St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 15 March 2026
Lent IV

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 15th	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent IV
Mon 16th	10:30am 1:00pm 2:00pm 7:30pm	Marketing & Comms Monday Circle PVAW Faith Issues
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

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,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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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Worship 15 March - Lent IV

Sentence

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.' *John 8.12*

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
in order that we children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
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.**

First Reading

1 Samuel 16. 1-13

Today's Psalm

Psalm 23

Second Reading

Ephesians 5. 8-14

Image : Charlie Mackesy

Gospel

John 9. 1-41

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Praise to the Lord Almighty—TiS 111 (8.00am)

Offertory: O Christ the healer we have come—TiS 638 Tune 348

Communion Hymn: Kyrie eleison—TiS 736

Mission Hymn: We are marching in the light of God—TiS 666

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: **1 Samuel 16. 1-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord 's anointed is now before the Lord .' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Second Reading: **Ephesians 5.8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—
for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.
Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.
Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
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 9.1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'

Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?'

He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.'

They said to him, 'Where is he?'

He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.'

Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?'

His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.'

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him. So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.'

He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?'

Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

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

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 22nd	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent V
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 29th	10:00am	Palm Sunday (one service only)
Sun 29th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize prayers
HOLY WEEK		
Mon 30th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 31st	7:30pm	Tenebrae Service
Wed 1st April	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 1st April	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Thur 2nd	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday
Fri 3rd	10:00am	Good Friday service
Sat 4th	8:00am 8:30am 10:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast Working Bee
Sun 5th	6:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	The Great Easter Vigil Easter Day service Pub lunch

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	-

Synod 2026

The Vicar has received the Archbishops Mandate for the election of Lay Representatives for the 54th Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne. St Margaret's is entitled to 3 representatives and 1 alternative representative. The term is for 3 years. Please see attached for what is involved to be a Lay Representative.

Nominations close Sunday 22nd March 2026 (nominations forms available in the Church foyer or from the Parish office).

If more nominations received than vacancies then an election will be held on Sunday 29th March 2026.

ROSTER	15 March 2026 Lent IV 8:00am	15 March 2026 Lent IV 10:00am	18 March Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Revd Yvette Daniel	Revd Yvette Daniel	Revd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Revd Andrew Murray *John 9. 1-41*	Revd Andrew Murray *John 9. 1-41*	Revd Yvette Daniel *John 5. 17-30*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	Geoff Sandy	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Harry Watson	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Marg Duncan	Roger Alcock	Jill Rogers
First **Reading**	Robert Brazenor *1 Samuel 16. 1-13*	Adrienne Watson *1 Samuel 16. 1-13*	Lorna Howard *Isaiah 49. 8-15*
Second **Reading**	MaryAnn Wilkie *Ephesians 5. 8-14*	Geoff Sandy *Ephesians 5. 8-14*	
Psalm	*Psalm 23*	*Psalm 23*	*Psalm 145. 8-13*
Intercessor	Felicity Wiltshire	Linda Mackenzie	
Morning Tea	Sally Warner	Veronica & Michael Dobson	Jill Rogers
Banking	Rob Mackenzie		
Music		Rev Robert Street	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Sally Warner	Mandy Stevens Rob Mackenzie	
Flowers	Lent		

ROSTER	22 March 2026 Lent V 8:00am	22 March 2026 Lent V 10:00am	25 March Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *John 11. 1-45*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *John 11. 1-45*	Rev'd Andrew *Luke 1. 26-38*
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 *Ezekiel 37. 1-14*	Harry Watson *Ezekiel 37. 1-14*	Barbara Alexander *Hebrews 10. 4-10*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Romans 8. 6-11*	David Pryor *Romans 8. 6-11*	
Psalm	*Psalm 130*	*Psalm 130*	*Psalm 40. 6-13*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Helen Coutts	Tony & Christine Michaelson	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Alan Coutts	Mandy Stevens Liz Pryor	
Flowers	Lent		

Lenten Study

Celebration of discipline the path to spiritual growth

Thank you to everyone who came together on Wednesday (17 of us) to discuss and share on the disciplines of Meditation, Prayer and fasting – it was a lively and informative discussion.

From Sunday there will be some resources available for you to collect if you were unable to attend.

NB/ if you have not read the book or the chapters please feel free to still attend – don't miss out!

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 18th March to have read
Submission, Service and Confession

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

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

Peace and all good Rev'd Yvette

Memory Café dates

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

MARCH **24**

APRIL **14, 28**

Rosters

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

Dear Church Community

Holy week and Easter are fast approaching.

