St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 15 February 2026
Last Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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
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

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 given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin,
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace that we may always thankfully receive
the benefits of his sacrifice,
and also daily endeavour to follow
the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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Assistant Curate. Revd. Andrew Murray Tel. 0449 501 479

Worship 15 February - Last Sunday after Epiphany—Transfiguration

Sentence

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'

Matthew 17.5

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 24. 12-18

Today's Psalm

Psalm 2

Second Reading

2 Peter 1.16-21

Gospel

Matthew 17. 1-9

Today's Music

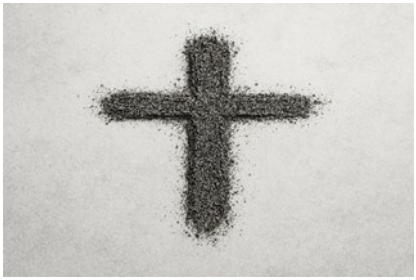
Welcome Hymn: Immortal, invisible God only wise—TiS 143 (8.00am)

Offertory: Christ upon the mountain peak—TiS 243, tune 372

Communion Hymn: The Lord is my light—TiS 747

Mission Hymn: Let us talents and tongues employ—TiS 537

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



There will be two services on
Ash Wednesday 10.30 am and 6pm

Imposition of Ashes

Ashes will be placed on the forehead in the shape of a cross, accompanied by the words:

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 22nd	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent I
Sun 22nd	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service
Mon 23rd	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Parish Council meeting
Tue 24th	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 25th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 28th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 1st March	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent II
Sun 1st	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 2nd	1:00pm 2:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle PVAW Faith Issues Discussion
Tue 3rd	10:00am	Wardens meeting
Wed 4th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 4th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care team meeting
Sat 7th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 8th	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent III
Sun 8th	4:30—6.00pm	Women of Spirit

Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer at St Margaret's

Holy Scripture is filled with inspiring words to the people of God to meet and pray with one another. The Letter of James encourages the early Church to pray together in all circumstances: "Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven" (James 5:13-15).

Although this encouragement to common—or community—prayer has always been a feature of the Church, the Anglican reformers of the sixteenth century recommitted themselves to it. The Book of Common Prayer exhorts all Priests and Deacons "to say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer...in the Parish-Church or Chapel" in which they minister at a "convenient time...that the people may come to hear God's Word, and to pray." This cycle of liturgical morning and evening prayers, the daily office, was intended to be a deep well of living water, available to all in the parish to draw on as a source of refreshment.

Taking this to heart, Morning and Evening Prayer will now be said (at a convenient time) at St Margaret's most weekdays. Like at Morning Prayer on Wednesday, these services will use A Prayer Book for Australia. All are welcome to attend and to be involved in their own way—from saying the service with us, to participating more passively. The Rev'd Yvette and I look forward to praying with you all through this offering of worship in, with, and for our parish community.

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Morning Prayer	8.30am	8.30am	9.30am	8.30am	-
Evening Prayer	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	-

Rev Andrew Murray
Assistant Curate

ROSTER	15 February 2026 Last after Epiphany Transfiguration 8:00am	15 February 2026 Last after Epiphany Transfiguration 10:00am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev Andrew Murray *Matthew 17.1-9*	Rev Andrew Murray *Matthew 17.1-9*
Sacristan Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Jan Gack
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Geoff Sandy
Communion Assistants	Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Harry Watson
Greeters & Sides People	Marg Duncan	Roger Alcock
First Reading	Dave Greenfield *Exodus 24.12-18*	David Pryor *Exodus 24.12-18*
Second Reading	Sally Warner *2 Peter 1.16-21*	Sandra Brooks *2 Peter 1.16-21*
Psalm	*Psalm 2*	*Psalm 2*
Intercessor	Felicity Wiltshire	Linda Mackenzie
Morning Tea	Sally Warner	Rob & Linda Mackenzie
Banking	Rob Mackenzie	
Music		Amelia Trinh
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Sally Warner	John Humann Sandra Brown-Holt
Flowers	Sally Petty	

ROSTER	18 February Ash Wednesday 10:30am	18 February Ash Wednesday 6.00pm
Celebrant	Revd. Yvette Daniel	Revd. Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Revd. Yvette Daniel *Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21*	Revd. Andrew Murray *Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-21*
Sacristan Assistant	N/A	Rev Andrew Murray
Liturgical Assistant	N/A	Rev Andrew Murray
Communion Assistants	N/A	Rev Andrew Murray
Greeters & Sides People	Jill Rogers	Harry Watson
First Reading	Lorna Howard *Joel 2.1-2, 12-17*	Sally Petty *Joel 2.1-2, 12-17*
Second Reading	*2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10*	*Barbara Speed* *2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10*
Psalm	*Psalm 51.1-17*	Mary Lynton-Moll *Psalm 51.1-17*
Intercessor	N/A	Rev Andrew Murray
Morning Tea	Jill Rogers	N/A
Music	Rev Robert Street	Rev Robert Street
AV	N/A	Rob Mackenzie

ROSTER	22nd February 2026 Lent I 8:00am	22nd February 2026 Lent I 10:00am	25 February Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 4.1-11*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 4. 1-11*	Rev Yvette *Luke 11.29-32*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Sally Petty	Diana Warrell	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Sally Petty	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Catherine Pearson	Angela Langan Anna Mott	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	MaryAnn Wilkie	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell	Margaret Charles
First **Reading**	Catherine Pearson *Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7*	Harry Watson *Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7*	Barbara Alexander *Jonah 3. 1-10*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Romans 5. 12-21*	Roger Alcock *Romans 5. 12-21*	
Psalm	*Psalm 32*	*Psalm 32*	*Psalm 51. 6-9*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Helen Coutts	Veronica & Michael Dobson	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Music		Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Alan Coutts	Rob Mackenzie Val Tucker	
Flowers	Lent		

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.

Thank you

Welcoming Andrew into our church family gave us an excellent opportunity to come together and share fellowship.

In true St. Margaret's fashion everyone swung into gear and generously provided an array of delicious food for lunch (blessed be the sandwich makers who went above and beyond before coming to the service).

So, to the catering crew and the setting up and clearing up crews I would like to say a heartfelt thank you.

Liz Pryor

Parish Office

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

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.

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to the Faith Issues Discussion Monday 16 February 2026. It is held in the church at 7.30pm. Refreshments follow in the Mud Brick Hall.

The topic is very contemporary and controversial, The Issues is ***Hate Speech: The legislative Response***

The discussion must be framed from the perspective of our Christian faith where prejudice and hate is incompatible with the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. Sadly some Christian groups consciously or unconsciously fall short of the mark. Our discussion will be broad -ranging, and just not focussed on the Bondi shootings.

Come and discuss and reflect on this blight on our society within the safe and respectful environment which is Faith Issues Discussion.

*T*he 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 (or taken off).

Notes and other information will be distributed prior to the discussion.

Grace and peace

Geoff Sandy.

MOB: 0434422768

Introduction to the Season Lent

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter.

It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. Lent has been observed in the church since apostolic times.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. Liturgical dress is the simplest possible. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. The Gloria in excelsis is not used.

The fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare or Refreshment Sunday) was allowed as a day of relief from the rigour of Lent. As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday.

Information from the Church of England

A note page for Lenten observances for 2026……

Shrove Tuesday

Why we have Pancake Day

Pancake Day is also called Shrove Tuesday and is one last chance for a big party before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday the next day.

Long ago, Christians traditionally used up all the eggs and fat they had in store by making pancakes and feasting on them. This was because when Lent came, they would eat less food, or even fast to help them focus on God and not on the things they wanted. This tradition has been passed down the generations.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter, a date which changes every year.

An easy pancake mix to make with your children , grand children …or even yourself Enjoy !!

100g plain flour
2 large eggs
300ml milk
1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil
plus a little extra for frying
lemon wedges

to serve (optional)
caster sugar

to serve (optional)

Method

step 1

Put 100g plain flour, 2 large eggs, 300ml milk, 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl or large jug, then whisk to a smooth batter. This should be similar in consistency to single cream.

step 2

Set aside for 30 mins to rest if you have time, or start cooking straight away.

step 3

Set a medium frying pan or crêpe pan over a medium heat and carefully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper.

step 4

When hot, cook your pancakes for 1 min on each side until golden, using around half a ladleful of batter per pancake. Keep them warm in a low oven as you make the rest.

step 5

Serve with lemon wedges and caster sugar, or your favourite filling. *Once cold, you can layer the pancakes between baking parchment, then wrap in cling film and freeze for up to two months.*

Quiet Day

Nourish to Flourish

Saturday February 21st.

Eltham Montmorency Uniting Church

810 Main Road. Eltham VIC.

Session 1: 9am. - 10.30am.

Food for body and soul.

- 10.00am "Nourishing" with Jen.

Session 2: 10.45am. - 12.30pm.

Holding what is life giving.

- 12.00pm "Abundance" & "Holy Communion" with Jen.

Session 3: 1.30pm. – 3.00pm.

Flourishing forward.

- 2.00pm " Flourishing" with Jen.

Attend as you are able.

Light lunch provided.

Donation going to Asylum Seekers.

Information: Contact: Jen Pretty 0417 524 635

Merilyn Brown 9439 3569

Book Launch

Called to Care:

Our Christian Calling and Response to the Climate Challenge of Our Generation

Our world is in a climate crisis. As the earth warms, increased floods, droughts, fires and disease threaten the people and the places we love. The poor already experience the impacts of this first and foremost, despite having contributed the least to the problem.

Stories from our global neighbours clarify the challenge. This book invites Christians to take climate justice seriously. Through inspiring stories, creative reflection and biblical teaching, readers will come to understand and connect creation and justice to their faith.

As a climate justice leader and campaigner, mother and pastor's wife, Jo Knight also shares her own story. This is a story of God growing a passion for caring for His creation and how Christians play an essential part.

Called to Care will equip you with theological frameworks and practical application for lifestyle and prayer to respond and step into a Christian movement of love and action.

Wednesday 18th February 2026
7:30pm - 9.00pm
Merri Creek Anglican Church
88 Station St, Fairfield

NB/ This will coincide with our 6PM Ash Wednesday service ; however Revd. Yvette will be attending – but late!

If you wish to attend, please contact Revd. Yvette who will gladly drive

This will sit under 5 Marks of Mission and the work of Do Justice Committee

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

Mobile Phones during service

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

Thankyou.

Memory Café dates

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

FEBRUARY 24

MARCH 10, 24

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

Mission Priorities for St Margarets Church

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*

What we carry out will be shaped by 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.

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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