St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 1 March 2026
Lent II

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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
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

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

Remember, O Lord,
what you have wrought in us
and not what we deserve,
and, as you have called us to your service,
make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Office

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

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Vicar: Revd. Yvette Daniel revdyvette@stmargaretseltham.org.au, Tel. 0439 035 741 (day off Thur)
Assistant Curate. Revd. Andrew Murray revdandrew@stmargaretseltham.org.au Tel. 0449 501 479,

Worship 1 March - Lent II

Sentence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 12. 1-4a

Today's Psalm

Psalm 121

Second Reading

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

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Gospel

John 3. 1-17

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: How great thou art—TiS 155

Offertory: Guide me o thou great redeemer—TiS 569

Communion Hymn: Kyrie eleison—TiS 736

Mission Hymn: One more step along the world—CH 530

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

Rev'd Yvette on leave

Rev'd Yvette will be on retreat / annual leave this week from Thursday 26th February, back in the office on Tuesday 3rd March.

At the Sunday 1st March services we welcome Revd. Prashant to preside and Revd. Andrew will be preaching at both the 8am and 10am services.

Any queries whilst Rev'd Yvette is away please contact the Wardens.

Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer at St Margaret's

	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	-

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 8th	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent III
Sun 8th	4:30—6.00pm	Women of Spirit
Mon 9th (Public holiday)	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 10th	1.30pm 4:00pm	Memory Care Café Do Justice meeting
Wed 11th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 11th	2:30pm	Book Club, Dendy House
Thur 12th	10:00am	Property Committee
Sat 14th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 15th	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent IV
Mon 16th	10:30am 1:00pm 7:30pm	Marketing & Communications Monday Circle Faith Issues Discussions
Tue 17th	10:30am	Spiritual Direction
Wed 18th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 21st	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 22nd	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent V

8TH MARCH—4.30—6.00pm

Women of Spirit

EMBODYING THE MURUJUGA CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

We will meet at the Yarning Circle to learn together insights from indigenous embodied practices through art, dance and care of creation. We will enact a prayer ritual for protecting Murujuga.

Led by: Mitzi Tuke

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to the next Faith Issues Discussion on Monday 2 March at 7.30pm in the church. Refreshments will follow.

The topic is very pertinent and timely: **Why are our children not in church?**The discussion will be led by Adrienne and Harry Watson. Come and join the discussion in a safe and respectful environment.

Any inquires to Geoff Sandy Coordinator MOB: 0434422768

Memory Café dates

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

MARCH 10, 24

ROSTER	1 March 2026 Lent II 8:00am	1 March 2026 Lent II 10:00am	4 March Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Revd Prashant Bhonsle	Revd Prashant Bhonsle	Revd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Revd Andrew Murray *John 3. 1-17*	Revd Andrew Murray *John 3. 1-17*	Revd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 20. 17-28*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Revd. Andrew Murray	Revd. Andrew Murray	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Dave Greenfield	Adrienne Watson Mabs Jones	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Catherine Pearson	Harry Watson Roger Alcock	Jenny Disney
First **Reading**	Catherine Pearson *Genesis 12. 1-4a*	Roger Alcock *Genesis 12. 1-4a*	Barbara Alexander *Jeremiah 18. 18-20*
Second **Reading**	Clive Noble *Romans 4. 1-5 13-17*	*David Pryor* *Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17*	
Psalm	*Psalm 121*	*Psalm 121*	*Psalm 31. 1-5*
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Liz Pryor	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Sheila Cheary	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann		
Music		Priscilla Lin	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Mary Lynton-Moll	Sandra Brown-Holt Val Tucker	
Flowers	Lent		

ROSTER	8 March 2026 Lent III 8:00am	8 March 2026 Lent III 10:00am	11 March Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Revd Yvette Daniel	Revd Yvette Daniel	Revd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *John 4. 5-42*	Rev Yvette Daniel *John 4. 5-42*	Revd Andrew Murray *Matthew 5. 17-19*
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	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jennifer Constantine
First Reading	Sally Petty *Exodus 17. 1-7*	Sandra Brooks *Exodus 17. 1-7*	Michael Tucker *Deuteronomy 4.1 and 4-9*
Second Reading	Mary Lynton-Moll *Romans 5. 1-11*	Liz Pryor *Romans 5. 1-11*	
Psalm	*Psalm 95*	*Psalm 95*	*Psalm 147. 12-20*
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Sandra Brown-Holt	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Anna Mott Sandra Brooks	Jenny Disney
Banking	David Pryor		
Music	Helen Coutts	Amelia Trinh	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann Val Tucker	
Flowers	Lent		

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: **Genesis 12.1-4a**

A reading from the Book Genesis

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm: **Psalm 121**

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
2 My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
4 Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
6 The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.
7 The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.
8 The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.

