

What's on at St Margaret's

MARCH Diary Dates

SUNDAY	12th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	13th		
TUESDAY	14th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	15th	9.15am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	16th	9.45am-10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am-12 Noon	Church Office open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	19th	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: arnie1965@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

CONTACT 12TH to 19TH MARCH

Please note Robert is absent until the 15th March but I will be at my Taradale home and can be easily contacted. There is no answering machine . The number is 5423 2289 or my Mobile 0409 723 667 (Phone or text). Thanks Marj Hookey

MARCH 19TH

<u>Reader:</u>	Yvonne Spicer	<u>Ushers:</u>	Faye & Alan
<u>Tea Station:</u>	Nancy & Ann	<u>Sound Desk:</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning:</u>	Katharine & Ken

. An invitation to St Margaret's: KEEP CALM and BAKE 70,000 BISCUITS

This Easter Prison Fellowship will provide every Victorian Inmate with 10 home-made biscuits, together with a card that explains the meaning of Easter. Can you and your friends, church community or school group help us? Help us to show the prisoners of Victoria that God loves them. St Margaret's was very generous in supporting this last year with many varieties of delicious biscuits put in sealed containers. Julie Robinson will collect and take the biscuits to a pick up point before March 31st. Details of the required type of biscuits are available from her today. They will also be posted on the notice board in the foyer. Thank you. Julie.

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.

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 thanks all who so kindly brought jars along in preparation for the Church fete. She now has plenty but is willing to accept them at any time.

EGGS I would like to thank the person who presented the fresh eggs for us last Sunday. I took advantage of the offer which helped with my special diet.
Arnold

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 by 10.30a.m. each Thursday



RECEIVING GIFTS

I recently received a gift – two actually, as the second one was for my friend and travelling companion.

The gift was a book of poetry written by an American lady we met on a trip to Canada. We have kept in touch since then by regular emails. The book consists of scripture and an accompanying poem written by our friend Mary. I thought of gifts and the part they play in our lives, from babyhood and forever after. Some are treasured over a lifetime, some only briefly.

The Magi brought gifts to the infant Jesus - the most highly prized from far off lands.

All of these gifts fade into insignificance when we remember God's gift to us. On the inside cover of the above mentioned book, the author, Mary Brua hand wrote *"God's love for you lasts forever"*.

Janet Soo

March 2017 UCAF

Bev Gray, formerly serving in parishes with her late Minister husband and Alison and David Ingemells, all residents of Walmsley who went on the UCAF annual bus trip for four days spoke of their experiences. In the trip they covered churches in the Western District, Werribee.

Geelong, Horsham, Ballarat Melton and many other places.

As Bev said at the beginning, she had her view changed as to the meaning of church in a changing world. Each of the three told of some different aspect which made the day very interesting. The speakers were warmly thanked by Nell Kingma and gifts were presented.

Katharine Davies

PROPERTY & FINANCE Please note. The next Property and Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 27th March at 5pm.

Join Mark Scandrette for an evening to create thriving families of *belonging* and *becoming* Date: Tuesday 14 March, 6:30pm to 9pm
 Location: North Ringwood Uniting Church, 14 Dickson Cres, Ringwood
 North Details: <https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/thrivingfamilies2017>
 Refer Notice Board for further information

THE LENTEN OFFERING will support the following projects:-

- **Dignity for girls:** To provide sanitary supplies to girls growing up in developing countries and to provide sewing machines and overlockers, fabric and other materials needed to produce the sanitary hygiene kits.
- **Ministry Training, National:** To provide ministry candidates with additional training about the formation of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and recent developments in biblical and theological studies as they prepare to become a Minister of the Word or Deacon in the UAICC.
- **Live church streaming, Victoria:** To help Hamilton Uniting Church purchase the necessary equipment to live stream their weekly church services to ageing congregations members in local hospitals, aged care facilities and homes.
- **Growing Together, Tasmania:** To help cover the costs of employing a part time gardener for a community garden in Tasmania where people grow friendships, develop community connections and improve their nutrition by learning horticulture and planting skills.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR LENTEN OFFERING BY
 SUNDAY – EASTER DAY**