St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 17 May 2026
First Sunday after Ascension

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 17th	8:00 & 10.00am	First Sunday after Ascension
Sun 17th	5:00pm	Evensong—Celebrating 150 years (livestreamed also)
Mon 18th	10:30am 7:30 pm	Communications & Marketing meeting Faith Issues
Tues 19th	10:30 am	Spiritual Direction
Wed 20th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 20th	1:30 pm	Finance Committee
Fri 22nd	7:30 pm	Band Practice
Sat 23rd	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 24th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost
Sun 24th	2:00 pm	Concert - Open Door Singers Gospel Choir (PVAW event)

Parish Office

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

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

O God,
you withdraw from our sight
that you may be known by our love:
help us to enter the cloud where you are hidden,
and to surrender all our certainty
to the darkness of faith
in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hearing Loop

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

Mobile Phones during service

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

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Worship 17 May - First Sunday after Ascension

Sentence

This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. *John 17.3*

Prayer of the Day

O God,
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:
by your Holy Spirit,
hold the Church in unity,
and keep it faithful to your word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1. 6-14

Today's Psalm

Psalm 68. 1-10; 68.32-35

Second Reading

1 Peter 5

Gospel

John 17. 1-11

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Now is eternal life—TiS 385 (Tune TiS 371)

Offertory: Worship the Lord in the beatify of holiness—TiS 454 (tune TiS 160) (8.00am)

Fraction Anthem: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Communion Hymn: O how good is Christ the Lord—TiS 740

Mission Hymn: You shall go out with joy —TiS 755

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRsIRq70IA6MUlg/live

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 1. 6-14

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you
will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times
or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusa-
lem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said
this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their
sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly
two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you
stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into
heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' 12 Then they
returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a
sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the
room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew,
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon
the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting them-
selves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus,
as well as his brothers.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5

1 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one
who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you
2 to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under
compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but ea-
gerly.
3 Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.

4 And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never
fades away.
5 In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders.
And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one an-
other, for
'God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.'

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt
you in due time.

[7] Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.
[8] Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.
[9] Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

[10] And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.
[11] To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

[12] Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.
[13] Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark.
[14] Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 17. 1-11

[1] After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, [2] since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4] I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. [5] So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. [6] 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [7] Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; [8] for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. [9] I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. [10] All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. [11] And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Memory Café dates

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

MAY **26**

JUNE **9, 23**

Evensong—Sunday 17th May,

Please note our Evensong service this Sunday 17th May at 5.00pm, will be live streamed on YouTube using the below link

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRslRq70IA6MUlg/live

What is Evensong?

Evensong is one of the Church's ancient services. It provides an open and generous space for quiet and reflection, for song and speech, and for prayer, as it draws from biblical readings, canticles, and the Church's long tradition of hymns. In the Anglican tradition, along with its companion service of Morning Prayer, or Mattins, it was to be said daily in parish churches and chapels. The daily round of these services over centuries imprinted the cadence of the Book of Common Prayer into the English language, and has provided inspiration to writers, artists, and especially musicians

Visitors to Choral Evensong are, "eavesdroppers, briefly entering into a liturgical rhythm that will carry on regardless." The world opened by this glimpse into the liturgical rhythm of the Church is both sensory and spiritual, engaging ears and eyes alongside hearts and minds. Celebrated across the length and breadth of the Church, Evensong invites to worship God with both our souls and bodies in the rich and timeless Anglican tradition.

If you have an old prayerbook (*The Book of Common Prayer*) at home, please feel encouraged to bring it and follow along with the service!

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 24th	8:00 & 10.00am	Day of Pentecost
Sun 24th	2:00 pm	Concert - Open Door Singers Gospel Choir (PVAW event)
Mon 25th	10.15 am 7:30pm	Administration Meeting Parish Council meeting
Tue 26th	1:30 pm	St. Margaret's Memory Care Café
Wed 27th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 30th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 31st	8:00 & 10.00am	Trinity Sunday
Sun 31st	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Taize meal Taize Service
Mon 1st June	10.30am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Website subcommittee meeting PVAW Faith Issues Discussion
Tue 2nd	10:00am	Warden's meeting
Wed 3rd	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 3rd	1:00pm	Pastoral Care team meeting
Sat 6th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 7th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost II
Sun 7th	12:00pm	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	-

Thanksgiving Service

A Thanksgiving Service with Holy Communion for the life of our beloved Margaret Sandy will be held on **Friday, 22 May 2026, 11am at St Margaret's**, with refreshments in the church hall to follow**.** The service will be livestreamed, details to follow next week.

Let us come together to remember and celebrate Marg, and to support Geoff, their children, partners and grandchildren at this time.

God of mercy, Lord of Life,
You have made us in your image
To reflect your truth and light:
We give you thanks for Marg,
For the grace and mercy she received from you,
For all that was good in her life,
And for the memories we treasure.

