

# What's on at St Margaret's

## FEB/MAR Diary Dates

SUNDAY	26th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
			Annual General Meeting
		5.30pm	Family Gathering
TUESDAY	28th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		6.30pm	Pancake Day
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	1st	9.15am	Bible Study
		7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
THURSDAY	2nd	9.45am-10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am-12 Noon	Church Office open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
FRIDAY	3rd	10am	World Day of Prayer (SFinTF)
SUNDAY	5th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Church Service

**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

## *MARCH 5TH*

<u>Reader:</u>	Robin Butler	<u>Ushers:</u>	Karen & Stephen
<u>Tea Station:</u>	Leanne & Pam	<u>Sound Desk:</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning:</u>	Clive Hamilton

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

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

All are welcome at the first Family Gathering for 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel tonight, Sunday 26th February. Our special guest is Rev Dr Barry Brown who will share his story with us. Please bring along some savoury and sweet finger food to share. A very interesting evening and good fellowship is assured.

Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

**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 (SFinTF) 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 following nominations as Elder and Councillor have been received.

**Council** - Noel De Voogd, Carolyn Dunkley, Ann Gaudion, Ngun Thawng Lian, Karen White.

**Elders** - Michael Down, Nancy Isherwood, Robert O'Shea, Karen White.

We are grateful to each of them for offering to serve in this way.

Robert O'Shea

**Suicide Awareness Forum** Wednesday, 15th March  
7.30—9.00pm Lilydale Uniting Church 68 Anderson Street  
Lilydale For information & booking:  
Lionel Parrott 9723 3447 Julie Hawkey 9878 0111  
See Notice Board for further information

**JARS** Jean Lardner is needing jars---350g approximately or any you want to get rid of. Thanks in anticipation, Jean



## THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE

In the 1950s, we 18-year-olds were called up for National Service Training. Army recruits were transported to Puckapunyal.

On arrival we were given all kinds of gear. Same khaki uniform, same rank, same duties, same training. We were one in every sense. Except on Sundays, for Church parade. We were lined up in groups – Catholics, Anglicans, and the rest were named OPDs (Other Protestant Denominations).

We were marched off to separate services with our denominational padres. Jewish lads had a holiday, and worshipped on their Sabbath.

We were one in every sense, except faith expression. How wonderful it is now that we have an ecumenical movement. We are meeting, witnessing, and sharing so many ways. How special that we belong to the Uniting Church. How meaningful are the words in our Communion liturgy - we are the body of Christ and his spirit is with us! How we need express our unity in our mission to the world!

What did Jesus mean in his prayer on behalf of his friends – “that they all may be one”? Take time to read and reflect on John 17. **Bill Pugh**

### **Community Day**

If you would like to meet some of the local Aboriginal Community then you could attend a Community Day at the Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place. This is located at 47 Patterson St East Ringwood. It starts at about 12:00.

For more details talk with Ken and Katharine Davies or Joyce Dodge.

ROSTERS ARE AVAILABLE with your name on the top. If you didn't pick your copy up last week, please collect it 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 next Tuesday February 28th at 6:30  
The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children

### **CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

The meeting commenced with Devotions led by Ken Davies. Ken read the account of the Transfiguration from Matthew's Gospel and reflected on the effect this had on the disciples who were present. Ken also shared personal experiences of when he had felt particularly aware of the presence of God and concluded with prayer. Council is sure you would have noticed the rubbish dumped on the nature strip. When the Shire was contacted they suggested we should try to find out who dumped it but did indicate that they would clear it up. Difficult enough already to keep our surrounds clean and tidy!

It was good at Council to receive reports from all the church groups and activities which are now well under way. Bible Study has started, Elders have met, Music Together is enjoyed each Thursday and plans are in hand for our participation in Celebrate Mooroolbark.

We will have a Lenten Study following worship, Kids Hope at Kilsyth Primary is underway with 3 children involved. Plans are in hand to join with our neighbouring UCA congregations to celebrate Easter Day at sunrise at Lilydale Lake; to celebrate the anniversary of the Uniting Church here in June and support the Mental Health Ministry with an indoor barbecue in September.

The Treasurer reported that all is well financially at this early stage of the year. However, as the Budget indicates, there are challenges ahead. Council agreed to hold a Mid Year Book Sale in June following the success last year and the Fete in November.

Council spent some time in discussing and planning for the Congregational Meeting and expressed its thanks to all who have nominated for election as Elders and Councillors. They will play a vital role in the life of St Margaret's.

Robert O'Shea Secretary.