St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 13 September 2026
Pentecost XVI

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 12th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 13th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XVI Season of Creation
Sun 13th	2:00pm 12.30—4:30pm	September Music Concert Women of Spirit (Tarrawarra Retreat)
Tue 15tth	10:30am	Spiritual Direction
Wed 16th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 16th	1:30pm	Finance Committee
Sat 19th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 20th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XVII Season of Creation

Parish Office

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

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,
without you we are not able to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 13 September 2026—Pentecost XVI

Sentence

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. *Psalm 130.3–4*

Prayer of the Day

O God,
you call your Church to witness that in Christ
we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 14.19-31

Today's Psalm

Psalms 114

Second Reading

Romans 14.1-14

Gospel

Matthew 18. 21-35

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: How firm a foundation—TiS 578 (tune TiS 143)

Offertory: Hallelujah sing to Jesus—TiS 517 (8.00am)

Communion Hymn: Holy, holy, holy—TiS 723

Mission Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness—TiS 613

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 14. 19-31

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. 20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

24 At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. 25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. 29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Second Reading: Romans 14. 1-14

[1] Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions.

[2] Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

[3] Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

[4] Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make

them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

6 Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.

11 For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

13 Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another.

14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

Gospel Reading: John 1. 1-14

21 Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' 22 Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe."

[29] Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” [30] But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. [31] When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. [32] Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

[33] Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” [34] And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. [35] So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Season of Creation

From Sunday 6 September to Sunday 4 October, our parish community will be keeping the 'Season of Creation,' as we give thanks for the natural world and pray for our common life together, and for the care of creation. We will be preaching on themes related to Creation and its care, and our intercessions should also reflect our care for creation
during this time.

Parish Matters—Spring edition

Please keep your eye out for our latest edition of Parish Matters, Spring edition. Thankyou to Linda for editing this edition.

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 20th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XVII Season of Creation
Mon 21st	10:30am 7:30pm	Marketing & Communications Committee Faith Issues Discussions
Tue 22nd	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 23rd	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 26th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 27th	8:00 & 10.00am	Pentecost XVIII Season of Creation
Sun 27th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service
Mon 28th	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Wed 30th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 3rd October	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 4th	8:00am 10.00am	Pentecost XIX (Season of Creation) Pet Blessing Service
Sun 4th	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	-

WOMEN OF SPIRIT

13TH SEPTEMER, 12.30—4.30PM

TARRA WARRA ABBEY

Travel together to a Cistercian Monastery in the heart of the Yarra Valley. We will join the monks in prayers, walk in the lovely gardens and share in a range of meditative practices.

Led by: Mandy Stevens

Memory Café dates

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

SEPTEMBER 22

OCTOBER 13, 27

ROSTER	13 September 2026 Pentecost XVI 8:00am	13 September 2026 Pentecost XVI 10:00am	16 September Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 18. 21-35*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 18. 21-35*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Luke 7. 31-35*
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	Jill Rogers
First **Reading**	Sally Petty *Exodus 14.19-31*	Harry Watson *Exodus 14. 19-31*	Lorna Howard *1 Corinthians 12.31—13.13*
Second **Reading**	Mary Lynton-Moll *Romans 14.1-14*	Geoff Sandy *Romans 14.1-14*	
Psalm	*Psalm 114*	*Psalm 114*	*Psalm 33. 1-5*
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Sandra Brown-Holt	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Anna Mott Carol Northmore	Jill Rogers
Banking	David Pryor		
Music	Helen Coutts	Amelia Trinh	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Alan Coutts	John Humann Liz Pryor	
Flowers	Meryl Long		

ROSTER	20 September 2026 Pentecost XVII 8:00am	20September 2026 Pentecost XVII 10:00am	23 September Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 20. 1-16*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 20. 1-16*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Luke 9. 1-6*
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	TBC
First **Reading**	Robert Brazenor *Exodus 16. 2-15*	Adrienne Watson *Exodus 16. 2-15*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Proverbs 30. 5-9*
Second **Reading**	MaryAnn Wilkie *Philippians 1*	Geoff Sandy *Philippians 1*	
Psalm	*Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45*	*Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45*	*Psalm 119.97-104*
Intercessor	Rev'd Andrew Murray	Linda Mackenzie	
Morning Tea	Neil Andrewartha	Jan Kerr John Humann	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Rob Mackenzie		
Music	Helen Coutts	Rev'd Robert Street	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Sally Warner	Mandy Stevens Rob Mackenzie	
Flowers	Barbara Speed		

A Thank You to Our Church Family

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our church gathering last week and participated so openly and thoughtfully in the group discussions.

