St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 8 November 2026
Pentecost XXIV

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 7th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 8th	8:00am & 10:00am	Pentecost XXIV
Sun 8th	11:30am	Annual Meeting
Tue 10th	1:30pm 4:00pm	Memory Care Cafe Do Justice Meeting
Wed 11th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 11th	2:30pm	Book Club
Thur 12th	10:00am	Property Committee
Sat 14th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 15th	10:00am	St Margaret's Day
Sun 15th	12:00pm	St Margaret's Day lunch

Mobile Phones during service
A gentle reminder to please remember to switchoff mobile phones beforeservices. Thankyou.

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

Blessed Lord,
you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,
that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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Assistant Curate. Revd. Andrew Murray revdandrew@stmargaretseltham.org.au Tel. 0449 501 479,

Worship 8 November 2026 - Pentecost XXIV

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading
Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25

Today's Psalm
Psalm 78. 1-7

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4.9-18

Gospel
Matthew 25. 1-13

Today's Music
Welcome Hymn: Come down o love divine - TiS 398
Offertory: Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus - TiS 517
Communion Hymn: Holy, holy, holy - TiS 723
Mission Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised - TiS 595

YouTube Link - Sunday 10.00am Service
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRslRq70IA6MUlg/live

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First reading - Joshua 24. 1-3a, 14-25

[1] Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. [2] And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord , the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. [3] Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

[14] 'Now therefore revere the Lord , and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord . [15] Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord , choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord .'

[16] Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; [17] for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; [18] and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord , for he is our God.' [19] But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord , for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. [20] If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' [21] And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord !'

[22] Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord , to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' [23] He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord , the God of Israel.'

[24] The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' [25] So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 4. 9-18

9 Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write
to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed
you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved,
to do so more and more, 11 to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work
with your hands, as we directed you, 12 so that you may behave properly towards
outsiders and be dependent on no one. 13 But we do not want you to be uninformed,
brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do
who have no hope.

14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will
bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede
those who have died.

16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them
to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

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Gospel reading - Matthew 25. 1-13

1 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But
at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the
wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go
to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet;
and the door was shut.

11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied,
"Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day
nor the hour.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Sun 15th	10:00am (one service only)	St Margaret's Day
Sun 15th	12:00pm	St Margaret's Day lunch (sign-up sheet in the church foyer)
Mon 16th	10:30am 7:30pm	Marketing & Communications meeting Faith Issues discussions
Tue 17th	10:30am	Spiritual Direction
Wed 18th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 21st	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 22nd	10:00am	Christ the King Celebrating Rev'd Andrew's first mass
Mon 23rd	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Tue 24th	1:30pm	Memory Care Cafe
Wed 25th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 28th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 29th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent I

Parish Office

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

Memory Care Cafe dates

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

NOVEMBER 10, 24

Parish Financial Report - September 2026,
David Pryor, Parish Accountant

		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income				
	Offertory	$ 7,634	$ 6,666	$ 968
	Other	$ 40,134	$ 37,853	$ 2,281
	Total	$ 47,768	$ 44,519	$ 3,249
Expenditure		$ 60,045	$ 58,432	$ 1,613
Deficit		$ 12,277	$ 13,913	$ 1,636

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

WOMEN OF SPIRIT

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 4.30 - 6.00PM

WOMAN WISDOM

What, or who, is wisdom? Using sacred writings and poetry, we shall consider helpful ways to find wisdom and discover how it is different or similar to knowledge.

Led by: Lyn Beattie

NOTICES

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	-

St, Margaret's Rotary Stall
14 November 2026

1. Please check the roster sheet on the notice board in the foyer. Can you bring a light chair if possible?
2. We can pack items into cars on Friday (4-5pm) as delivery is at 7am the next day. and the queue soon builds up. Only 2 designated cars will be allowed onto the site.
I have not been told our site number as yet but they will possibly have it at the check-in point.
3. The Marquee should be installed for us .
4. Items can be brought to the stall as well .

Blessings, Diana

St. Margaret's Market Stall at the Eltham Rotary festival

We would love plants to put on our stall (in November) so we are asking parishioners to donate seedlings etc that we can sell on our market stall. For more information: Contact Diana 0414398565 or warrelldiana@gmail.com

ROTARY STALL UPDATE

A reminder our stall is on November 14th. There is a roster sheet on the board in the foyer. Remember you can split your time if you can help. It has been brought to my attention there is no address in the last notice, We still don't have the exact stall number but we will be on Panther place. Next to the Eltham Library. We look forward to seeing you.

