

What's on at St Margaret's

APRIL Diary Dates

SUNDAY	23rd	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering
TUESDAY	25th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	26th	9.15am	Bible Study
		7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
THURSDAY	27th	9.45am-10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Walmsley Village Communion
		10.30am-12 Noon	Church Office open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	30th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
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		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

APRIL 30TH

<u>Reader:</u>	Carolyn Dunkley	<u>Ushers:</u>	Pat & Clive
<u>Tea Station:</u>	Leanne & Pam	<u>Sound Desk:</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Clive Hamilton

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.

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.

FAMILY GATHERING - TONIGHT!

All are welcome to join with us tonight, Sunday 23rd April, in the Chapel at 5:30p.m. to hear our special guest Karen White tell us about the work of 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



THE GIVING TREE

Remember to rise each day, giving thanks and praise that the dawn greets you once again. May your daily toils help in reaping bountiful fruits. Do not be discouraged if your yield appears bare. For the love, hope, dreams and sacrifices sown from the faithful bear fruits of another kind.

In faith, the light of humanity, the waters of hope and providence, have grounded your tree to the earth. If you see a tired traveller sleeping in the shade of its branches, allow them to rest. If you see birds with gathered twigs, allow them to nest.

When a fallen limb is collected by your neighbour to keep their fire alight, be happy. Through all this, maintain the light and love for your tree. The traveller will return the next year bringing stories from afar to feed your imagination.

The birds and their nestlings will thank you with their song to uplift and feed your spirits. Your neighbour will return with the bread of life birthed from the felled limb to feed your soul. All will give you thanks and praise.

Remember, sometimes the strongest of roots bear fruits of another kind – the fruits of faith, hope and charity, the fruits of patience, love and compassion.

Praise now shall be everlasting to the wondrous glory-filled bounty of your giving tree. Let it grow as you do in faith, in love and in hope. Give, so it may grow.

Russell D. Hawkins

NEXT UCAF is on 1 May and the topic is May Day. We are to bring along things we know about May Day. The internet has a lot, and Victoria has quite a prominent place in sparking off the push for an 8 hour day! I have found there is even a plaque about it at Melbourne Uni. This was a lucky find, as it has meant little to me alas! Please bring a small plate of food to share and if you can, something for the trading table. Katharine

SAMMY STAMP - Save your stamps for Sammy!

The used stamps you put in the box on the table in the foyer are taken into the Synod Office. Every Thursday in the Synod office a group of volunteers meet to sort and sell stamp. The money raised provides grants for special needs projects in Victoria, Australia and overseas that are worthy of assistance but not covered by other Uniting Church funding. Save your stamps to help. Please leave the stamps attached to paper. To trim the stamps cut around the stamp leaving a 3mm (1/8 inch) margin

FOOD FOR WESLEY & HELPING HAND. Please continue to remember those in our community who, because of personal circumstance, have to seek support. The food items we collect for them to give to those in need are greatly appreciated.

Offering Alternatives You can make your offering directly into our bank accounts as follows:- Account name - Bendigo Bank BSB 633- 000
Account No 157319310 **Or**
UCA Funds BSB 704- 907
Account No. 109789008

When you make a deposit make sure every time to indicate what it is for : Offering , RYDA etc. Remember to indicate it as offering from " your name" Any queries contact Treasurer Ann Gaudion 0412 765 509