

What's on at St Margaret's

APRIL Diary Dates

SUNDAY	16th	9.25am 9.30am	Candle lit – Quiet time Easter Sunday Celebration
TUESDAY	18th	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	19th	9.15am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	20th	9.45am-10.45am 10.30am-12 Noon 7.30pm	Music Together Church Office open Band Practice
SUNDAY	23rd	9.25am 9.30am 5.30pm	Candle lit – Quiet time Sunday Service Family Gathering

ARNIE WIERENGA PLEASE NOTE APRIL 17 – 23 IS ARNIE'S MONTHLY WEEK OFF FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

OTHER CONTACT DURING THIS WEEK - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Marj Hookey will be at Tarradale but is easy to contact for any urgent matters.
Tarradale No. 5423 2289 Mobile 0409 723 667
She will be home at Mooroolbark on Thursday evening on 9726 7286

REV DR. BARRY BROWN WILL BE THE PREACHER ON SUNDAY 23RD APRIL.

APRIL 23RD

<u>Reader:</u>	Rex Phillips	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jean & Dot
<u>Tea Station:</u>	Pat & Clive	<u>Sound Desk:</u>	Dal Driberg
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Dal & Jenny

NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING MAYORAL BREAKFAST.

Saturday 27th May 7.45 –10am Cost \$25 if we have a table of 10.

Foothills Conference Centre, 48 Edinburgh Rd Mooroolbark

Theme – Cultural Change. Speaker Craig Wetjen.

Craig is a photographer who began his career at NASA. He is author of the bestselling book in 2016 – Men and their sheds.

He is also an Ambassador/ Speaker for Beyond Blue.

Book you seat as soon as possible – Give your name to Marj Hookey today.

Pay after Easter.

BOOK CHAT 2nd May

Pick up a copy of "Being Christian" by Rowan Williams the former Archbishop of Canterbury and join with us for tea, coffee, cake and chat at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday 2nd May. Please feel free to borrow a copy to read even if you can't make it on May 2nd. Please ensure all books are returned on or before Tuesday 2nd May.

UCAF

The April meeting of UCAF had the topic of Lent and St Margaret's minister, Rev Arnie Wierenga, spoke to those present about Lent encouraging members to answer various questions before he gave the interesting answers. These were mainly needed, and an enjoyable afternoon was the result.

One new member is Bev Trollope now she has more time. But some have left recently due to older age. They are Cath Krietemeyer and Heather Collins who have contributed so much to St Margaret's through the UCAF in their earlier years. Cath made lots of aprons for sale for one thing, and Heather did the trading table each month. *Katharine Davies*



ON DUTY AT THE CROSS

It was supposed to be like any other day. The Centurion was in charge of the duty squad. It was never a pleasant job. He was under the authority of Pilate to crucify criminals. People came to watch. A gruesome lot, who except for a few who knew the victims, enjoyed the spectacle.

But this day was different. Storms were about. And rumour had it that a Galilean named Jesus was innocent.

Jesus was brought staggering to Golgotha, helped by Simon of Cyrene who was ordered to assist him. He was nailed to the cross. He suffered terribly, praying to his God, calling him Father, asking forgiveness for his persecutors.

At last he bowed his head, and died. The Centurion, having witnessed this whole scene which deeply affected by him, suddenly spoke words which

transformed his life, and lives ever since – “Truly this man was the son of God!”

Good Friday happened, an innocent man suffered and died. In our churches we have many crosses. These crosses are not crucifixes. He rose again! Every Sunday is a day of celebration. The Church, of which we are a part, is witnesses to that glorious Easter day. So with Christians everywhere we can sing the words of the Easter hymns in joyful worship.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Bill Pugh

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

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 TODAY
SUNDAY – EASTER DAY**

FAMILY GATHERING - Sunday 23rd April

Join with us at our next Family Gathering in the Chapel at 5:30p.m. next Sunday the 23rd April when our special guest, Karen White, will tell us about the "Sorting Angel". Please bring along some savoury and sweet finger food to share. A great evening and good fellowship is assured Robert O'Shea 9735 2393