Rest eternal grant to Marg, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

ROSTER	17 May 2026 First Sunday after Ascension 8:00am	17 May 2026 First Sunday after Ascension 10:00am	20 May Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *John 17. 1-11*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *John 17. 1-11*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *John 17. 11-19*
Sacristan Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Rev'd Andrew Murray	N/A
Communion Assistants	Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Rev'd Andrew Murray	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	MaryAnn Wilkie	Roger Alcock	Jill Rogers
First Reading	Robert Brazenor *Acts 1. 6-14*	Adrienne Watson *Acts 1. 6-14*	Lorna Howard *Acts 20. 28-38*
Second Reading	MaryAnn Wilkie *1 Peter 5*	David Pryor *1 Peter 5*	
Psalm	*Psalm 68. 1-10, 32-35*	*Psalm 68. 1-10, 32-35*	*Psalm 68. 28-35*
Intercessor	Felicity Wiltshire	Linda Mackenzie	
Morning Tea	Helen Coutts	Rob & Linda MacKenzie	Jill Rogers
Banking	Rob Mackenzie		
Music	Helen Coutts	Rev'd Robert Street	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Alan Coutts	Sandra Brown-Holt Liz Pryor	
Flowers	Liz Pryor		

ROSTER	24 May 2026 Pentecost 8:00am	24 May 2026 Pentecost 10:00am	27 May Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev'd Andrew Murray *John 11. 1-45*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *John 11. 1-45*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Mark 10. 35-42*
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**	Marg Duncan	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell	Margaret Charles
First **Reading**	Catherine Pearson *Ezekiel 37. 1-14*	Harry Watson *Ezekiel 37. 1-14*	Barbara Alexander *1 Peter 1. 18-25*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Romans 8. 6-11*	David Pryor *Romans 8. 6-11*	
Psalm	*Psalm 130*	*Psalm 130*	*Psalm 147. 12-20*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	TBC	
Morning Tea	Neil Andrewartha	Veronica & Michael Dobson	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Sally Warner	Rob Mackenzie Val Tucker	
Flowers	Angela Langan		

JOIN US FOR

EVENSONG

Celebrating
150 years
dedicated
to St Margaret

5PM, SUNDAY
17 MAY 2026

followed by
a Festive Reception
in our Parish Hall

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

VOICES TOGETHER

In support of the Prevention Of Violence Against Women

open door GOSPEL SINGERS

LED BY SHAUN ISLIP

St. Margaret's 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham
Sunday 24 May 2pm -3.30pm
Refreshments to follow

The proceeds of this event will go towards the publication of a childen's book using the artwork created by a survivor of family violence. This book will then be donated to refuges, safe places for women and children, and also donated to schools.

This is a joint initiative of St. Margaret's Anglican Church and the Open Door Singers.

COST: Adults $20.00 Children Free
Please use the QR code to book or pay at the door

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

https://www.trybooking,com/DLMPC

www.stmargaretseltham.org.au Phone. (03) 9439 9238

ALL WELCOME

The Ascension

On Thursday, the Church celebrated the Ascension—a major feast celebrating the Resurrected Christ's presence with God the Father. Despite confessing in the Creed week by week that " ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father," we have become uncomfortable in modernity about the Ascension. This is because it is easy to think of the Ascension as belonging to a heaven 'up there,' with an earth here 'down below.'

But the meaning of the Ascension is to remind us there is now, and forever will be, a broken and scarred human body in the heart of Creation. The promise of Christmas, that God is with us in Jesus, is sealed eternally in the Ascension, because humanity has been taken up into God, there to dwell so that we might always dwell with him. If you've been perplexed by the Ascension, English theologian the Rev'd Dr Andrew Davison has written a helpful reflection in the Church Times: Theology Matters: 'He ascended into heaven' — upward-looking theology

Reconciliation Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral - 27 May 2026

The Diocese warmly invites you to a Reconciliation Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, giving thanks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry and renewing our shared commitment to reconciliation. This Choral Evensong will gather the people of the Diocese, Aboriginal clergy and leaders, and members of the wider community in prayer, song and reflection during National Reconciliation Week.

Date: Wednesday 27 May 2026

Time: 5.10pm

Location: St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne

RSVP: welcome@stpaulscathedral.org.au

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This coming week, as we prepare for the great feast of Pentecost, the Church commends us to pray each day for the unity of Christians. The idea of unity, that we might all be of the same mind that was in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5) and confess him with one voice (Romans 15:6), is not just aspirational—it should be at the centre of who we are as part of the Church. The National and World Councils of Churches, of which the Anglican Church of Australia is a part, has prepared prayer resources drawn this year from the Armenian Apostolic Church: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – National Council of Churches in Australia. However, if these seem daunting in their number, here is a helpful, short prayer to use alongside your daily prayers this week:

Heavenly Father,
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of reconciliation
and reveal you to the world:
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;
give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;
through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Just a reminder have a look through some of our information in the box on the sideboard. New copies of "What Really Matters to You" have been added.

Take one to read when sitting quietly with your coffee! Any questions speak with Rev'd Yvette or Rev'd Andrew.

Winter Initiative:

Jumpers and Beanies in June and July.

Anglicare are running a ‘Jumpers and Beanies in June and July’ appeal. The greatest need is for 5- to 8-year-old children. You are invited to buy and donate a jumper or beanie. Clean ‘gently used’ jumpers and beanies are acceptable.

Please place jumpers and beanies in the labelled container in the church foyer and Jenny Disney will facilitate the collection for distribution to the children. Last year our appeal was hugely successful, and Anglicare expressed their gratitude for our generosity.

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Let’s do it again and keep the kids warm!

Thanks so much for your generosity. Blessings, Barbara Speed

Painter/ plasterer needed.

Do you know a local trades person who could be available to carry out a small job ?

If so , please contact Marg Duncan with details.

With thanks .

Foyer Screen

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

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

Prayer Chain

For any prayer Requests

Mary Lynton-Moll

prayerchain@stmargaretseltham.org.au

or 0412 512 416

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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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