

# What's on at St Margaret's

## FEBRUARY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	19th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
TUESDAY	21st	10.00am	Book Chat
		4.00pm	Elders Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	22nd	9.15am	Bible Study
		7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
THURSDAY	23rd	9.45am-10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Walmsley Village Communion
		10.30am-12 Noon	Church Office open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	26th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Church Service
			Annual General Meeting
		5.30pm	Family Gathering

**ARNIE WIERENGA.** INFORMATION Please note that Arnie may be contacted in the following ways:- MOBILE: 0419 553 434 EMAIL: arniew1965@gmail.com  
 MAIL - P.O. BOX 306 MOOROOLBARK, 3138 Arnie will take his day off on FRIDAY each week . Unless there is an emergency please respect his opportunity to relax on this day free from phone calls.

**OTHER CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286 Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

### FEBRUARY 26TH

<u>Reader:</u>	Ken Davies	<u>Ushers:</u>	Pat & Clive
<u>Tea Station:</u>	June & Denise	<u>Sound Desk:</u>	Dal Drieberg
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning:</u>	D & J Drieberg

### **FAMILY GATHERING Sunday 26th February**

All are welcome at the first Family Gathering for 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel on Sunday 26th February when our special guest is Rev Dr Barry Brown who will share with us "Barry's Story". Please bring along some savoury and sweet finger food to share. A very interesting evening and good fellowship is assured. *Robert O'Shea*

### **Celebrate Mooroolbark**

This event will be held on March 25th. We are preparing activities for the children. As the theme is *It's easy being green* we are planning on having them plant seeds to take home. We could use the bottom part (about 8cm) of 1 litre cardboard milk cartons for this. If you could save some that would be helpful.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

To be held on 3rd March at St Francis in the Fields at 10am for approx. 1 hour  
Hosted by Mooroolbark Baptist Church.

Written by the women of the Philippines "Am I being unfair to you"

**Ash Wednesday service - March 1st at 7:30pm.**

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Annual Congregational Meeting and election of elders and church councillors will be on Sunday 26th February. Thankyou to those who have nominated for Church Council or as Elders and for the various reports received...

Robert O'Shea

### **WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD.**

The latest copy of the Bible study booklet covering Lent and Easter– With Love to the World -is available on the table in the foyer.

If you could reimburse us the cost of \$5 per copy this would be appreciated. ( Put this in an envelope in the Open Plate). Thanks

The Church Office is open on Thursday mornings 10.30am – 12 Noon telephone number 9723 7323  
Notices can be emailed to [stmargarets@netspace.net.au](mailto:stmargarets@netspace.net.au) by 10.30a.m. each Thursday



## CRUISING

Seems if you ask anyone these days, they have either just come back, or are about to go on, a cruise.

The trip my wife and I went on took us to Hobart and back from Port Melbourne. The liner had about 1100 staff to look after us and 2600 other passengers who are pampered and encouraged 'to live it up' or have it low-key – whatever 'floats your boat'.

The food is 'wall-to-wall' with numerous entertainment scheduled from dawn to dusk and beyond. The onshore options seemed expensive but convenient in the short time available and getting on and off the cruise ship was seamless.

A cruise is a great time to make friends. In his book *Cross Purposes*, Eddie Askew described six scenes from the Gospels where Jesus is interacting with his friends over a meal, including a picnic in the park and breakfast on the beach.

We were on board the cruise for a total of six nights and dined at the same table six times with four strangers. I believe those friendships will last the rest of our lives.

Dining with friends in a convivial atmosphere such as a cruise ship is a way to share oneself with others, make friends, and share one's faith and outlook on the wonders of our beautiful world we have been given us by God.

There are many stories in the Bible where Jesus shares a meal with a stranger. The simple act of breaking bread with our neighbour can be the start of an unexpected friendship.

**Geoff Serpell**

### **BOOK CHAT - Tuesday 21st February**

Join with us to "chat" about our book "Daughters of Freedom" at 10:00a.m and enjoy a cuppa and cake together. Please return the book at the chat or before February 21st.

Marilyn O'Shea 97352393

ROSTERS ARE AVAILABLE with your name on the top. Please collect them as you leave. If you are unable attend on the day you have been allocated please swap with someone else.

### Pancake Day

It's time again to enjoy sausages and pancakes at our fundraiser for Uniting Care. This will be held on Tuesday February 28th at 6:30  
The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children

## **\_The 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VICTORIAN BAPTIST FUN RUN/WALK! Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Run 6km, 11km or 16km or Walk 6km**

Dear Friends

Greetings from Kilsyth South Baptist Church.

The Victorian Baptist Fun Run is an outstanding fun and fundraising opportunity for your church. Since 1991, this event has raised thousands of dollars for participating groups, while providing opportunities for fellowship and outreach.

You can enter the individual or team categories.

- You can make this event a great fund raiser for your church. 60% of the money you raise in sponsorship can be allocated to your church, youth group, brigade, seniors group, building fund etc.
- There are great prizes to be won and every entrant receives a certificate.
- Even if you are not a runner you can: -put together a fun relay team

-sponsor someone who is participating -bring a cheer squad -enjoy the scenic walk -have a stall - enjoy a Devonshire Tea

If you have any queries please give us a call, or check out our church website:

[www.ksbc.org.au/funrun2017](http://www.ksbc.org.au/funrun2017) Entry and Sponsorship forms can also be downloaded from the website. Please feel free to copy these as you need, and pass them on to any interested members of your congregation.

We look forward to enjoying this day with you.

Yours Sincerely, David K Bremner

Chairman - Victorian Baptist Fun Run Committee