St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 26 July 2026
Pentecost IX

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 25th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 26th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost IX
Sun 26th	11:30am	Life Matters Series– Session 3
Sun 26th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service
Mon 27th	7:30pm	Parish Council
Tue 28th	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 29th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 29th	11:30am	Bible study
Sat 1st August	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 2nd August	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost X (includes baptisms at 10.00am service)
Sun 2nd	12:00pm	Pub lunch

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

O God,
the protector of all that trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong,nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we finally lose not the things eternal.
Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mobile Phones during service

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

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Worship 26 July 2026—Pentecost IX

Sentence

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

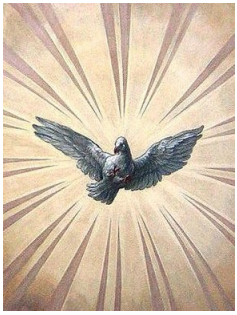
Romans 8.38–39

Prayer of the Day

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ
the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,
we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom,
and be ready to renounce all else
for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 29. 15-28



Today's Psalm

Psalms 105. 1-11

Second Reading

Romans 8. 26-39

Gospel

Matthew 13. 44-58

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Come O God of all the earth—TiS 181

Offertory: Put peace into another's hands (CH 659, Tune TiS 523)

Communion Hymn: Holy, holy, holy—TiS 723

Mission Hymn: God of grace and God of glory TiS 611 (Tune TiS 569) 8.00am

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 29. 15-28

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' 16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. 18 Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' 19 Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. 21 Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' 22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. 23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. 24 (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) 25 When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' 26 Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. 27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' 28 Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Second Reading: Romans 8. 26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.
30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.
31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?
33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.
35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written,
‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’
37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13. 44-58

44 ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 ‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ 52 And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. 54 He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? 55 Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?’

57 And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.’ 58 And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

Bible Study

The Gospel According to St Mark
11.30am, Wednesday

Date (Wednesday)	Chapters from the Gospel according to St Mark
8 July	1
15 July	2 and 3
22 July	4, 5 and 6
29 July	7 and 8
5 August	8, 9 and 10
12 August	11 and 12
19 August	13
26 August	14, 15 and 16 to end

Beginning on **Wednesday, 8 July at 11.30am**, every Wednesday after our 10.30am Eucharist we will be reading through the Gospel According to St Mark. This is an opportunity to share our thoughts or reflections, our questions or answers, and our moments of joy in reading the Scriptures together.

Please read through the chapters set for each week before each session. We encourage you to journal or note down any thoughts or questions that may arise during your reading.

Just bring yourself and a New Standard Revised Version (NRSV) of the Bible—we have plenty to share!

All Welcome!

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 2nd August	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost X (includes baptisms at 10.00am service)
Sun 2nd	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 3rd	2:00pm 7:30pm	PVAW Faith Issues discussions
Tue 4th	10:00am	Warden's meeting
Wed 5th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 5th	11:30am	Bible study
Wed 5th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care team meeting
Sat 8th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 9th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XI
Sun 9th	4:30pm	Women of Spirit
Tue 11th	1.30pm 4:00pm	Memory Care Café Do Justice meeting
Wed 12th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 12th	2:30pm	Book Club, Dendy House
Thur 13th	10:00am	Property Committee
Sun 16th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XII
Sun 16th	11:30	Christian Formation series—Baptism and Confirmation

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	-

Parish Office

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

Memory Café dates

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

JULY **28**

AUGUST **11, 25**

Taize Service

The next Taize monthly service will be Sunday 26th July.

A simple meal will be provided at 5:30pm followed by Taizé prayer at 6:30pm.

All welcome.

ROSTER	26 July 2026 Pentecost IX 8:00am	26 July 2026 Pentecost IX 10:00am	29 July Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 13. 44-58*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 13. 44-58*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 13. 44-46*
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	Jennifer Constantine
First **Reading**	Catherine Pearson *Genesis 29. 15-28*	Harry Watson *Genesis 29. 5-28*	Michael Tucker *Jeremiah 15.10 and 16-21*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Romans 8. 26-39*	David Pryor *Romans 8. 26-39*	
Psalm	*Psalm 105. 1-11*	*Psalm 105. 1-11*	*Psalm 59. 1-5, 18-20*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Robert Street	
Morning Tea	Neil Andrewartha	Tony & Christine Michaelson	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Alan Coutts	Sandra Brown-Holt John Humann	
Flowers	Pot Plant		