The St.Margaret Rotary stall team.

ROSTERS

ROSTER	8 November 2026 Pentecost XXIV 8:00am	8 November 2026 Pentecost XXIV 10:00am	11 November Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 25. 1-13*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Matthew 25. 1-13*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Luke 17. 11-19*
Sacristan Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	David Pryor	N/A
Communion Assistant	Kathleen Toal	Sylvia Gilbert Sandra Brown-Holt	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Mary Lynton-Moll	Roger Alcock Harry Watson	Jennifer Constantine
First reading	Sally Petty *Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25*	Harry Watson *Joshua 24. 1-3a, 14-25*	Michael Tucker *Titus 3. 1-7*
Second reading	Mary Lynton-Moll *1 Thessalonians 4.9-18*	Liz Pryor *1 Thessalonians 4. 9-18*	
Psalm	*Psalm 78. 1-7*	*Psalm 78. 1-7*	*Psalm 23*
Intercessor	Catherine Pearson	Sandra Brown-Holt	
Morning tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	All hands on deck	Jenny Disney
Banking	David Pryor		
Music	Helen Coutts	Lachlan Chau	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Sally Warner	Rob Mackenzie Mandy Stevens	
Flowers	Liz Pryor		

ROSTERS

ROSTER	15th November 2026 St Margaret's Day 10:00am	18 November Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Luke 19. 11-28*
Sacristan Assistant	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion Assistant	Tony Michaelson Rev'd Andrew Murray	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Harry Watson and Kevin Gillett	Jill Rogers
First reading	Adrienne Watson	Lorna Howard *Revelation 4. 1-11*
Second reading	Jenny Heath	
Psalm		*Psalm 150*
Intercessor	Geoff Sandy	
Morning tea	Catered lunch	Jill Rogers
Banking	Rob Mackenzie	
Music	Rev'd Robert Street	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Sandra Brown-Holt Val Tucker	
Flowers	Mandy Stevens	

ROSTERS

ROSTER	22nd November 2026 The Feast of Christ the King 10:00am	25 November Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Murray	Rev'd Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev'd Bo Reynolds *Mathew 25. 31-46*	Rev'd Yvette Daniel *Luke 21.12-19*
Sacristan Assistant	Barbara Speed and Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion Assistant	Rev'd Yvette Daniel Rev'd Bo Reynolds	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Kevin Gillett Harry Watson Linda Mackenzie	TBC
First reading	Sally Warner *Ezekiel 34.11-16; 20-24*	Rev'd Andrew Murray *Revelation 15.1-4*
Second reading	Helen Robertson *Ephesians 1.15-23*	
Psalm	*Psalm 100*	*Psalm 98*
Intercessor	Veronica Dobson	
Morning tea	Liz Pryor	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett	
Music	Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Rob Mackenzie Sandra Brown-Holt	
Flowers	Angela Langan	

St Margaret's Parish Annual Meeting (AM)
Sunday 8th November 2026 at 11:30am

Electoral Roll: The updated Electoral Roll has been displayed for 14 days prior to the Annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Reports: Annual meeting reports have been distributed. There will be printed copies available in the Church foyer.

Apologies—for any apologies please add your name to the list in the church foyer, or let Carolyn in the Parish office know prior to Friday. This year for the Attendance List at the Annual Meeting a copy of the Electoral Roll will be available to mark your name against. If your name is not currently on the electoral roll you will not be able to vote at the meeting, but can note your attendance down. Should you wish to be added to the Electoral Roll for 2027, please contact the Parish Office for an Electoral Roll form.

St Margaret's Day roster

On Sunday 15th November we will be having one service at 10.00am to celebrate St Margaret's Day followed by a lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer for the lunch, and also a sign-up sheet for the worship roster.

We do have a couple of spots left for St Margaret's Day:-

Sacristan Assistant and bible reading

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St. Margaret's Day Parish Luncheon Sunday 15th November, 2026

St. Margaret of Scotland

Lunch will be served at 12.00pm

We have so much to celebrate:

- **This is our annual St. Margaret's Patronal Day when the whole of the Parish Family comes together as one**
- **We welcome our new Bishop Megan who will be preaching and presiding alongside us**
- **We will congratulate the Wardens and Members of the Parish Council who have been elected at the 2026 Annual Meeting**

Entertainmentwillbe brought tous bythe St.Margaret'sChurch band – bring your singing voice!

