St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 30 November 2025
Advent I

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 29th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 30th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent I (Year A begins)
Sun 30th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize prayers
Mon 1st December	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Faith Issues Discussions
Tue 2nd	10:00am	Wardens Meeting
Wed 3rd	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 3rd	1:00pm	Pastoral Care team meeting
Sat 6th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 7th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent II
Sun 7th	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.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility,
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Worship 30 November - Advent I

Sentence

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2.3a

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God,
whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:
renew us in hope,
that we may be awake and alert
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,
our Judge and Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 2. 1-5

Today's Psalm

Psalm 122

Second Reading

Romans 13. 9-14

Gospel

Matthew 24. 36-44

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: The advent of our God—TiS 271

Lighting of Advent Candle 1 'O Child of Promise, Come'

Offertory: Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes—TiS 269

Communion Hymn: Advent Song—Taize 4

Mission Hymn: Lo! He comes with clouds descending—TiS 273

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRsIRq70IA6MUIg/live

Assistance on Saturday November 29 for an hour please! - 11.00am

A younger than 70 body is required to assist getting our Nativity Scene down from above the cupboards in the Vestry. Why under 70, well ladder work is involved! You might be driving past around 11am and suddenly feel I could assist. For that we would be grateful.

Contact the Office, OR Helen Robertson Mob: 0434878246

Taize Service

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

All welcome.

Parish Matters—Summer edition

Keep your eye out for the Summer edition of our Parish Matters. A celebration of all that is happening at St Margaret's. Thanks to all who contributed and to Harry for editing.

Parish Office

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

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 7th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent II
Sun 7th	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 8th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 9th	4:00pm	Do Justice meeting
Wed 10th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 10th	5:00pm	Book Club
Fri 12th	10:00am	Property Committee
Sat 13th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 14th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent III
Sun 14th	4:30pm	Women of Spirit
Mon 15th	10:30am 1:00pm 7:30pm	Marketing & Communications Monday Circle Faith Issues Christmas Event
Tue 16th	10:30am	Spiritual Direction
Wed 17th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 20th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 21st	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent IV

Memory Café dates

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 1.30 to 3pm

DECEMBER 9—Christmas party— Ukelele Band and refreshments

Café closed during Christmas and New Year

Memory Café End of Year Event

All at St Margaret's are welcome to join the party at the cafe on **Tuesday 9 December from 1.30-3pm.** Come along and join the fun with the Diamond Creakers Ukulele Band performing and a light finger food lunch provided by Health Ability.

For catering purposes **please call 9430 9125**

or email **ssgevents@healthability.org.au**

There is no charge.

See you there!

Any queries to Sheila Cheary

LinC Christmas Hampers

LinC is starting its Christmas Hamper collection in readiness for our hamper packing day on Friday the 5th of December, I will be posting a packers and delivers sheet closer to the date.

We are looking for Christmas treats and new toys but we are also looking for staple non perishable foods to help recipients get through December and January when a number of the Emergency food outlets close down.

I thank you in anticipation for the items you (St. Margaret Parishioners) always donate

Blessings, Ann and Diana

ROSTER	30 November 2025 Advent I 8:00am	30 November 2025 Advent I 10:00am	3 December Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Prashant Bhonsle *Matthew 24. 36-44*	Rev Prashant Bhonsle *Matthew 24. 36-44*	Rev Yvette *Matthew 15. 29-37*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Mary Lynton-Moll	Diana Warrell	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Catherine Pearson	Angela Langan Anna Mott	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Marg Duncan	Rob Mackenzie	Jenny Disney
First **Reading**	Dave Greenfield *Isaiah 2. 1-5*	Liz Pryor *Isaiah 2. 1-5*	Barbara Alexander *Isaiah 25. 6-10*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Romans 13. 9-14*	Rob Mackenzie *Romans 13. 9-14*	
Psalm	*Psalm 122*	*Psalm 122*	*Psalm 23*
Intercessor	Rev Prashant	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll/ Coralie Carew	Veronica Dobson Michael Dobson	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Mary Lynton-Moll	Sandra Brown-Holt Val Tucker	
Flowers	Advent		

