St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 29 March 2026
Palm Sunday

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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	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

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 and everlasting God,
of your tender love towards us
you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take upon him our flesh,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
that all should follow the example of his great humility:
mercifully grant
that we may both follow the example of his patience,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Worship 29 March - Palm Sunday

Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.10–11*

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 50. 4-9a

Today's Psalm

Psalm 31.9-18

Second Reading

Philippians 2. 5-11

Gospel

Matthew 21.1-11

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: All glory praise and honour—TiS 333

Offertory: My song is love unknown—TiS 341

Communion Hymn: In our darkness there is no darkness—TiS 725

Mission Hymn: Sing Hosanna—Tune TiS 52

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: **Isaiah 50. 4-9a**

4 The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
5 The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
7 The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
8 he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
9 It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

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

Second Reading: Philippians 2.5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gospel Introduction

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21. 1-11

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at
the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into
the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a
colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything
to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them imme-
diately.”[a] 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the
prophet:
5 “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought
the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.
8 A very large crowd[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut
branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that
went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”
10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who
is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Naza-
reth in Galilee.”

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

Taize Service

The next Taize monthly service will be this Sunday 29th March. A simple meal will be provided at 5:30pm followed by Taizé prayer at 6:30pm.

All welcome.

Meeting of the

Home Communion Team

Home Communion is a ministry which is vital for our spirituality and pastoral care – especially when we are unable to cross the threshold into church for varies reasons.

I would like those who are trained to join me for a short meeting on Sunday April 19th at 9.15 am in the vestry.

In addition, if you wish to find out more information in becoming part of this team – please feel free to attend too.

Peace and all good

Rev’d Yvette

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 5th	6:00am	The Great Easter Vigil
	10:00am	Easter Day service
	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 6th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
	7:30pm	Faith Issues Discussion
Wed 8th	9:30am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Wednesday Service
Wed 8th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care team meeting
	2:30pm	Book Club (Dendy House)
Thur 9th	10:00am	Property Committee
Sat 11th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 12th	8:00 & 10.00am	Easter II
Sun 12th	4:30pm	Women of Spirit
Mon 13th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 14th	10:00am	Warden's meeting
	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
	4:00pm	Do Justice meeting
Wed 15th	9:30am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Wednesday Service
Sat 18th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 19th	8:00 &	Easter III

Parish Office

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

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	-

Hearing Loop

A Hearing Loop is installed in the Church, please use the T switch on your hearing aid.

Synod 2026

Nominations have closed 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.

We have received nominations from

Sally Petty, Helen Robertson and Marg Duncan for the positions of Lay Representative, and from Harry Watson for alternative representative.

As the number of nominations received is no more than vacancies, no election is required.

We thank Sally, Helen, Marg and Harry for their nominations, and as such all nominated are deemed to be elected, and no election is required.

Memory Café dates

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

APRIL **14, 28**

ROSTER	29 March 2026 Palm Sunday 10.00am	1 April 2026 Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 21. 1-11*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *John 13.21-32*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	David Pryor	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	1. Rev'd. Andrew Murray 2. Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	1. Marg Duncan 2. Julia Urwin	Jenny Disney
First **Reading**	Marg Duncan *Isaiah 50.4-9a*	Barbara Alexander *Hebrews 12.1-3*
Second **Reading**	Mary Lynton-Moll *Philippians 2.5-11*	
Psalm	*Psalm 31.9-18*	*Psalm 70*
Intercessor	Julia Urwin (Set)	
Morning Tea	Linda & Rob Mackenzie	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann	
Music	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Rob Mackenzie Val Tucker	
Flowers	Lent	

ROSTER	Stations of the Cross Wed 1st April 7.00pm	Maundy Thursday 2nd April 7.00pm	Good Friday 3 April 10.00am
Celebrant		Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev'd Andrew Murray leading	Rev'd Andrew Murray *John 13.1-17, 31b-35*	Rev Yvette Daniel *John 18.1-19.42*
Sacristan Assistant	N/A	Barbara Speed	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	N/A	Robert Brazenor (2 chalices)	Adrienne Watson
Communion Assistants	N/A	Lorna Howard	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	N/A	Marg Duncan	1. Harry Watson 2. Diana Warrell
First Reading	Rev'd Andrew to arrange 1. Barbara Speed	Marg Duncan *Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14*	Helen Robertson *Isaiah 52.13-53.12*
Second Reading	David Pryor	MaryAnn Wilkie *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*	Sandra Brown-Holt *1 Corinthians 1.18-31*
Psalm	*N/A*	*Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18*	*Psalm 22*
Intercessor	N/A	Rev'd Yvette Daniel Set Prayers	Solemn Prayers 1. Sally Petty 2. MaryAnn Wilkie
Morning Tea	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reception of Oils	N/A	Rev'd Andrew Murray	N/A
Banking	N/A	N/A	John Humann
Music	Janine Flavelle-Smith	Rev Robert Street	Rev Robert Street
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Rob Mackenzie Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A	Rob Mackenzie Val Tucker
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent

ROSTER	Easter Vigil—Sun 5 April 2026 6.00am	Easter Day 5th April, 10:00am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 28.1-10*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 28. 1-10*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	Sally Petty
Liturgical Assistant	Adrienne Watson	David Pryor
Communion Assistants	1. Rev'd Andrew Murray 2. Sandra Brown-Holt	1. Rev'd A.S. Murray 2. Tony Michaelson
Greeters & Sides People	1. Harry Watson 2.	1. Sally Petty 2. Catherine Pearson 3. MaryAnn Wilkie
Reader 1	Harry Watson Lesson 1: Genesis 1.1-2.4a Psalm 136.1-9, 23-26	Julia Urwin The Story of Easter
Reader 2	David Pryor Lesson 2: Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18, 9.8-13 Psalm 46	Catherine Pearson *Colossians 3. 1-4*
Reader 3	Sandra Brown-Holt *Lesson 3: Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21* *The Song of Miriam*	*N/A*
Reader 4	Liz Pryor *Lesson 4: Isaiah 55.1-11* *The Song of Isaiah*	*N/A*
Reading	Mary Lynton-Moll *Romans 6.3-11*	*N/A*
Psalm	*N/A*	*Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24*
Intercessor	N/A	N/A
Morning Tea		Sheila Cheary
Banking		John Humann
Music	Janine Flavelle-Smith	Priscilla Lin
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	N/A	Sandra Brown-Holt Val Tucker
Flowers		Angela Langan

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

Roster Vacancies—Holy Week

Vacancies for upcoming Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter rosters

- The Great Easter Vigil—Greeter, morning tea
- Easter Day—reader, morning tea

Thanks to all those who have put their names down already.

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 hardworking sacristans at busy time! All are welcome, and morning tea will be provided.

Please contact Rev'd Andrew if you have any queries.

Easter Day,

please note

Just to let you all know that there will be incense at the 6am and 10am service .

Every blessing

Revd. Yvette

Please note Day Light's savings ends on

- **Date:** Sunday, 5 April 2026
- **Time:** 3:00 am (clocks go back to 2:00 am)

Result: You gain an extra hour of sleep, and mornings become brighter while evenings get darker earlier.

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to **Faith Issues Discussion** on Monday 6 April at 7.30pm in the church. Refreshments will follow.

The discussion will be led by the Revd. Robert Street and is titled *The Gospel According to Genesis Chapter 1.* Sounds intriguing, not to be missed. One of the most beautiful parts of our Holy Scriptures.

Inquiries Geoff Sandy: MOB 0434422768

Holy Sunday Morning Tea in the Hall

Morning tea will be held after both the 6am and 10am services. Your help is needed to make it all go with a zing. Please add your name to the form that you will find on a clipboard in the foyer of the Church to say where you can help…

4 April Easter Saturday:
Preparing the Hall NB: We won't have access to the hall until 9pm but the clocks go back an hour overnight so we will have extra sleep!

- Set up tables for serving and casual seating
- Setup tea/coffee station in the alcove

5 April Easter Sunday:
6.00am Service Morning Tea

- Kitchen helpers to clear away and prepare the tables for the 10am morning tea

10am Service Morning Tea

- Kitchen helpers to clear away
- Store tables and chairs

Any queries to Liz Pryor

Foyer Screen

If you, or any committee wish to publicise an event or news on our Foyer Screen, please contact Linda Mackenzie.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, took place on 25 March 2026. Archbishop Sarah is the first woman to hold the office in its 1,400-year history.

The service was attended by Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales and the UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer.

Primates and representatives from across the worldwide Anglican Communion were also present, along with guests including faith leaders, charities, healthcare workers and school children.

The service marked the start of her public ministry in the Church of England and worldwide Anglican Communion.

A link for those who missed this momentous occasion

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjLK48OWDRc

Let us hold Dame Sarah our Archbishop of Canterbury in our prayers please

Peace and all good

Rev'd Yvette

Victorian Anglicans Together

advocating an open, diverse and inclusive Church

Please join us!

- Victorian Anglicans Together provides a strong voice speaking into the Diocese for generous, open and welcoming Anglicanism.
- Individual membership is $20 a year, and offers a community of like-minded Anglicans, meeting through a range of events, and sharing resources to support and encourage us.
- You can find out more about who we are on our website https://www.victorianangliccanstogether.org/ , where you can download the membership application form.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Michael Shand AM KC | President

Victorian Anglicans Together

VOICES TOGETHER

in support of the prevention of violence against women

A GOSPEL CHOIR event at St Margarets

This musical event is a joint initiative of the Prevention of Violence against Women committee at St Margarets and a choir led by Shaun Islip. Proceeds of the event will go towards the publication of a children's book using the artwork created by a survivor of family violence. This book will then be donated to refuges and safe spaces for women and their children. It will also be donated to schools.

Date: Sunday 24 May (2.00-4.30pm)

Cost: Adults: $20. Children free.

Please come along and support this important initiative. All welcome.

Op Shop News

The Combined Churches of Eltham Op Shop finally reopened in January 2025. Due to reduced volunteer numbers, we were only able to open 2 ½ days a week but increased this to three during the year. Despite the reduced hours, financially we had our most successful year ever with profits exceeding $29,000. After payments of $1,472 to each of the sponsoring Churches (St Margaret's and Eltham Montmorency Uniting), donations totalling $27,500 are being made to local organisations and charities.

The organisations we supported from our efforts in 2025 were:

Diamond Valley Community Support, LinC, Green Hills Neighbourhood House, Eltham and Research CFAs, Landholder Support Recovery, Blaze Aid, Eltham SES, Imagine Reevolution, Eltham Men's Shed, Montmorency Asylum Seekers Group, Welcome to Nillumbik Refugee Supporter Group and CAVE (subject to confirmation it is continuing to operate).

The Op Shop not only provides financial support to the local community but also provides a welcoming space for others in the community, some of whom come in just for a chat.

The Op Shop also provides our volunteers with the opportunity to help others and to establish relationships with other volunteers.

Many thanks to our volunteers who come from St Margaret's and the Uniting Church as well as the general community. Also thanks to our two sponsoring Churches.

If you have not yet visited the Op Shop since it reopened, please come and see it operating in its new premises at the Uniting Church on Main Rd (Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am to 4pm). You might also consider becoming a volunteer.

The following photo shows two of our volunteers, Jan and John, receiving a certificate of appreciation from CFA members who visited to thank us for our donation.

Abridged Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
23rd March, 2026

1. The meeting was opened with prayer
2. All members were present (one online)
3. Minutes of the previous meeting we accepted as correct. Matters arising were dealt with later in the agenda.
4. Financial statements
   - The balance sheets were less negative than budgeted – about $16000 less.
   - Reorganisation of the Wi-Fi in the church and Dendy House is above budget but is expected to reduce expenditure going forward.
   - The reports were accepted
5. Updating of the record of keyholders is continuing – not yet complete
6. Safe Ministry
   - Training: up to date
   - The committee worked through 'Standard 6' for child safety. There needs to be a record /review of staff supervision, although in practice there is not an issue.
7. Diocesan Compliance Calendar
   - Governance review for March: Sandra will start coordinating disability care.
   - Sally reported on the Victorian Anglicans Together meeting: Good dialogue. Archbishop Ric encouraged VAT participation in order to listen to their views.
   - Risk management: Work in hand (with wardens)
   - The ACNC Annual return sent in by Kathleen (Big thank you!) (and receipt acknowledged)
8. Correspondence
   - Diocesan Bulletin (February 2026)
   - Combined Churches of Eltham Opportunity Shop: Minutes of their AGM received. Some money will be paid to St Margaret's as part of their distribution of their profits. Sandra was the only PC member who has a connection with OpShop
9. Vicar and Curate's reports
   Thanks for the reports. The vicar has submitted Kids+ grant application
   There is doubt as to whether Bishop Kate will be able to meet with Rev'd Andrew before her leave (April)
10. Event approval
    - Gospel and PVAW concert: Received
    - Policy document for funerals and weddings discussed. There have been problems with the use of the churches AV system. This will be further discussed by the wardens.
    - World Labyrinth Day Approved
11. Subcommittee reports
    Reports have been received from:
    - Pastoral Care team, (Second seminar to be on April 19),
    - Property Lease on Research property - settlement moved to April 10
      Roof repair over vestry and foyer is in progress
    - Do Justice No meeting in last month- will be reviewed
    - Music Scholarship. Detail required re ending of scholars' time with us – Diana to be contacted
    - PVAW Comprehensive minutes received
    - Taizé Meeting tomorrow
12. Wardens' report Celebration of 150 years since consecration. There will be a single morning service and Evensong.
13. Vicar declared the following duly elected to Synod: Lay reps Sally Petty, Helen Robertson, Margaret Duncan, and Harry Watson (alternative)
14. Sally raised the issue of support for another parish as part of our Mission giving. To be discussed at next meeting
15. The meeting was concluded with prayer.

Prayer Chain

For any prayer Requests

Mary Lynton-Moll

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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