Margaret's Parish Annual Meeting (AM)

Sunday 9th November 2025 at 11:30am

Updating of Electoral Roll: Please check your name is on the electoral roll, in order to vote at the AM. If you wish your name to be added to or removed from the roll, please complete the application form and give to Rev Yvette, one of the wardens, or Carolyn in the office, no later than Sunday 19th October. Forms are available in the foyer.

Annual Meeting Reports: Reports from committees and working groups, to be included in the annual report for the AM should be submitted to the parish office no later than **Sunday 12th October.**

Nominations for Vestry, Wardens, and Incumbency Committee are now invited and must be received by the Vicar by 2:00pm on Wednesday 29th October. Forms available in the foyer.

Abridged Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, 22 09 2025

The meeting was opened with prayer

Attendance: All 12 members present (CC on line)

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted

Finance Committee

Kathleen noted that the August surplus is likely to continue until the end of the year.

There was a discussion on Ministry costs. The Finance committee will make a detailed list of what goes into the category.

We have been asked to take on a full-time curate after Revd Prashant's term has been completed. Costs have been factored unto the budget for the coming year.

The reports and budget were accepted.

Safe Ministry

Safe Ministry training is up to date

Summary of child safety standards has been appearing in the pew sheets

An "Analysing Church Safety" Scenario was presented and discussed comprehensively so that the action path is clear. The difficult example illustrated the confidential steps needed.

It was agreed that the training had been helpful.

Diocesan Compliance Calendar

Discuss next year draft Plan wardens and vicar

Prepare for Annual Parish Meeting. Review composition of PC re: skills / renewal (This was done at the beginning of the year.

Correspondence

Oodothomg newsletter August and September noted

Letter of thanks from Trinity College

Melbourne Anglican Foundation 2025 grant rounds: Prepare an application for ISCAST to support a programme here.

Ad Clerum 05 / 09 / 2025 noted

Letter of thanks – Welcome to Eltham

Vicar's Report

Thanks for the detailed report. A busy schedule!

Thanks to the wardens during the time that the vicar was away

Event approval

Life Matters – Death and Dying Approved

Subcommittee reports

Pastoral care team Minutes submitted

Property Agreed that the installation of a grease trap at 1560 Main Rd must be done.

Marketing and Communication. Reminder about the street library fund raising.

Do Justice Mission allocation 2025 supported.

Music Scholarship. About $ 2100 raised at the concert. Congratulations!

PVAW Attendance at conference. Further discussion about the outcomes needed – PVAW com.

Taizé New ideas for next year are being proposed – work in progress

Wardens' report

Minutes of the last meeting noted

General Business

IT development The plan for updating as presented by Sally was accepted.

Next meeting Monday, 27th October

The meeting was concluded with prayer and the grace

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

Barbara Speed

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or 0409 235 670