St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 27 September 2026
Pentecost XVIII

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 26th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 27th	8:00 &	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	Meditation
Sun 4th	8:00am 10.00am	Pentecost XIX (Season of Creation)
Sun 4th	12:00pm	Pub lunch

Parish Office

The Parish office will be open next week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and 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 declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace
that, running in the way of your commandments,
we may obtain your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.

Address: 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham Vic 3095
Email: parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au, Tel: 9439 9238
Vicar: Revd. Yvette Daniel revdyvette@stmargaretseltham.org.au, Tel. 0439 035 741 (day off Thur)
Assistant Curate. Revd. Andrew Murray revdandrew@stmargaretseltham.org.au Tel. 0449 501 479,

Worship 27 September 2026—Pentecost XVIII

Sentence

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6.1a, 2b

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,
who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant,
and in humility became obedient even to death.
For you have highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 17. 1-7

Today's Psalm

Psalms 78.1-4, 11-16

Second Reading

Philippians 2. 1-13

Gospel

Matthew 21. 23-32

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Let all creation dance—TiS 187

Offertory: Jesu Jesu fill us with your love—TiS 640

Communion Hymn: Holy, holy, holy—TiS 723

Mission Hymn: Brother, sister, let me serve you—TiS 650 (8.00am)

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 17. 1-7

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?'

Second Reading: Philippians 2. 1-13

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy,
2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.
5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 21. 23-32**

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' 24 Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" 26 But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' 27 So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." 29 He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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.

The Memorial Service of Jean Taylor

Dear Church Family**,**

I would like to let you know that a Eucharist Memorial Service to honour the life of our beloved

Jean Taylor

will take place on **Friday, 2 October, at 1.00 pm**, with the interment of her ashes to follow.

Light refreshments will be served in our church hall afterwards.

I know that many of you will hold precious memories of Jean and may also remember the various ministries in which she was involved at St Margaret's.

As I prepare my homily, I would love to hear your memories and reflections. If you would like to share something about Jean's life, faith or contribution to our church community, please feel free to email me your words by Friday, 25 September.

And together we will celebrate Jean's life.

Peace be with you

Rev'd Yvette

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. My Father's house has many dwelling-places… I am going there to prepare a place for you." ***John 14:1-3***

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 4th	8:00am 10.00am	Pentecost XIX (Season of Creation) Pet Blessing Service
Sun 4th	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 5th	2:00pm 7:30pm	PVAW Faith Issues Discussions
Tue 6th	10:00am	Wardens meeting
Wed 7th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 7th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care team meeting
Thur 8th	10:00am	Property Committee
Sat 10th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 11th	8:00am & 10:00am	Pentecost XX
Sun 11th	4:30pm	Women of Spirit
Tue 13th	1:30pm 4:00pm	Memory Care Café Do Justice meeting
Wed 14th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 14th	2:30pm	Book Club
Sat 17th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 18th	8:00am & 10:00am	Pentecost XXI
Sun 18th	11:30am	Pastoral Care session

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	-

Taize Service

The next Taize monthly service will be Sunday 27th September.

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

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.

ROSTER	27 September 26 Pentecost XVIII 8:00am	27 September 26 Pentecost XVIII 10:00am	30 September Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 21. 23-32*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Matthew 21. 23-32*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Luke 9. 57-62*
Sacristan Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Diana Warrell	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	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 *Exodus 17. 1-7*	Harry Watson *Exodus 17. 1-7*	Michael Tucker *Job 9. 1-12, 14-16*
Second Reading	Barbara Speed *Philippians 2. 1-13*	Geoff Sandy *Philippians 2. 1-13*	
Psalm	*Psalm 78. 1-4, 11-16*	*Psalm 78. 1-4, 11-16*	*Psalm 88. 8-15*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Robert Street	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Tony & Christine Michaelson	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Music	Helen Coutts	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Alan Coutts	Mandy Stevens Val Tucker	
Flowers	Christine McIntyre		

ROSTER	4 October 2026 Pentecost XIX 8:00am	4 October 2026 Pet Blessing 10:00am	7 October Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	TBC
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 21. 33-46*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *TBC*	TBC *Luke 11.1-4*
Sacristan Assistant	Barbara Speed	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Rev'd Andrew Murray	Rev'd Andrew Murray	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 *Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12 -20*	Eltham Montmorency UC Reader	Rev'd Yvette *Galatians 2.1-2, 7-14*
Second Reading	Clive Noble *Philippians 3.4b-14*	Eltham Montmorency UC Reader	
Psalm	*Psalm 19*		*Psalm 117*
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy Set intercessions	
Morning Tea	Helen Coutts	Sheila Cheary	TBC
Banking	John Humann		
Music	Helen Coutts	Worship Band	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Alan Coutts	Rob Mackenzie Sandra Brown-Holt	
Flowers	Mandy Stevens		

Come and join us for a thanksgiving service for our beloved animals & pets.

Sunday October 4th, 10:00 am

St. Margaret's Church Hall
79 Pitt Street, Eltham

Parish Financial Report—August 2026

		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income				
	Offertory	$ 7,494	$ 6,666	$ 828
	Other	$ 29,073	$ 27,553	$ 1,520
	Total	$ 36,567	$ 34,219	$ 2,348
Expenditure		$ 36,796	$ 36,251	$ 545
Deficit		-$ 229	-$ 2,032	$ 1,803

Banking details for direct deposit
St Margarets Anglican Church
Westpac BSB 033091 Account No 870706

David Pryor, Parish Accountant.

Memory Café dates

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

OCTOBER 13, 27

NOVEMBER 10, 24

folk gospel café

2-4pm Sunday 25th October 2026

St.Margaret's Gospel Band

featuring original songs by Christina Green

St.Margaret's Hall 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham

refreshments to follow

TICKETS $10.00

BOOK USING THE QR CODE

https://www.trybooking.com/DPRDP

OR PAY AT THE DOOR

Photographs Needed for St Margaret's Day

I can't believe we are heading towards our Patronal Festival so soon!

This year, in light of our recent reflective review process, I would love to include photographs of members of each of our committees, groups and ministries in a PowerPoint presentation for the day.

I am therefore asking all convenors, chairs and coordinators to please take photographs of your respective groups and email them to **Harry Watson by Friday, 9 October.**

Email: harry.watson.44@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us celebrate the wonderful people and ministries that make up our church family

With gratitude,

Revd 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