ROSTER	2 August 2026 Pentecost X 8:00am	2 August 2026 Pentecost X (incl. baptism)	5 August Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 14. 13-21*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 14. 13-21*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 15. 21-28*
Sacristan Assistant	Barbara Speed	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Rev'd Andrew Murray	David Pryor	N/A
Communion Assistants	Dave Greenfield	Adrienne Watson Mabs Jones	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Catherine Pearson	Carol & Len Northmore	Jenny Disney
First Reading	Dawn Greenfield *Genesis 32. 22-31*	Mabs Jones *Genesis 32.22-31*	Barbara Alexander *Jeremiah 31. 1-7*
Second Reading	Clive Noble *Romans 9. 1-16*	Helen Robertson *Romans 9. 1-16*	
Psalm	*Psalm 17.1—7, 16*	*Psalm 17.1—7,16*	*Psalm 72.15-21*
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Sheila Cheary	TBA
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Helen Coutts	Priscilla Lin	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Mary Lynton-Moll	Rob Mackenzie Liz Pryor	
Flowers	Pot Plant		

‘Life Matters’ Series

4 Presentation and Discussion Sessions During 2026

Session 3

Palliative Care and Dementia Care

You are invited to attend the above event on

Sunday 26 July 2026

Commencing at 11.30am – 1.00pm

St Margarets Church Hall

Speakers

Jane Heath, Banksia Palliative Care.

Jane is an experienced and Senior social worker at Banksia Palliative Care and will discuss the Palliative Family Centred Model of Care, including planning, decision making and goals of care. The benefits of Palliative care for people with serious life limiting illness and accessing Palliative care services.

Sheila Cheary, RN, Coordinating Volunteer of St Margaret’s Memory Care Café.

Sheila will mention different types of dementia, their common symptoms and meeting the needs of people living with dementia. She will also discuss how St Margaret’s Memory Café provides an enabling environment for carers and those they are caring for.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be time for questions

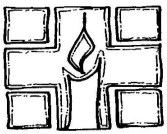
at the end of each presentation.

This session will provide valuable information

for those supporting a loved one through illness.

Baptisms

Sunday 2nd August



Dear Church Family,
Please be present for the joint baptisms of ***Isobel*** *and* ***Clara*** *during our 10.00 am Eucharist on Sunday 2nd August, together with their family and friends.*
In baptism, we give thanks for God's love and grace as a person is welcomed into the family of Christ and begins a lifelong journey of faith within the Church.
As their church community, we have the privilege of supporting and encouraging them in that journey.
Please come and share in this joyful occasion as we welcome Isobel and Clara into the Body of Christ and celebrate God's blessing together.
I look forward to seeing you all there.
Peace and all good,
Rev'd Yvette

Formation for Baptism and Confirmation

With several candidates now preparing for Baptism and Confirmation at Easter next year, we will be running a monthly Christian formation series meeting at **11:30am on the third Sunday of each month**. Upcoming dates:

- **16 August**
- **20 September**
- **18 October**

The eight sessions in the series will engage with topics including: human person, the Sacraments, Prayer, Holy Scripture, the Creeds, the Church, and living a life of faith.

If you know someone who is interested in being Baptised, Confirmed or Received into the Anglican Church, please let Rev'ds Yvette or Andrew know—we would be happy to accompany them on their journey.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19–20

Please hold these sessions and the candidates in your prayers over this period.

Parish Financial Report—June 2026

Parish Financial Report

June 2026

		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income				
	Offertory	$ 5,289	$ 6,666	-$ 1,377
	Other	$ 29,897	$ 27,553	$ 2,344
	Total	$ 35,186	$ 34,219	$ 967
Expenditure		$ 37,558	$ 36,318	$ 1,240
Deficit		-$ 2,372	-$ 2,099	-$ 273

David Pryor, Parish Accountant.

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.

Refreshments and Safety

Dear church,

Firstly, thank you to everyone who so willingly helps after our refreshments each week. Your kindness and readiness to serve one another are a real blessing to our church community.

I have noticed, however, that more and more people are taking cups and plates back into the kitchen. While this is much appreciated, it can make the kitchen quite crowded, making it more difficult for those on the refreshments rota to work safely and efficiently. We want to do all we can to avoid accidents and ensure that everyone can enjoy serving in a safe and uncluttered space.

You may have noticed that we now have tea trolleys available for used cups, mugs, plates and other crockery. If you would like to help, we would be very grateful if you could simply place your items on the trolley. The refreshments team will collect everything from there when the trolleys are full.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that we are always grateful for new volunteers to join our refreshments rotas.

