St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 1 February 2026
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 1st February	8:00am & 10:00am	Epiphany III
Sun 1st	11:30am	Proactive Financial planning
Sun 1st	1:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 2nd	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Faith Issues
Tue 3rd	10:00am	Warden's Meeting
Wed 4th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 4th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care
Sat 7th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 8th	8:00am & 10:00am	Epiphany V
Sun 8th	4:30pm	Women of Spirit

Parish Office

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray
that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law,
so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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.

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)

Worship 1 February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sentence

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. *Luke 2.30–32*

Prayer of the Day

Christ our cornerstone,
you were recognised at your presentation in the temple
as a sign of hope for the world,
but also as a stumbling-block for many:
help us so to present ourselves for your service,
that, in sharing your scandal,
we may become a people acceptable to you.
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

First Reading

Malachi 3.1-4

Today's Psalm

Psalm 24

Second Reading

Hebrews 2. 14-18

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Joy to the world! The Lord is come—TiS 268

Offertory: Worship the Lord—TiS 454 (8.00am)

Communion Hymn: Praise and thanksgiving—TiS 743

Mission Hymn: God has spoken to his people —TiS 636

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

Joint Service Sunday 8th February

Dear Church community.

In light of the newly ordained Revd. Andrew Murray joining us for his first service on Sunday 8th February we will be having a joint service

Therefore, there will be no 8am service on Sunday 8th February 2026.

After the service there will be a welcome shared light lunch .

If you would like to contribute food for this welcoming, please speak with Liz Pryor before the end of this week

Peace and all good

Revd. Yvette

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 8th	8:00am & 10:00am	Epiphany V
Sun 8th	4:30pm	Women of Spirit
Mon 9th	1:00pm 2:00pm	Monday Circle PVAW Committee
Tue 10th	1:30pm 4:00pm	Memory Care Cafe Do Justice Committee
Wed 11th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 11th	2:30pm	Book Club
Sat 14th	8:00am 2:30pm	Meditation Taize Chorale afternoon
Sun 15th	8:00am & 10:00am	Last after Epiphany—Transfiguration
Mon 16th	10:30am 1:00pm 7:30pm	Marketing & Communications Cttee Monday Circle Faith Issues Committee
Tue 17th	10:30am	Spiritual Direction
Wed 18th	9:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Ash Wednesday Service Ash Wednesday service
Sat 21st	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 22nd	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent I
Sun 22nd	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service

Your prayers are asked for those to be ordained this season,
among them

ANDREW STUART MURRAY

to be made Deacon by

RICHARD, ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

in his Cathedral Church of Saint Paul
at 10.30am on Saturday 7 February, 2026.

Pray too for Andrew's friends and family,
for the Rev'd Yvette Daniel,
and for the people of S^{t} Margaret Eltham,
among whom Andrew is called to serve as Assistant Curate.

εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ θεοῦ, Χριστοῦ,
ἐν ᾧ εἰσιν πάντες οἱ θησαυροὶ τῆς σοφίας καὶ γνώσεως ἀπόκρυφοι.

ROSTER	1 February 2026 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) 8:00am	1 February 2026 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) 10:00am	4 February Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 2.22-40*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Luke 2.22-40*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Mark 6.1-6*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion Assistants	Dave Greenfield	Harry Watson Mabs Jones	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Catherine Pearson	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jenny Disney
First **Reading**	Marg Duncan *Malachi 3.1-4*	Mabs Jones *Malachi 3.1-4*	Barbara Alexander *2 Samuel 24.2 and 9-17*
Second **Reading**	Clive Noble *Hebrews 2.14-18*	Harry Watson *Hebrews 2.14-18*	
Psalm	*Psalm 24*	*Psalm 24*	*Psalm 32.1-7*
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Sheila Cheary	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Helen Coutts	Jason Zeng	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Mary Lynton-Moll	Sandra Brown-Holt Liz Pryor	
Flowers	Angela Langan		

ROSTER	8 February 2026 Epiphany V 10:00am	11 February Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 5.13-20*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Mark 7.14-23*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Mabs Jones	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	David Pryor	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Sylvia Gilbert Kathleen Toal	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Roger Alock Harry Watson	Jennifer Constantine
First **Reading**	Adrienne Watson *Isaiah 58.1-9a*	Michael Tucker *1 Kings 10.-1.10*
Second **Reading**	Rev Andrew Murray *1 Corinthians 2.1-13*	
Psalm	*Psalm 112*	*Psalm 37.35-40*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	
Morning Tea	Anna Mott Sandra Brooks	Jenny Disney
Banking	David Pryor	
Music	Amelia Trinh	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Rob Mackenzie Mandy Stevens	
Flowers	Liz Pryor	

8TH FEBRUARY—4.30—6.00pm

LOVE, HOPE AND FAITH IN THE YEAR AHEAD

Walking the labyrinth with other women as an expression of love, hope and faith for the present, and for our year to come. We will be accompanied with live music by Ella Gray. There will also be an indoor labyrinth for those who prefer. A time of reflection and conversation as we start the new year.

Led by: Judy Scott in the Labyrinth at St. Margaret's Church

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to the first discussion of 2026. It is held on Monday 2 February in the church at 7.30pm. Refreshments follow in the Mud Brick Hall.

The topic is: ***Buddhism and Christianity.*** We shall enjoy some lovely images and an interesting discussion.

The discussion will be led by Geoff Sandy, Co-ordinator of the group.

Please contact me if you are interested in being placed on our distribution list.

