St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 9 August 2026
Pentecost XI

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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	11:30am	Bible study
Wed 12th	2:30pm	Book Club
Thur 13th	10:00am	Property Committee
Sat 15th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 16th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XII
Sun 16th	11:30	Christian Formation series—Baptism and Confirmation

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

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you,
the spirit to think and do always such things as are right,
that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you,
may by you be enabled to live according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mobile Phones during service

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

Parish Office

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

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Worship 9 August 2026—Pentecost XI

Sentence

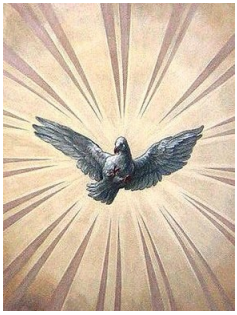
They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' *Matthew 14.26–27*

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God and ruler of all creation,
give new strength to our faith,
that we may recognise your presence
even when all hope seems lost.
Help us to face all trials with serenity
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life
and come at the last to your eternal peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28



Today's Psalm

Psalms 105. 1-6, 16-22

Second Reading

Romans 10. 4-15

Gospel

Matthew 14.22-36

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: O Worship the King All Glorious Above—TiS 133

Offertory: Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast —TiS 545

Communion Hymn: Eat this bread, drink this cup—TiS 714

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

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28

1 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. 2 This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. 13 And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.'

14 So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.He came to Shechem, 15 and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?'

16 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.'

17 The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." '

So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. 18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.
19 They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' 21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.'

22 Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; 24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

25 Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

26 Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed.
28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Second Reading: Romans 10. 4-15

4 For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.
5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'
6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down)
7 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
8 But what does it say?
'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.
11 The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'
12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
13 For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'
14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.22-36

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,

for the wind was against them. [25] And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.

[26] But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear.

[27] But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

[28] Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'

[29] He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.

[30] But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

[31] Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'

[32] When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. [33] And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

[34] When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. [35] After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, [36] and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to Faith Issues Discussion on **Monday 17 August at 7.30pm** in the church.
Refreshments will follow in the hall.

The discussion is of Isaiah 53 and will be led by Geoff Sandy. It is a prophecy about what is usually referred to as *The Suffering Servant*. Christians identify that servant as Jesus. Jews identify the servant as Israel. The passage includes universal themes including vicarious suffering and redemption.

Geoff Sandy MOB: 0434422768

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 16th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XII
Sun 16th	11:30	Christian Formation series—Baptism and Confirmation
Mon 17th	10:30am 7:30pm	Marketing & Communications meeting Faith Issues discussions
Tue 18th	10:30am	Spiritual Direction
Wed 19th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 19th	11:30am	Bible study
Wed 19th	1:30pm	Finance Committee
Sat 22nd	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 23rd	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XIII
Mon 24th	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Tue 25th	1.30pm	Memory Care café
Wed 26th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 26th	11:30am	Bible study
Sat 29th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 30th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XIV

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	-

WOMEN OF SPIRIT
9TH AUGUST, 4.30pm

WHEN THE BLEEDING STOPS
PERIMENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE

A time where we explore, embrace and honour our womanhood regardless of the season we are in. Please bring a photo of your younger and older self. Women of all ages welcome.

Led by: Revd. Yvette Daniel

Memory Café dates

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

AUGUST 11, 25

SEPTEMBER 8, 22

Everyone welcome!

Revd Christopher Garcia will be commissioned as Vicar of St Nicholas Mordialloc on Friday 21 August at 7.30pm.

There are no streaming facilities but anyone welcome to attend.

ROSTER	9 August 2026 Pentecost XI 8:00am	9 August 2026 Pentecost XI 10:00am	12 August Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 14. 22-36*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 14. 22-36*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 18. 15-20*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	Jan Gack	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	Roger Alcock Harry Watson	Jennifer Constantine
First **Reading**	Mary Lynton-Moll *Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28*	Adrienne Watson *Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28*	Michael Tucker *Ezekiel 9.1-7, 10.18-22*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Romans 10. 4-15*	Harry Watson *Romans 10. 4-15*	
Psalm	*Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22*	*Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22*	*Psalm 113*
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Sandra Brown-Holt	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Anna Mott Carol Northmore	Jenny Disney
Banking	David Pryor		
Music	Helen Coutts	Amelia Trinh	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Sally Petty	John Humann Val Tucker	
Flowers	Pot Plant		

ROSTER	16 August 2026 Pentecost XII 8:00am	16 August 2026 Pentecost XII 10:00am	19 August Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 15. 21-28*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 15. 21-28*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 20.1-16a*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Robert Brazenor	Geoff Sandy	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Rev'd Andrew Murray	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Marg Duncan	Roger Alcock	Jill Rogers
First **Reading**	David Greenfield *Genesis 45. 1-15*	David Pryor *Genesis 45. 1-15*	Lorna Howard *Ezekiel 34. 1-11*
Second **Reading**	Sally Warner *Romans 11. 13-32*	Geoff Sandy *Romans 11. 13-32*	
Psalm	*Psalm 133*	*Psalm 133*	*Psalm 23*
Intercessor	Rev'd Andrew Murray	Linda Mackenzie	
Morning Tea	Neil Andrewartha	Jan Kerr John Humann	Jill Rogers
Banking	Rob Mackenzie		
Music	Helen Coutts	Robert Street	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Sally Warner	Sandra Brown-Holt Mandy Stevens	
Flowers	Pot Plant		

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.

Bible Study

The Gospel According to St Mark
11.30am, Wednesday

Date (Wednesday)	Chapters from the Gospel according to St Mark
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!