Second Reading: **Romans 4.1-5, 13-17**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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thanks be to God.

Gospel Introduction

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Blessed are those who have endured temptation;
they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John,
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Victorian Anglicans Together (VAT) -
Meeting with Archbishop Ric

VAT are delighted to invite you to a meeting with Archbishop Ric Thorpe, to be held from **3-5pm on Tuesday, 10 March** at St George's Anglican Church, 296 Glenferrie Road, Malvern.

The VAT committee you will be able to join us for this important time of listening, reflection and conversation.

It is an invaluable opportunity to share our vision for the Anglican Church with the Archbishop.

The Archbishop is keen to listen to the views and concerns of Anglicans, and there is expected to be the opportunity for questions and dialogue on matters that are considered

Parish Matters—Autumn edition

Please keep your eye out for our latest edition of Parish Matters, Autumn edition. Thankyou to Linda for editing this edition.

Pub lunch

Our pub lunch is held on the first Sunday of the month, following the 10.00am service. Everyone welcome!

Please give your name when you are ordering a meal at the bar or table service, on Pub Lunch day.

This will cease confusion of the waiters , and you will receive your meal in the order you have made.

Lenten Study 2026

Celebration of discipline the path to spiritual growth

Below is the PDF of the book by Richard J Foster entitled - Celebration of discipline the path to spiritual growth

Richard J. Foster - Celebration of Discipline.pdf

I invite those who can to gather on **Wednesdays at 11.30-12.30 (Church Hall)** for us to discuss and study the disciplines and practices in more detail

By Wednesday 4th March to have read
Meditation, Prayer and Fasting

By Wednesday 11th March to have read
Study, Simplicity and Solitude

By Wednesday 18th March to have read
Submission, Service and Confession

By Wednesday 25th March to have read
Worship, Guidance and Celebration

Peace and all good Rev'd Yvette

Capturing thoughts and revelations from our 24HR day of prayer

I can't believe it is over a month since we all prayed for the life of our church and her mission. However, what we haven't done is shared our revelations or our thoughts and experiences with each other.

About a dozen of you have shared with me already what you experienced but I believe these are revelations that should be shared with our church for our own spiritual and missional growth.

Therefore, I am asking you to email me with your learnings, reflections, revelations, feelings on the process.

I plan to print them in our pew sheet. They can be anonymous if you wish – as it's the sharing that's the most important.

In addition, I will be looking for any commonalities which may in turn shape or journey going forward

I would appreciate if they could be emailed to reach me by the end of March at the latest.

Every blessing and thank you

Rev'd Yvette

Listening in Lent

AN INVITATION TO LISTEN, REFLECT,
AND RESPOND TOGETHER

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MELBOURNE

TAKE PART

Fill in the online questionnaire. It's open to everyone and every response is valued.

SCAN ME

It takes around 10–15 minutes to complete.

If QR code doesn't work go to
https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/listening-in-lent/

Abridged Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 23 / 02 / 2026

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev'd Yvette

Attendance: All members of the Council were present, including Rev'd Andrew Murray.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the meetings held on 24 / 11 / 2025 and 21 / 01 / 2026 were approved

Matters arising:

- Mission Action Plan: The document, with a few minor adjustments, was accepted as a Council working document
- First Aid Training A suitable trainer has been identified. Further information to be obtained.

Finance committee:

- The reports for the last 4 months were accepted. The balance sheet is positive.
- There are problems with uncertainties from the insurance account – managed by the Diocese. The final amounts will not be known for at least another 2 months.
- The cost of liabilities is related to compliance.

Compliance, Policies and Procedures:

- Memory Café Policy Review accepted
- Diocesan Compliance Calendar noted
  - Safe Ministry training up to date
  - Diocesan Action Plan – Child Safety Standards: Yvette summarised the standards 1-5 Standards 6 - 11 will be discussed, one per month this year
  - First Nations Acknowledgement will be put on the TV screen in the foyer of the church

Compliance Calendar:

- Governance Review: Sandra will be the lead on Disability with support from Vicar, Warden /PC
- Sally spoke about Victorian Anglicans Together, and will attend their next meeting with others .
- We are compliant with other aspects requested.