Notes and other information is usually distributed prior to a particular discussion.

Grace and peace

Geoff Sandy, MOB: 0434422768

ANDREW MURRAYS ORDINATION

If you wish to attend our new assistant curate's ordination on Saturday 7th January 10.30am St Pauls Cathedral a group of us will aim to meet at 0850hrs at Eltham train station.

If you are going to meet us , please add your name to the list which will be on the sideboard in church so that we won't leave without you.

In addition please add you name to the list if you are going to make your own way there.

With thanks

Yvette

Memory Café dates

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

FEBRUARY 10, 24

A gift to remember

Our dear Coralie had a collection of scarves.
She wanted to share them. So please take one from the basket in the foyer and wear and remember with love.

Wanted!

Palm crosses

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching – (Wednesday 18th February).

If you have crosses that you no longer have use for I would be grateful if you can bring them to church before Sunday 15th February so they can be made into ash. There will be a basket on the sideboard where you can leave them.

With thanks – Yvette

Key Register

As part of our governance, at Parish Council we must table our key register. If you have a key, can you please confirm the number on the key. If you no longer need a key, please return to the parish office. This information must be provided by end of February, Many thanks

The Pastoral Care Team need you

We like to ensure that we have a good representation on this group comprising of members from our three services. If you are apart of the 8am and Wednesday midweek service and would like to be on this committee or would like to find out more, please speak to Revd. Yvette

Thank you

THE PASTORAL CARE BOX

Just to remind you all to keep your eye on the Pastoral Care box that is on the buffet in the foyer.

This week there will an additional information leaflet on

Estimated Itemized Costs of Funerals

which has been prepared by Harry Watson in response to the feedback from the completed questionnaires November last year

Thank you Harry

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - POSITIONS VACANT

Do you enjoy catching up for a cuppa after a church service?

We have vacancies on tea/coffee rosters for *apres*-service hospitality and social-ising *(that's French for 'after').*

No experience needed, training is offered to anyone who has never made a cup of tea or coffee and arranged biscuits artistically on a plate.

Meet new friends and relieve the load on the faithful few who serve you with refreshments week after week.

For more information, and to sign-up, please contact one of the Roster Convenors:

Wednesday Service: Jennifer Constantine

Sunday 8am Service: Mary Lynton-Moll

Sunday 10am Service: Linda Mackenzie

On Sunday 1st February we will be celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple also known as 'Candlemas'

'***Candlemas***, *Christian festival on Feb commemorating the occasion when the Virgin Mary in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem both to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2:22–38). The festival was formerly known in the Roman Catholic Church as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is now known as the Presentation of the Lord. In the Anglican Church it is called the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.*

In the Greek church it is called Hypapante (Meeting), in reference to Jesus' meeting in the Temple with the aged Simeon and the prophet Anna.

The earliest reference to the festival is from Jerusalem , where in the late 4th century the Western pilgrim Etheria attended its celebration on February 14, 40 days after Epiphany (then celebrated as Christ's birthday), and wrote of it in the Peregrinatio Etheriae. It soon spread to other Eastern cities, and in 542 Justinian I decreed that its date should be moved back to February 2 (40 days after Christmas). By the middle of the 5th century the custom of observing the festival with lighted candles had been introduced, and the name Candlemas developed from this custom.'[1]

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[1] Candlemas | Definition & History | Britannica

Candlemas

Bring your home candles to church this Sunday if you wish them to be blessed in the service

News on the Archbishop of Canterbury

On 28th January Bishop Sarah legally Archbishop of Canterbury at the Confirmation of Election.

A legal ceremony, the **Confirmation of Election** marked the official date on which the new Archbishop took up office. The ceremony took place at St Paul's Cathedral in London, at which point Bishop Sarah legally became the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury will take place at Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday 25 March 2026, the Feast of the Annunciation. **The Installation** (sometimes referred to as an 'enthronement') denotes and marks the start of the new Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry.

Let us continue to keep our Archbishop Sarah in our prayers[1]

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1. The appointment of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury - Diocese of Canterbury

‘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

ERA Elder Rights Australia

Promoting the human rights of all older people

Invitation to

St Margaret's Church Eltham

Elder Rights Australia
will be attending on:

Sunday 1st February 2026

To provide information on:

- The National Aged Care Advocacy Program
- Aged Care Rights
- Navigating the Aged Care System
- Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Program

Aged Care Advocacy Line

1800 700 600 | elderrights.org.au

Elder Rights Australia Ltd is a founding member of the National Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN), delivering the National Aged Care Advocacy Program (NACAP), an Australian Government initiative. ABN 63 367 539 827.

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.

TAIZE JANUARY 25 REPORT

Hot night, beautiful music shared spirituality, was perfect.

The Taize service was meshed into our beautiful Aboriginal Sunday setting, simple symbolic giving respect and relevance to the spirituality of the day. It deepened the level of our spirituality.

Special thanks to our musicians Christina and Helen who perform so well together. Whilst Christina leads, Helen adds the beauty of recorder supporting the sense of understanding to the service. My sincere thanks to them both.

Special thanks to Elizabeth and Howard Ainsworth for providing an excellent thoughtfully prepared meal enjoyed beforehand.

Without the support of so many this service would not be as significant part of what St. Margaret's offers our Parish and beyond.

Helen Robertson

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

Prayer Chain

For any prayer Requests

Mary Lynton-Moll

prayerchain@stmargaretseltham.org.au

or 0412 512 416

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.

The Five Marks of 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
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth