St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 8 March 2026
Lent III

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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

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

Lord God, our Redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Office

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

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Worship 8 March - Lent III

Sentence

'The water that I will give,' says the Lord, 'will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' *John 4.14*

Prayer of the Day

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 17. 1-7

Today's Psalm

Psalm 95

Second Reading

Romans 5. 1-11

Image : Charlie Mackesy

Gospel

John 4. 5-42

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: All my hope on God is founded - TiS 560(i)

Offertory: Amazing Grace—TiS 129 (8.00am)

Communion Hymn: Kyrie eleison—TiS 736

Mission Hymn: Here I am, Lord—TiS 658

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: **Exodus 17. 1-7**

A reading from the Book Exodus

1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. **2** The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord ?' **3** But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' **4** So Moses cried out to the Lord , 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' **5** The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7** He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord , saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm: **Psalm 95**

1 O come, let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:

and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God:

and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth:

and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his and he made it:

his hands moulded dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down:

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God:

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

8 Today if only you would hear his voice—

'Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah:

as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;

9 'When your forebears tested me:

put me to proof, though they had seen my works.

10 'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:

"It is a people who err in their hearts,

for they do not know my ways";

11 'Of whom I swore in my wrath:

"They shall not enter my rest."'

Second Reading: **Romans 5. 1-11**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained
access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of
sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our
sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endur-
ance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope
does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into
our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6 For
while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though per-
haps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But
God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ
died for us. 9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified
by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through
the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will
we be saved by his life. 11 But more than that, we even boast in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received
reconciliation.

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 4. 5-42

5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of
ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was
there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It
was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her,
'Give me a drink'. 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a
drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in com-
mon with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that
is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and
he would have given you living water.'

11 The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is
deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our
ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his
flocks drank from it?'

13 Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty
again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will nev-
er be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of
water gushing up to eternal life.'

15 The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never
be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

16 Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.'

17 The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her,
'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; 18 for you have had five
husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you
have said is true!'

19 The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our
ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place
where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’

21 Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when
you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for
salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,
for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit,
and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

’ 25 The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is
called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’

26 Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was
speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or,
‘Why are you speaking with her?’

28 Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She
said to the people, 29 ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I
have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’

30 They left the city and were on their way to him. 31 Meanwhile the
disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’\

32 But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’

33 So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought
him something to eat?’

34 Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me
and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, “Four months more, then
comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the
fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages
and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may
rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, “One sows and an-
other reaps.” 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour.
Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’
39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the
woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with
them; and he stayed there for two days. 41 And many more believed
because of his word.

42 They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

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 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

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

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 15th	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent IV
Mon 16th	10:30am	Marketing & Communications
	1:00pm	Monday Circle
	2:00pm	PVAW
	7:30pm	Faith Issues Discussions
Tue 17th	10:30am	Spiritual Direction
Wed 18th	9:30am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Wednesday Service
Sat 21st	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 22nd	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent V
Mon 23rd	1:00pm	Monday Circle
	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Tue 24th	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 25th	9:30am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Wednesday Service
Sat 28th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 29th	10:00am	Palm Sunday

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.

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	-

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

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 Milgate	Jennifer Constantine
First **Reading**	Sally Petty *Exodus 17. 1-7*	Adrienne Watson *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	Barbara Speed	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		

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	Helen Coutts	Rev Robert Street	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Sally Warner	Mandy Stevens Rob Mackenzie	
Flowers	Lent		

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 important to the life and future of our Diocese.

Memory Café dates

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

MARCH 10, 24

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

Rosters

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

Dear Church Community

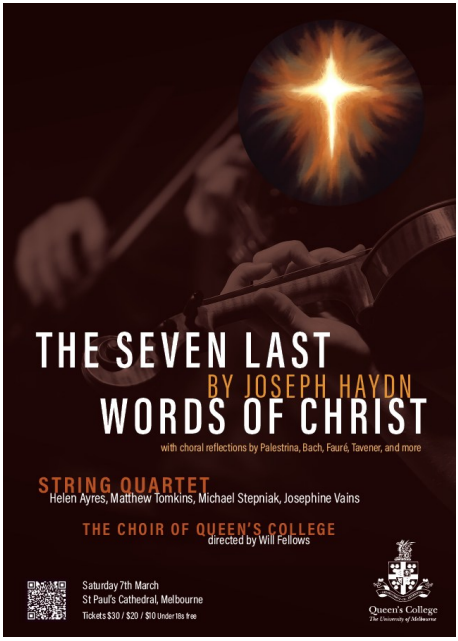
Holy week and Easter are fast approaching.

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

Please write your name in an available slot

Thank you all in advance

Carolyn & Rev'd Yvette



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

Listening in Lent

AN INVITATION TO LISTEN, REFLECT,
AND RESPOND TOGETHER

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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/

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

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

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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