ROSTER	7 December 2025 Advent II 8:00am	7 December 2025 Advent II 10:00am	10 December Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Prashant Bhonsle	Rev Prashant Bhonsle	Rev Prashant Bhonsle
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 3. 1-12*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 3. 1-12*	Rev Prashant *Matthew 11. 28-30*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Christine Winkett	David Pryor	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Dave Greenfield	Adrienne Watson Mabs Jones	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Catherine Pearson	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jennifer Constantine
First **Reading**	Chris Winkett *Isaiah 11. 1-10*	Mabs Jones *Isaiah 11. 1-10*	Michael Tucker *Isaiah 40. 25-31*
Second **Reading**	Clive Noble *Romans 15. 4-13*	David Tuke *Romans 15. 4-13*	
Psalm	*Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-21*	*Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-21*	*Psalm 103. 1-5*
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll/ Coralie Carew	Rob & Linda Mackenzie	Jenny Disney
Banking	John Humann		
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Children's Gifts for the Christmas hampers

Dear St. Margaret's people. We (Christmas hamper organizers) are hoping some of you might like to donate a gift for the children who are hamper family recipients. If you wrap the present please indicate the gender and age it is for. Many many thanks. These can be placed in the blue LinC basket in the foyer.

If you plan to contribute please consider the following ages and genders:

Girls: 1x2yr.old 1x5yr.old 3 x 6yr old. 2x 7yr. old. 3x8yr old. 4x9 yr.old. 2x10 yr.old 1x11yr. old. 1x12yr.old. 2x13yr.old. 2x14yr.old. 2x16yr.old

Boys: 1x2yr.old. 1x3yr.old. 1x4yr.old. 2x6yr.old. 1x7 yr.old. 1x8yr.old. 2x9yr.old. 2X10 yr.old. 5x12yr.old. 3x14yr.old 2x15yr. old 3x16yr.old. We are also giving small gifts to parents, single mums, and single dads. These hampers will have the basic food items to tide families over the holiday period (when a number of emergency food agencies close down) but also gifts and treats to share the joy and cheer of Christmas.

If you have any questions talk to me or ring me on 0414398565, Diana

The Season of Advent

Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It is a time for reflection, for renewal of hope and for a movement towards a beginning.

The season of Advent, as it first emerged in the Church in the fourth and fifth centuries, lasted, like Lent, for 40 days. Later tradition developed the Advent we know today, of four Sundays before Christmas Day.

It is a season of expectation and preparation as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ.

Come Lord Jesus !

Christmas Bowl

We encourage you to join us in celebrating the Christmas Bowl this year, to support people around the world who are forced to flee their homes due to conflicts and disasters. Please find our giving envelopes located in the Church Foyer. The Christmas Bowl is the Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

16 Days of Activism

16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence runs from 25 November to 10 December annually.

The international campaign was started by the Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991. It begins each year on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and runs until Human Rights Day.

The aim is to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

Violence against women and girls affects one in three women (WHO, 2021). It is a global human rights emergency that must stop. The UN's UNiTE 2025 campaign focuses on one of the fastest-growing forms of abuse: digital violence against women and girls. This year's campaign is also a reminder that digital safety is central to gender equality.[1]

As we know St Margaret's Church has an active Prevention of Violence against Women group(PVAW) that forms part of our Do Justice group. Already we have ideas for our church mission for 2026; through the lens of the 4th Mark of Mission **To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind** …watch this space.

This year for **16 Days of Activism** we will have an outside display board, a reinvigoration of the mobile phone donations (thanks Liz) and a daily prayer booklet which PVAW would like you to take away with you this Sunday

Let us say "No more!" together.

Thank you everyone from PVAW

[1] 16 Days of Activism | 1800RESPECT

Prayer for Archbishop-elect Ric Thorpe and his wife Louie.

On Sunday 30th November at 4pm at St Pauls Cathedral, Bishop Ric Thorpe will be installed as the next Archbishop of Melbourne Diocese.

As we know both Bishop Ric and is wife Louie have left their home and family in the UK to take up and honour this calling.

Let us pray …

Eternal and loving Christ,

You came not to be served but to serve, and to give your life for those who seek.

We thank you for your servant Ric as he is called to serve in this role.

Rest upon him with gentle grace, persistent mercy, and eternal wisdom.