It was a valuable time of sharing as we reflected on our Review process, Mission Action Plan and finances. Your contributions have given us a clearer sense of our priorities and focus as we look towards 2027.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our Finance Committee — Sheila Cheary, David Pryor and Kathleen Toal — for their hard work and faithful commitment, not only for Saturday's gathering but throughout the years. Also a huge thank you too- Liz Pryor and MaryAnn Wilkie for your abundant hospitality .-

There were many handouts and resources shared on the day, particularly around finance and stewardship. From this Sunday copies of these will be available for you to take away and read through in your own time.

Thank you for your generosity, honesty and willingness to journey together as we look to the future with hope and faith.

Peace and all good,
Revd Yvette

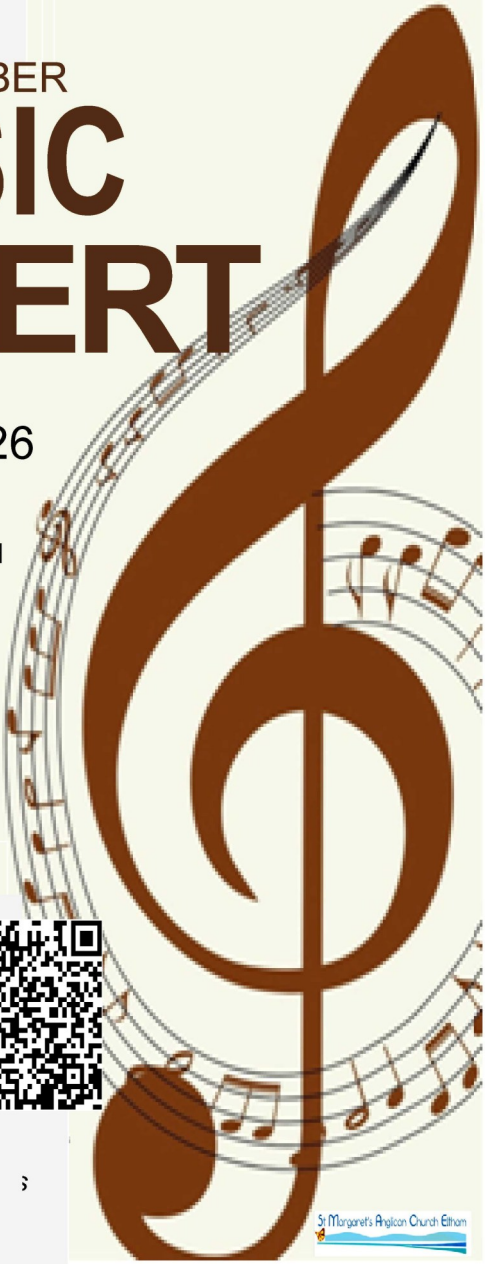
SEPTEMBER

MUSIC CONCERT

2pm Sunday
September 13th, 2026
Refreshments to follow

ST. MARGARET'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
79-81 PITT STREET ELTHAM

Tickets $20,
Children Free



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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:

- **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.

A Prayer for Nepal

“Dear St Margarets church family - let us pray without ceasing for Nepal -

Merciful God,
we pray for the people of Nepal affected by the devastating floods.

Be close to those who have lost loved ones,
those who are missing, and all who mourn.
Protect and strengthen rescuers, aid workers, medical staff and volunteers
as they bring help and hope to those in need.

Give shelter and comfort to those who have lost their homes and livelihoods,
and grant wisdom and courage to all responding to this crisis.

May your presence bring peace in the midst of suffering,
and may hope rise again among the communities of Nepal.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.”

May you have peace and all good

Rev’d Yvette

Nepal flash floods emergency 2026 | Australian Red Cross

St Margaret's Parish Annual Meeting (AM)

Sunday 8th November 2026 at 11:30am

Updating of Electoral Roll: Please check your name is on the electoral roll, in order to vote at the AM. If you wish your name to be added to or removed from the roll, please complete the application form and give to Rev Yvette, one of the wardens, (Sally P, Harry W, Dave G) or Carolyn in the office, no later than Sunday 18th October.
Forms are available in the foyer.

Annual Meeting Reports: Reports from committees and working groups, to be included in the annual report for the AM should be submitted to the parish office no later than Sunday 11th October.

Nominations for Vestry, Wardens, and Incumbency Committee are now invited and must be received by the Vicar by 2:00pm on Wednesday 28th October. Forms available in the foyer.

Electoral Roll - What is it and should I join?

What is the Electoral Roll?

It is your parish church's register of electors.

Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a "member" of the Church; simply regarding St Margaret's as your spiritual home does that.

Do I have to join?

You can, of course, be a full and active member of St Margaret's Church without joining the Roll.

Being on the Electoral Roll does not entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the Church show its strength.

Representation on the governing bodies of the church depends on the number on the Electoral Roll.

Joining the Roll is compulsory if you wish to:

- Stand for election to the Parish Council or other synodical council such as Diocesan or General Synod) [1]
- Attend the Annual General Meeting and participate in votes.

