St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 7 December 2025
Advent II

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 6th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 7th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent II
Sun 7th	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 8th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 9th	1:30pm	Memory Care Café Christmas Party
Tue 9th	4:00pm	Do Justice meeting
Wed 10th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 10th	5:00pm	Book Club
Sat 13th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 14th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent III
Sun 14th	4:30pm	Women of Spirit

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

Merciful God,
who sent your messenger John the Baptist
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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 7 December - Advent II

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15*

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blamelessin that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 11. 1-10

Today's Psalm

Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-21

Second Reading

Romans 15. 4-13

Gospel

Matthew 3. 1-12

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Jesus shall reign where're the sun—TiS 207 (8.00am)

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

Offertory: Lord, your word abiding—TiS 427

Communion Hymn: Come to be our hope, O Jesus—TiS 688

Mission Hymn: Lift up your heads, you mighty gates—TiS 267

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 !

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.

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

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
Mon 22nd	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Wed 24th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 24th Christmas Eve	5:00pm 9.45pm 11:00pm	Children's Christmas Service Christmas Carols Midnight Mass
Thur 25th Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Day—All Age Eucharist
Sat 27th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 28th	8:00am & 10:00am	First Sunday after Christmas

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

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, Greeters, Readers, Intercessors.

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	Lay Led service
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 3. 1-12*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 3. 1-12*	Lay Led *Matthew 11. 28-30*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Christine Winkett	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Dave Greenfield	Adrienne Watson Anna Mott	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Catherine Pearson	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jennifer Constantine
First **Reading**	Chris Winkett *Isaiah 11. 1-10*	David Pryor *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		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Mary Lynton-Moll	Mandy Stevens Liz Pryor	
Flowers	Advent		

ROSTER	14 December 2025 Advent III 8:00am	14 December 2025 Advent III 10:00am	17 December Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Prashant Bhonsle *Matthew 11. 2-11*	Rev Prashant Bhonsle *Matthew 11. 2-11*	Rev Yvette *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 Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Mary Lynton-Moll	Roger Alcock Harry Watson	Jill Rogers
First **Reading**	Mary Lynton-Moll *Isaiah 35. 1-10*	Adrienne Watson *Isaiah 35. 1-10*	Lorna Howard *Genesis 49.2, 8-10*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *James 5. 7-10*	Harry Watson *James 5. 7-10*	
Psalm	*Song of Mary*	*Song of Mary*	*Psalm 72. 1-7*
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Sandra Brown-Holt	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Anna Mott Sandra Brooks	Jill Rogers
Banking	David Pryor		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Felicity Wiltshire	Mandy Stevens Val Tucker	
Flowers	Advent		

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

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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Advent thanks …

Now that's what I call a Christmas tree!!

How stunning is our Christmas tree this year? A huge thank you to Helen Robertson, her daughter and grandson for purchasing and decorating it for us

Also thank you to Angela for or Advent wreath – simple elegance.

Let our advent journey continue !

Help needed please.

Our large advent figures are currently propped up against the wall. However, they do need to be secured onto their bases. I would be grateful if a few people could be bring screw drivers etc on Sunday to carry this small but important job out please.

With thanks

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 ADDRIENNE AND HARRY WATSON OR CONTACT THE OFFICE

St Margarets Church

24hr day of prayer

Beginning Wednesday 14th January 2026

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together… (Acts 1.14 NRSV)

To commit to intentionally pray for our church, her people and her mission is something we all should be doing in our daily time of prayer. However, knowing we will be praying without ceasing for 24hrs as St Margarets church family and worshipping community can't help but be powerful.

Insomniacs and night owls will be needed!

More details to come next week

Love, peace and all good

Revd. Yvette

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.

Mobile Phones during service

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

Thankyou.

Take a Break!

Christmas Story Time for Preschoolers

Thursday Mornings in December

11.00 -12.00

@Eltham Montmorency Uniting Church.

A Christmas story will be read at 11.00am, followed by a simple age appropriate activity.

Please note parents / carers must accompany children at all times.

DATES: December 4
December 11
December 18

Address : 810 MAIN ROAD ELTHAM

Pre-school teacher Mrs Thulasi loves helping young minds learn and grow. © Stephen Daughtry/ABM AID

www.abmission.org/Advent2025

175 YEARS ANNIVERSARY 1850 - 2025

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