# St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

## Pew Sheet 14 December 2025
## Advent III

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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|---|---|---|
| Sat 13th | 8:00am | Meditation |
| Sun 14th | 8:00am & 10:00am | Advent III |
| Sun 14th | 4:30pm | Women of Spirit |
| Mon 15th | 10:30am | Marketing & Communications |
| | 1:00pm | Monday Circle |
| | 7:30pm | Faith Issues Christ-mas Event |
| Tue 16th | 10:30am | Spiritual Direction |
| Wed 17th | 9:30am | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:30am | Wednesday Service |
| Sat 20th | 8:00am | Meditation |
| Sun 21st | 8:00am & 10:00am | Advent IV |
| Sun 21st | 11:30am | Children's service play rehearsal |

### 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

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Parish Office

The Parish office will be open next week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & 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 14 December - Advent III

## Sentence

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.' *Isaiah 35.3–4*

## Prayer of the Day

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:
strengthen our weak hands,
make firm our feeble knees,
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,
so that our hearts may rejoice
as we behold the majesty of our God.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 11. 35. 1-10

## Today's Psalm

*The Song of Mary (Magnificat)*

## Second Reading

*James 5. 7-10*

## Gospel

Matthew 11. 2-11

## Today's Music

**Welcome Hymn:** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry—TiS 270 (8.00am)

**Lighting of Advent Candle 3** 'O Child of Promise, Come'

**Offertory:** Blessed are the pure in heart—TiS 448

**Communion Hymn:** Wait for the Lord—Taize 2

**Mission Hymn:** Hark! A herald voice is calling—TiS 264

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

## 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 !

**The Melbourne Anglican**

The December 2025 edition of *The Melbourne Anglican* will be in print form in parishes soon, and is live on our website now. It's available at *bit.ly/ThisMonthsTMA*.

# NOTICES

## What's Coming Up

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sun 21st | 8:00am &<br>10:00am | Advent IV |
| Sun 21st | 11:30am | Children's Christmas service play re-hearsal |
| Mon 22nd | 1:00pm | Monday Circle |
| Wed 24th | 9:30am<br>10:30am | Morning Prayer<br>Wednesday Service |
| Wed 24th<br>Christmas Eve | 5:00pm<br>9.45pm<br>11:00pm | Children's Christmas Service<br>Christmas Carols<br>Midnight Mass |
| Thur 25th<br>Christmas Day | 9:30am | Christmas Day—All Age Eucharist |
| Sat 27th | 8:00am | Meditation |
| Sun 28th | 8:00am &<br>10:00am | First Sunday after Christmas |
| Mon 29th | 1:00pm | Monday Circle |
| Wed 31st | 9:30am<br>10:30am | Morning Prayer<br>Wednesday Service |
| Saturday 3rd January | 8:00am<br>8:30am | Meditation<br>Men's Breakfast |
| Sun 4th | 8:00am &<br>10:00am | The Epiphany of our Lord |
| Sun 4th | 12:00pm | Pub Lunch |

**Revd. Prashant**

Hello Church!

Just to remind everyone that Revd. Prashant's last Sunday with us is December 21st and his last service will be on Christmas Day.

So please make some time to say goodbye before he leaves us

Every blessing

Revd. Yvette

**Advent Prayer**

O God, who would us fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:

let the design of thy great love

lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows:

and give peace to thy Church,

peace among nations,

peace in our dwellings,

and peace in our hearts:

through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

| ROSTER | 14 December 2025<br>Advent III<br>8:00am | 14 December 2025<br>Advent III<br>10:00am | 17 December<br>Wednesday<br>10:30am |
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| **Celebrant** | Rev Yvette Daniel | Rev Yvette Daniel | Rev Prashant Bhonsle |
| **Preacher Gospel** | Rev Prashant Bhonsle<br>*Matthew 11. 2-11* | Rev Prashant Bhonsle<br>*Matthew 11. 2-11* | Rev Prashant<br>*Matthew 1. 1-17* |
| **Sacristan Assistant** | Robert Brazenor | Mabs Jones | N/A |
| **Liturgical Assistant** | Robert Brazenor | David Pryor | N/A |
| **Communion Assistants** | Kathleen Toal | Sylvia Gilbert<br>Sandra Brown-Holt | N/A |
| **Greeters & Sides People** | Mary Lynton-Moll | Roger Alcock<br>Kevin Gillett | Jill Rogers |
| **First Reading** | Mary Lynton-Moll<br>*Isaiah 35. 1-10* | David Pryor<br>*Isaiah 35. 1-10* | Lorna Howard<br>*Genesis 49.2, 8-10* |
| **Second Reading** | Barbara Speed<br>*James 5. 7-10* | Liz Pryor<br>*James 5. 7-10* | |
| **Psalm** | *Song of Mary* | *Song of Mary* | *Psalm 72. 1-7* |
| **Intercessor** | Catherine Pearson | Sandra Brown-Holt | |
| **Morning Tea** | Helen Coutts | Anna Mott<br>Sandra Brooks | Jill Rogers |
| **Banking** | David Pryor | | |
| **Music** | Helen Coutts | Cecilia Spicer | |
| **Zoom/Ppt Cameras** | Felicity Wiltshire | Mandy Stevens<br>Val Tucker | |
| **Flowers** | Advent | | |