The Eelctoral Roll form shows the criteria (copies in Church Foyer or from the Parish Office.

Please feel free to contact Revd. Yvette for a further conversation

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[1.] Electoral Roll - What is it and should I join?

ANGLICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR OF SAINT KATHERINE'S

On Saturday 12 September 2026 a tour will be conducted of the heritage church and graveyard of Saint Katherines at Saint Helena on behalf of the Anglican Historical Society (Diocesan). There are some limited places available for parishioners and friends at Saint Margaret's. Saint Katerine's if found adjacent to Anthony Beale Reserve at 279 Saint Helena Rd, Saint Helena. Suggested arrival is 1.30-1.45pm. Presentations about the church and graveyard will be given by parishioners of Saint John's Diamond Creek. St Katherines is now in the parish of St Johns.

For many years Saint Katherines and Saint Margarets were part of the same parish and very close to each other. Saint Katherines pre-dates Saint Margarets which opened in 1858. It was originally built as a memorial chapel by Anthony Beale for his wife Katherine Rose. It has a graveyard which house many of the pioneering families of the Eltham district. It was consecrated as church on the morning 16 May 1876, whilst in the afternoon of the same day Saint Margarets was consecrated. Both church and grave yard are heritage listed. The church houses many fine stained glass. It is an exhilarating spiritual tour experience.

Anyone who would like to take the tour should contact me, the vice-president of the society. The tour is free but I need to know you are coming.

Geoff Sandy, MOB: 0434422768

Abridged Minutes: Parish Council Meeting, 24 / 08 / 2026

1. The meeting was opened with prayer (Rev'd Yvette)
2. All Council Members were present
3. The **minutes of the previous** meeting (July) were accepted subject to date corrections
4. **Mission Action Plan**

   St Margaret's Church reflective review
   - "Review, Imagine, Release" Rev'd Yvette reviewed the progress
   - Surveys of reflective review are due by 30th August

   Website redevelopment is on hold – appointee has family situation to be attended to.
   - A meeting of the Deanery included a helpful discussion on dealing with disability. It is expected that there will be a presentation by Virginia McDonald later this year.
5. **Financials**
   - Abridged edition accepted
   - Treasurers report

     The deficit is less than budgeted

     Discussion about the use of the electronic donation plate was held over

     Two resolutions were tabled and carried: The music concert (13 Sept) and the Folk Music Gospel Café (25 Oct) will be input GST free.

     The event planning sheet to be updated to include information for the Finance Committee
6. **Compliance, policies and procedures**
   - An updated Hall Operation paper to be done following a bad rental experience
7. **Safe Ministry**
   - The newly proposed requirements will involve about 40 parishioners

     We will wait until after Synod before implementing.
   - Diocesan plan for meeting the Victorian Child Safety Standards

     A new clearance process to be instituted as part of the above
8. **Diocesan Compliance** We are up to date
9. **Correspondence**
   - Bishops' consecration: those wishing to attend need to book
   - 'Thank you' letter from Trinity College
   - Bishop Megan will be able to come to us on St Margaret's Day. (Thanks to Rev'd Denise Nochols)
   - Council Proposed Zebra Crossing in Pitt St. Send letter requesting that it be moved 1.5 m towards Bible St.
   - Anglican Parish of Hume Rev'd Yvette and Kathleen met with Rev'd Sheela. The parish has no church in Hume and the church in Wandong has few parishioners. Rev'd Andrew will be preaching there on 30th Aug. We will wait to get more feedback about future involvement.
10. **Vicar's report** It has been a busy month and much appreciated

    Assistant Curate's Report Report received with thanks especially his enthusiasm. He has attended a Victorians Anglicans Together meeting.
11. **Event approval**
    - Folk Gospel Choir Funds raised will support the homeless.
12. **Subcommittee reports**
    - Pastoral Care Team Thanks to Shiela and Jane for the last seminar.
    - Property There was a proposal that the guidelines on major capital works or maintenance costing more than $10,000 would normally need 3 quotations. An exception could be made for "tried and tested" suppliers. This needs to have the wording clarified so the motion was not carried.

      Child Care Centre (Research) The long-term lease is up for sale again (noted).
    - Marketing and Communication

      Agreed that magnetic name badges will be developed.

      St Margaret market stall at the Rotary Festival, Eltham. Requirements for articles for sale, and advertising, are being worked through. The vicar will attend the committee's next 2 meetings.
13. **Wardens' report** Evacuation drill for the Wednesday service has been done.
14. **Other Matters** Director of Music: Wardens to edit and approve the position description

    First aid training was done on 22nd Aug

    Barbara to send a mini report on the collection of 'June and July' woollies to Rev'd Yvette

Next Meeting: Monday, 28th September

Annual General Meeting Sunday, 8th November at 11.30 am

The meeting was concluded with prayer and the Grace

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