Bless and empower your church, this nation, and, we pray for the Anglican Church of Melbourne

Amen

welcome to

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

at

ST. MARGARET'S ELTHAM

Wednesday 24th December 2025
Christmas Eve

5.00pm Children's Christmas Service

Come and journey with the shepherds on their way to BethlehemTown to find the 'Gifts of Love'

9.45pm Christmas Carols

An atmospheric short service by candlelight. Let us sing familiar songs together (with mince pies and mulled wine) leading us into midnight mass

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Marking the first service of Christmas. Sung eucharist, candlelight and incense

Thursday 25th December 2025
Christmas Day
9.30am All Age Eucharist

A service for everyone. A lovely way to begin your Christmas celebrations

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Abridged Minutes of Parish Council Meeting: 24 11 2025

The Meeting was opened with prayer (Revd Yvette

3 Apologies (Sally, Barbara, Sandra All others attended – HW on line

Appointments: Secretary – Harry Watson Treasurer – Kathleen Toal
Parish Nominator (Warden) – to be elected by Wardens

Role allocations

Form of declaration by Parish Officers: Signed by each council member present

Authorisation for lay assistants at Communion: List to be sent to the diocese.

Parish rules for Meetings and Officers: Lodged with Registrar on 21 / 10 / 2014

Minutes of previous meeting approved

Finance: Income expenditure sheets for October presented. We are running at a deficit this year. We should expect this, but should recover in a couple of years as the congregation grows.
Our income from the hall only just covers the costs. The government sees this as a benefit in providing community service.

Compliance and Procedures: Changes to the Hall Hire fees. This will be discussed by the Finance Committee, Wardens and Hall Manager, and signed off by the wardens to be implemented on 1/1/ 2026.

Safe Ministry: Training up to date. Two new PC members in the process of doing the level 3 training.

Compliance Calendar: Up to date

Correspondence: There is a discussion memo about applying for a grant for children's ministry. To be investigated further.
Bishop Brad's son-in-law to be asked to speak on Sunday 25th Jan – Aboriginal Sunday
Opportunity to meet The new Archbishop on Tuesday evening, 17th Feb (evening) – at Brimbank

Vicar's Report: Past month very busy – special Sundays, meetings about music for the Christmas season, and lots of pastoral care. There was a discussion about a farewell for Revd. Prashant. This will be on Sunday 21st Dec, although he will still be with us on Christmas Day.

Event Approval: Taizé Choral Music Session prepared by Helen R approved. Payment must not be in conflict with our payment processes.

Subcommittee Reports:

Pastoral Care team4 seminars related to aging were mentioned. Could be made available to our Deanery and others.

Property	Grease trap installed
Do Justice	Kathleen attended and participated at the Kangaroo ground memorial service
PVAW	Issue of $500 payment to Hotstep resolved. It has already been paid.

Warden's report Last minutes noted Meetings on First Tuesday of the month at 10 am.

Other matters

Yvette spoke to her concept of a Mission Action Plan. Parish Council will monitor progress. We should plan by specific limited-time projects rather than have new committees.

Healthability are not paying their rent

Succession planning. To be discussed further with Council in the New Year – need a list of needs

Pentecost Sunday (24th May) An event proposed by John Human for a choir performance in support of preventing family violence. To be further discussed at January PC meeting PVAW will be involved

Next PC Meeting: Monday 19th Jan 5pm to 7.30 pm – what food is still under consideration

The meeting was concluded with prayers and the Grace

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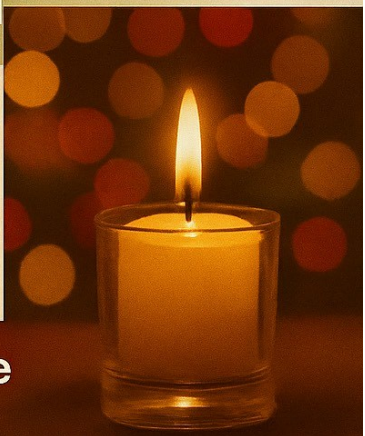
Cantonese Carols

Join us for a joyful Christmas Cantonese Carols event on Saturday, 13 December 2025, from 3-6pm at Christmas Hills Hall, 787 Ridge Rd

Enjoy live carols, warm festive atmosphere, BBQ, light food and drinks.



Donations to GiveFundMe are tax-deductible for $2 and above.

Locking the shed.

Hello everyone.

It has come to my attention that the padlock on the shed door has not been locked correctly over 3 consecutive weeks.

Can we ensure that the lock cannot be opened prior to leaving the premises please.

With thanks

Prayer Chain

For any prayer Requests

Mary Lynton-Moll

prayerchain@stmargaretseltham.org.au

or 0412 512 416

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

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