| ROSTER | 21 December 2025<br>Advent IV<br>8:00am | 21 December 2025<br>Advent IV<br>10:00am | 24 December<br>Wednesday<br>10:30am |
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| **Celebrant** | Rev Prashant Bhonsle | Rev Prashant Bhonsle | Rev Yvette Daniel |
| **Preacher**<br>**Gospel** | Rev Yvette Daniel<br>*Matthew 1. 18-25* | Rev Yvette Daniel<br>*Matthew 1. 18-25* | Rev Yvette<br>*Luke 1. 67-69* |
| **Sacristan**<br>**Assistant** | Robert Brazenor | Jan Gack | N/A |
| **Liturgical**<br>**Assistant** | Robert Brazenor | Geoff Sandy | N/A |
| **Communion**<br>**Assistants** | Neil Andrewartha | Tony Michaelson<br>Harry Watson | N/A |
| **Greeters &**<br>**Sides People** | TBC | Roger Alcock | Margaret Charles |
| **First**<br>**Reading** | David Greenfield<br>*Isaiah 7. 10-16* | David Pryor<br>*Isaiah 7. 10-16* | Barbara Alexander<br>*2 Samuel 7. 1-5, 8-11, 16* |
| **Second**<br>**Reading** | Sally Warner<br>*Romans 1. 1-7* | Sandra Brooks<br>*Romans 1. 1-7* | |
| **Psalm** | *Psalm 80. 1-7, 17-19* | *Psalm 80. 1-7, 17-19* | *Psalm 89. 19-29* |
| **Intercessor** | Felicity Wiltshire | Linda Mackenzie | |
| **Morning Tea** | Helen Coutts | Veronica & Michael Dobson | Jennifer Constantine |
| **Banking** | Rob Mackenzie | | |
| **Music** | Helen Coutts | Cecilia Spicer | |
| **Zoom/Ppt**<br>**Cameras** | Sally Warner | Sandra Brown-Holt<br>John Humann | |
| **Flowers** | Advent | | |

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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St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

## MARY AND JOSEPH NEEDED

## DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO BE MARY OR JOSPEH IN OUR CHILDREN'S SERVICE ON

## CHRISTMAS EVE?

## IF YOU DO, PLEASE SPEAK WITH ADRIENNE AND HARRY WATSON OR CONTACT THE OFFICE

**Judith Johnson**

The funeral for Judith Johnson will be held at St Margaret's on Friday 19th December, 10.00am. Judith had a connection with St Margaret's from years gone by. Please keep Judith's family in your prayers.

## Christmas Service/January Rosters

A hard copy of the Christmas services and January roster is in the foyer, can you please fill in your names in the Christmas services for which you will be available to assist, and check your names on the January roster? If you are unavailable on dates listed, please arrange a swap and let the Coordinator of your roster know, and also the Parish office to assist with planning.

In particular needing for Christmas Day Sacristan Assistant, LA, Greeters, Readers.

# St Margaret's Church

# 24hr day of prayer – sign -up

**Beginning on Wednesday 14th January at 6am – Thursday 15th Thursday at 5am.**

The power of prayer is remarkable and full of mystery.

Whether we make set times for prayer as part of our daily devotional, pray as we walk in nature or even prayer through Lectio Divina and other spiritual practices – praying should be part of our daily discipleship journey.

For 24 hrs I would like us to pray for our church, her mission focus with and through the Holy Spirit, our parish and our church family.

Our 4 areas of focus for the next 5 years

- To grow the Church Younger
- To be a spiritual place for the lost, seeking and found
- To live as disciples of Jesus Christ
- To take the Church outdoors and take the church to the People (fresh expressions of church)

Aiming to achieve this through the lens of the 5 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.

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

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

**On Sunday 14th there will be a sign-up sheet – please write your name in the relevant time slot.**

**It is ok to have the same prayer slot as someone else.**

**The plan is for the church to be open from 6am-6pm for folk ( if they wish) to come into church and pray in stillness and silence or with someone else.**

**Thank you all in advance**

**Revd. Yvette**

**More information to come …**

## Memory Café dates

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

Café closed during Christmas and New Year

**JANUARY 2026**

13 January café opens in 2026

27 January

**'Life Matters' Series -- No. 1**

A series of 4 presentations with discussion during 2026

# 'Proactive Financial Planning
# Aged Care Information and Support'

**Sunday 1 February 2026**

**Commencing at 11.30am –1.15pm***

**at St Margaret's Church Hall**

**79-81 Pitt St Eltham 3095**

**Presenters:**

**Robyn Erskine, Financial Planner and Aged Care Specialist and**

**Stacie Synon, Aged Care Advocate**

**will share their insights on proactive financial planning, navigating aged care with clarity and accessing confidential, trustworthy information and support.**

Light refreshments will be served and there will be time for questions during the session and privately with the presenters afterwards.

There is no charge.

**Whether planning for yourself or supporting a loved one,**

**this session is not to be missed.**

***Pub Lunch delayed to accommodate***

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Tel: 03 9439 9238

You are invited

to join other Taizé members

at

St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Eltham

79 Pitt Street Eltham

On February 14th 2026 @ 2:30

For a Chorale afternoon

led by Brigid Murray

Our purpose is to learn and sing with confidence the songs and chants we know and love as well as some new pieces.

AND

Meet with other Taizé lovers

Looking forward to seeing you with us.

At this remote school in Sri Lanka, a teacher takes 'night school' – extra classes for students that need help to pass their exams.
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175 YEARS ANNIVERSARY 1850 - 2025

## 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.

# 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

## Mobile Phones during service

A gentle reminder to please remember to switch off mobile phones before services.

Thankyou.

# The Five Marks of Mission

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