Parish Ministry & Committee Reviews

Looking Ahead Together

Throughout August, we will be taking time as a parish to reflect on the life of St Margaret's Church by reviewing all of our ministries, committees and groups. This is an important step in our **Five-Year Mission Action Plan** as we seek God's guidance for the future of our parish.

This is not an exercise in deciding what stays or goes. Rather, it is an opportunity to give thanks for all that God has been doing through the faithful service of so many people, to celebrate what is flourishing, to identify where support may be needed, and to prayerfully discern where God is leading us next.

This coming Monday, ministry leaders, committee chairs and convenors will receive an email with a simple reflection workbook and instructions. We encourage each team to complete it together where possible.

Thank you for the many ways you serve God's mission at St Margaret's. We look forward to discovering, together, how God is calling us to grow in the years ahead.

With every blessing,

The Reverend Yvette Daniel
& St Margaret's Parish Council

A note of thanks.

Dear Church Family,

Our community experienced a very full week last week, and I just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the baptisms of Clara and Isobel, and the funeral of Margie, such meaningful occasions.

Thank you for all you did to support these services. Your generosity with your time, hospitality and care made a real difference, and I am truly grateful.

Peace and all good,

Rev'd Yvette

Lectionary 2027

The APBA Lectionary 2027 Year B (Mark) will become available in September, and we will look to place an order in early September. Cost for the lectionary will be approx. $17.00 (payment can be made at time of delivery)

Please write your name on the list in the church foyer, or let Carolyn in the office know if you would like to purchase your own copy by the end of August.

Image : Charlie Mackesy

Parish Council Meeting
Abridged Minutes, 27 July, 2026

Meeting opened with prayer, Rev'd Yvette

1. **Apologies:** Kathleen, Barbara, and Sandra
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** accepted without correction
3. **Mission Action Plan (Rev'd Yvette)**: St Margaret's Reflective Review: quite intensive but do-able. Review to be completed in August by group convenors
4. **Finance committee:**
   Balance sheets noted
   Treasurers report: deficit less than budgeted (about $28,587 less). Report accepted.
   There was some discussion about the electronic donation plate. Bring previous report (July 2025) to next meeting.
5. **Safe Ministry:**
   - Training All outstanding training has been completed
   - Diocesan advice about Clearance for Service requirements; Refer Diocese Bulletin – June 2026
   - Diocesan plan for meeting the Victorian Child Safe Standards: A new clearance process is to be instituted. An extended review to ensure compliance with these standards and demonstrate our concern about care, new training will be required. The date for change over is yet to be announced.
6. **Diocesan Compliance:** All in hand
7. **Correspondence:**
   - Nillumbik Council food safety assessment done – no action needed. Thanks to Liz.
   - Diocesan Bulletin June 2026 – Safe ministry – note changes
   - Children's Ministry. A donation has been offered to start off.
8. **Vicar's and Assistant Curate's reports:** The last month has been busy. Many thanks for their effort and enthusiasm.
9. **Event Approval**
   - Event planning sheet for September Music concert approved
10. **Subcommittee Reports**
    - Pastoral Care Team: Thank you to Sheila for her well-received presentation on 26 July.
    - Property Sally reported that it is difficult to always get 3 quotes for work. There needs to be a pathway for accepting tried and proven contractors when needed. Referred to property committee to draw up reasonable guidelines.
    - Marketing and communication Minutes of last meeting noted. The handing out of St Margaret's church welcome pack was discussed.
    - Rotary Festival, Eltham Having a St Margaret's stall was approved. The Vicar to attend the next 3 meetings of the subcommittee.
    - Taizé Report noted Rev'd Andrew has made a significant contribution to the Taizé services
    - Warden's minutes Evacuation drills have been done at all services
      The wording for the inclusivity notice was agreed.
11. **Other Matters** First Aid training: Saturday 22nd August, 10am – 12am
19. **Next meeting**: Monday, 24 August
20. **Sending forth**: 9.15pm concluded with prayer and the Grace

Tools of the Trade for Women

Starting in April

This course is aimed at women or gender diverse participants over 55 years of age who would like to learn how to complete basic maintenance and DIY tasks in the home delivered in a safe and welcoming environment, while connecting socially and making friends.

Over ten sessions, participants will be introduced to a range of tools and techniques, their purpose and how to use them safely to complete home maintenance tasks.

The course is facilitated by qualified volunteers of the Mens Shed

Date: Wednesdays 2 Sep - 4 Nov 2026

Time: 1.30pm - 4.30pm (10 sessions)

Location: St Andrews Mens Shed, 35 Caledonia St, St Andrews

Cost: $50

For more information and to register go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/events or contact the Social Connections Officer on 9433 3295

Deep Listening to Nature

Join acoustic ecologist Andrew Skeoch, author of *Deep Listening to Nature,*
for an illuminating evening, a morning walk, or both — and discover new ways of hearing the living world.

21st AUGUST 2026

EVENING IMMERSION

Experience a journey into sound as Andrew weaves evocative field recordings, spectrogram analysis, and insights developed through an extended practice of deep listening. Perceive the world in a new way, and discover what it can reveal.

7pm, Hurstbridge Hub

SIGNED COPIES OF '*DEEP LISTENING TO NATURE*'
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH EVENT

22nd AUGUST 2026

MORNING WALK

Step into the bush with Andrew for a small-group walk — no recordings, no screens, just the landscape and its sounds. A quiet morning of deep listening, noticing what is usually overlooked and the connections that shape the living world.

8:30am, central Nillumbik - TBC
10:30am, central Nillumbik - TBC

These are ticketed events, each with capped numbers.
For further information and tickets, visit the website:

www.nillumbio.org/events

Nillumbio

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