This week Sunday (15th March) Carolyn will have the Psalm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Service rotas available for LA's, Readers, Intercessors (some prayers are set) to volunteer for specific services.

Please write your name in an available slot.

Thank you all in advance

Carolyn & Rev'd Yvette

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to the next Faith Issues Discussion on Monday 16 March 2026 at 7.30pm in the church. Refreshments will follow.

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

A discussion on the last acclamation will be led by Geoff Sandy with reference to Chapters 20 to 22 of the Book of Revelation. A fascinating and controversial part of the Bible although it scarcely made it into the canon.

What does it say about what will happen when Christ comes again? How does Revelation relate to other parts of scripture, especially Genesis?

Look forward to a great attendance and your thoughts.

Grace and peace, Geoff MOB: 0434422768

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Services at St Margaret's

Palm Sunday *29 March*	10am
Tuesday: Tenebrae *31 March*	7.30pm
Wednesday: Stations of the Cross *1 April*	7pm
Maundy Thursday *2 April*	7pm
Good Friday *3 April*	10am
Easter Sunday *5 April*	6am & 10am

COMBINED SERVICES GOING FORWARD

Dear St Margarets.

As you know, there are times within our liturgical year whereby it makes sense that we have one combined service on a Sunday morning.

Every time one of these occasions are called for, I need to make the decision as to what time this should happen.

I have tried to honour both the 8 and 10 Sunday services in the past (as one is not more important than the other) and therefore I have trialled combined services at 9am, 9.30 and 10am.

This has led to confusion at times and upset by folk across both services.

So!! going forward I have decided that combined services will be at 10am.

I apologise from the outset to the 8am congregation as you are the ones that will be impacted the most. I pray that this will not be a barrier or deter you from attending future services.

I see all the services as being equal at St Margarets -our midweek service included.

So, when these events/services arise let us joyfully look forward to coming together as one .

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

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF 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/

Holy Saturday Working Bee - 4 April

There will be a working bee at 10.30am on Holy Saturday (4 April) to prepare the church for Easter. Many hands make light work, and this will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together to clean and prepare our church for a joyful Easter - and to help out our hard-working sacristans at busy time! All are welcome, and morning tea will be provided. Please contact Rev'd Andrew if you have any queries.

Victorian Anglicans Together

invites you to hear

Dr Paula Gooder

on

Reading the Bible Imaginatively

Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, Dr Gooder is a New Testament scholar, writer and teacher, and is a Licensed Lay Reader in the Church of England.

Saturday 28 March
2.30pm to 4pm
St John's Church
552 Burke Road
Camberwell

Donation towards the costs gratefully accepted.

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

Anglican Parish Church of the City since 1846

15 Gisborne Street Melbourne Victoria 3002 Australia

The Peerless Bridge: Faith and the Poetry of Emily Dickinson

Presented by the Revd Professor Dorothy Lee
Professor Emerita of Trinity College,
University of Divinity

Wednesday 18th March

St Peter's Church
15 Gisborne St
Melbourne

6 - 8pm

Book now!

Email: arts@stpeters.org.au
Phone: 0401 826 325
Website:
https://www.stpeters.org.au/arts-and-the-faith

How to pray for Iran and the Middle East

Dear friends,

Many of you will have seen the unfolding events in Iran and across the Middle East. The situation is serious and fragile, and there is real fear of further violence and instability.

For many within our own Diocese—especially within our Iranian Anglican community—this is not distant news. It is family members, close friends, and personal grief. We recognize the weight of what is unfolding and the pain being carried.

As followers of Jesus, our first response is prayer. I invite you to pray in three simple ways:

Pray for protection
Pray for ordinary people—families, children, the elderly—who are living with fear and uncertainty. Ask God to protect civilians and to restrain further violence.

Pray for peace
Pray that this conflict does not escalate into wider war. Ask God to raise up wise and courageous leaders who choose de-escalation, justice and mercy.

Pray for the Church.
Pray for Christian communities across Iran and the Middle East—especially for our sisters and brothers in the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, including the Diocese of Iran. Pray for pastors, priests, and believers that they would be strengthened in faith, courage and hope.

Jesus says, “Blessed are the peacemakers.” In anxious days, we anchor ourselves in him, the Prince of Peace.

Let us pray that even in this dark moment, God’s purposes of peace and renewal will prevail.

Archbishop Ric Thorpe.

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.

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.

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