It's time to wear a touch of tartan

RSVP: Sunday 8 November 2026

To Book: please enter your name on the list in the church foyer and note any special dietary requirements. You are welcome to book for family and friends to celebrate with us Also, let us know if you need assistance with transport.

Cost: $25pp includes a full buffet meal and soft drinks. *BYOalcohol.Nochargefor children under 18.*

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Methods of payment:

- **Cash or cheque** inanenvelope marked with your name and placed in the openplate,orhandedtoaWarden
- **Online Payment into the** Parish bank account: BSB:033-091, Account 870706 *(please include your surname as reference)*
- By **credit or debit card** into the EFTpos machine which is situated in the church foyer *(please note wecanonlyidentify thesepaymentsifyouwritethe lastfourdigitsofyour card withyournameon thebookinglist).*

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.
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

Morning Tea - 22nd November

On 22nd November we will celebrate Rev'd Andrew's first Mass together with his family and friends – a full church for a joyful occasion. This will be followed by a special morning tea.
Please let me know if you would like to contribute to the meal, either speak with me on Sunday after the service or you can contact me on 0412 664 162. Liz Pryor

St Margaret's Day — The Beginning of Our Year of Prayer
Sunday 15 November 2026

As we celebrate our patron saint, St Margaret, we look forward with hope, faith and anticipation to all that God has in store for St Margaret's Church in 2027 and beyond.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me , I will hear you "
Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NRSV)

Following our service, in which our new Bishop, Megan Curlis-Gibson, will preach and preside, I invite everyone to gather together around the circumference of our church for a special time of prayer.

At this time we will pray for Bishop Megan, for her ministry and for the life and mission of our wonderful church community.

Be part of this special moment and may St Margaret's Church be a place where prayer underpins all we do

Peace and all good

Rev'd Yvette

A *Prowd* Occasion

Come and See

Holy Name SpiritualityCentreOpen Day

Tuesday 17th November 10am - 3pm

Meet the new Director
Be with Sisters, Oblates and Associates
Explore the Chapel
Wander the gardens

Conversaton with the Sisters
11:30am - 12pm

Archbishop Ric in attendance
11:30am - 1pm

Enjoy hearing from the L'Arche community who reside on the property

Tea & coffee provided

Taizé Service in the Chapel
2pm

40 Cavanagh
Cheltenham VIC 3192

Enquiries to Bp Kate Prowd
04022 225 839 or director@chn.org.au

Formation for Baptism and Confirmation

Withseveral candidates now preparingfor Baptism and Confirmation at Easter next year, we will be running a monthly Christian formation series meeting at **11:30am** after the 10am Eucharist **on the following dates**:

- **29 November**
- **13 December**

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 andthe candidates in your prayers over thisperiod.

For the harvest

Archbishop Ric Thorpe has set out our Diocesan Strategy

Renewal is God's work. *For the harvest* is the Diocese's vision and working strategy for 2027–2036.

It gives us a shared direction as we seek to become a healthier, more prayerful and more outward-looking Church: confident in Christ, attentive to the Holy Spirit and ready to join in what God is already doing.

Together, we are pursuing **a renewed Church proclaiming Christ across Melbourne and Geelong, so that every person may encounter the love of God**.

Three connected priorities

Forming missional disciples

Helping people of every age follow Jesus, grow in faith and share his love in everyday life. This happens through Scripture, prayer, worship and sacrament,

and through relationships, service and conversations about faith.

Raising and releasing leaders

Recognising people's gifts and helping them explore God's call, grow in character and gain experience. This includes lay and ordained ministry, and leadership in workplaces and communities. Existing leaders also need encouragement, support and opportunities to grow.

Renewing and planting healthy churches

Strengthening existing churches, supporting those needing renewal and establishing new Christian communities. Each place will need a response shaped by its people, gifts and circumstances, with support from the wider Diocese.

Watch the Archbishop's Charge to Synod 2026 / Anglican Diocese of Melbourne https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/watch-the-archbishops-charge-to-synod-2026/ - info accessed 15/10/26 @8pm

At St Margarets Church – we will endeavour to support and be part of our Diocesan Strategy the best way we can

Please make sure you take a prayer card away with you after the service

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