Correspondence:

- The Vicar will attend oversight training development (March 3) and Clergy Ministry Conference 14 – 16 July
- Visit to Brimbank to meet the Archbishop: The Theme of "Listening in Lent" – questions such as what would we start and what would we stop- Congregation to be invited to respond to Archbishop questionnaire
- Wardens write to CEO about TMA – There seems to be a breakdown in communication.
- Donation of $200 to Bishop Brad for his farewell

Vicar and Assistant Curate's reports: Received with thanks.
Bishop Kate will be invited to visit to see Andrew at work
Archbishop Ric to be invited for St Margaret's Day

Event Approval:

- Event planning sheet – Gospel Concert in conjunction with Open Door Gospel Choir: approved subject to recognizing that it will be in the afternoon.
- Event Planning Sheet – Understanding End of Life Care – approved

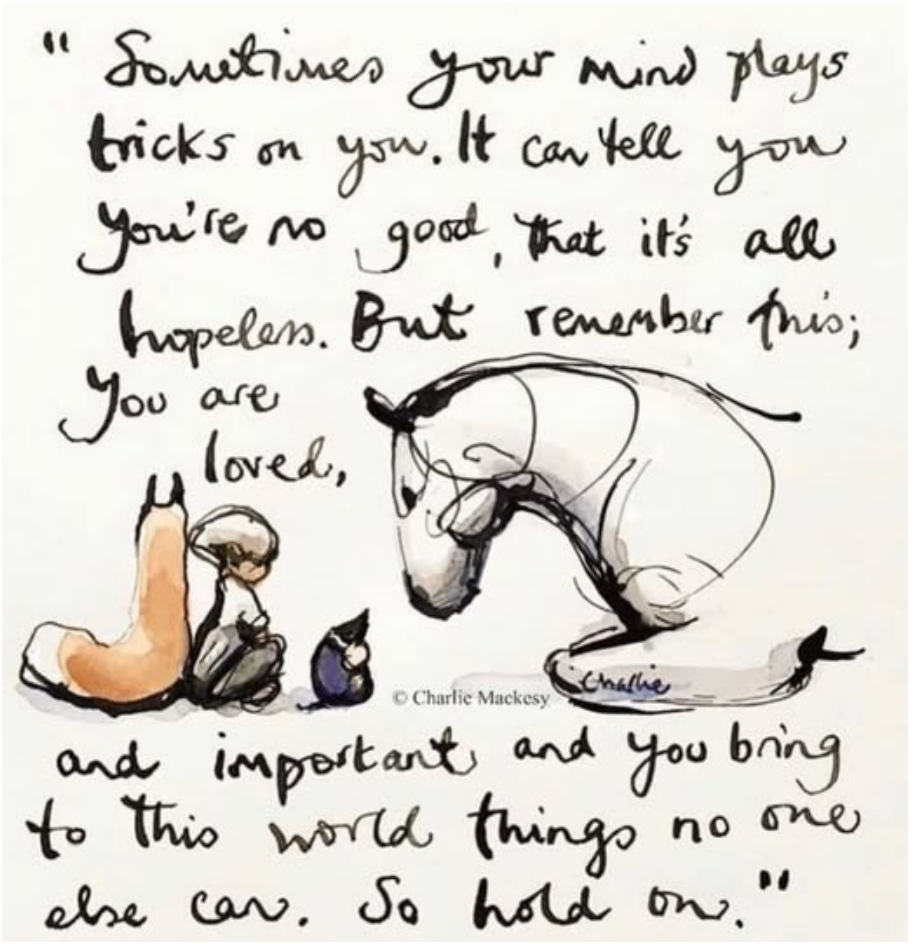
Subcommittee reports: Reports were received from; Pastoral Care Team, Property, Do Justice, Music Scholarship, PVAW, Taizé. Property – switchboard upgrades needed for Dendy House and Research. Payments approved as per quotes (+/- $15000).

Other Matters:

- Signatories on Bank accounts Being attended to.
- Field Committee This is to 'mirror' help and enable the persons in ministry to see themselves as others see them. The committee members are: Helen Robertson (Chair), Sally Warner, Elizabeth Milgate, Sandra Brown-Holt, Kevin Gillet, Robert McKenzie, and Rev'd Andrew.
- Kids Plus Funding: Rev'd Yvette attending to this.

Next Meeting: Monday, 23 March

The meeting was concluded with the reading of Psalm 21 and the Grace.



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preventing violence against women program

A Three-fold Cord: A Faithful Approach to Preventing Violence against Women

DATE: WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

TIME: 10:30AM – 1:30PM

LOCATION: ST JUDE'S CHURCH, 2 KEPPEL STREET CARLTON

The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne invites you to our upcoming event to celebrate International Women's Day, and launch the lastest evaluation report from our PVAW Program, in partership with University of Melbourne.

SPEAKERS

ARCHBISHOP RIC THOPRE
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

KERRYN LEWIS
PVAW Program Manager
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

PROFFESOR CATHY VAUGHAN
University of Melbourne
Director, Nossal Institute for Global Health

JESS KIRWAN
University of Melbourne
Research Assistant, Nossal Institute for Global Health

The event will include an art exhibition and panel discussion with program participants, as well as a catered lunch. Please book at the following link:

https://www.trybooking.com/DJFFW

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.

M iss ion Prioritie s 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.

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