If you would like to become involved, please speak with -
Mary Lynton-Moll for the 8.00 am
Linda Mackenzie for the 10.00 am
Jen Constantine for the Wednesday service

Thank you once again for your care for one another and for all the ways you contribute to our shared life together.

With every blessing,
Yvette

Process

Hazard and Incident Reports

From time to time, accidents or hazards can occur within the church, on the grounds, or in the hall and kitchen. When they do, it is important that they are recorded promptly.

Completing an incident or hazard report helps us to care well for those involved, fulfil our legal and insurance responsibilities, and identify ways to make our church a safer place for everyone.

Previously, a blue folder containing the reporting forms was kept in the foyer (narthex). I recently noticed that it also contained completed forms, which included people's personal information and details of the incidents. To better protect privacy and confidentiality, the folder will now contain **blank forms only**.

If an incident or hazard occurs, please complete a form as soon as possible after the situation has been attended to (24hrs).

Once completed, please give the form to Rev'd Yvette or Carolyn in the parish office. The completed reports will then be stored securely in the office.

Thank you for helping us care for one another by reporting hazards and incidents promptly. Your cooperation enables us to provide a safe, welcoming, and caring environment for all who worship, serve, and gather here.

If you have any questions about the reporting process, please don't hesitate to speak with Rev'd Yvette.

Winter Initiative:

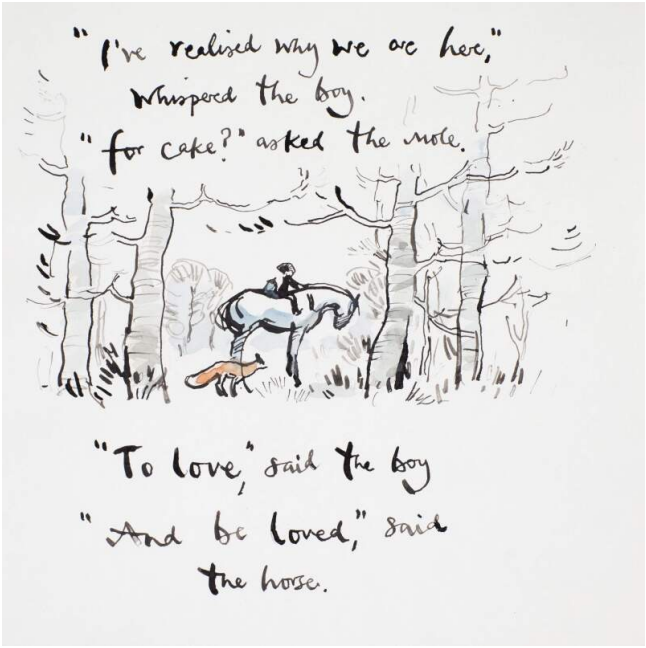
Jumpers and Beanies in June and July.

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.

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

Thanks so much for your generosity.
Blessings, Barbara Speed



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Prayers

Your prayers are asked for those to be ordained this season: **Angus Monro**, **Peter Stevens**, and **Patrick Donohoe**, to be ordained Priest by Richard, Archbishop of Melbourne in the Church of St Barnabas, Glen Waverley at 10.30am on Saturday, 25 July 2026. Pray too for their families and the parishes in which they will serve.

Old Testatment Talks by Bishop Paul Barker

Dear Church Community

I encourage you to attend these free online talks by Bishop Paul on the Character of God of the Old Testament

TALK BY BISHOP PAUL BARKER Old Testament Talks on the Character of God

7.30pm – 8.30pm Wednesdays, 22, 29 July & 5 August | CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE LIVESTREAM.
No registration required.

You are invited to join the livestream talks by Bishop Paul Barker on the topic of *'The Lord: Slow To Anger, Abounding In Steadfast Love'*, Old Testament talks on the character of God.

No registration required !

Peace and all good

Rev'd Yvette

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

KEEP IN TOUCH

We send out this pewsheet weekly with updates on services, events, and our life together in our parish community.

To keep in touch with us, please complete this slip with your name and email address, tear off this page, and place it in the collection plate or hand to the clergy or greeter.

We look forward to seeing you again soon!

NAME:……

EMAIL:……

We will only use this information to add your email address to our parish mailing list. Please let us know at any time if you no longer to wish to receive parish emails.

FOYER SCREEN

If you, or any committee wish to publicise an event or news on our Foyer TV, please Contact Linda at lindadawn50@gmail.com

Pictures in PDF format please

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.

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