

What's on at St Margaret's

APRIL Diary Dates

SUNDAY	2nd	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	3rd	1.30pm	U.C.A.F.
TUESDAY	4th	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	5th		
THURSDAY	6th	10.30am-12 Noon	Church Office open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	9th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Church Service

EASTER SERVICES

THURSDAY	13th April	6.30pm	UPPER ROOM MEAL Foot washing & Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY	14th April	9.30am	INTO THE DARKNESS
SATURDAY VIGIL	15th April	11.00am -12.30pm	LABYRINTH AND PRAYER
EASTER SUNDAY	16th April	6.00am	EASTER SERVICE SUNRISE WORSHIP (Lilydale Lake)
		9.30am	EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION Holy Communion

APRIL 9TH

<u>Reader:</u>	Dorothy Gordon	<u>Ushers:</u>	Nancy/Carolyn
<u>Tea Station:</u>	Bev & Dot	<u>Sound Desk:</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning:</u>	Robert O'Shea

FAMILY GATHERING

Many thanks to all who attended Family Gathering last Sunday to hear the story of Clyde North. The school existed for 134 years, opening in a wattle and daub building in 1858 and closing in 1992. We shared stories from the early days and from when Marilyn and I lived there 50 years ago. All suburban housing now with a brand new school opened this year. Mark Sunday 23rd in you diary for our next Family Gathering when our special guest is Karen White and find out about the "Sorting angel". A great evening and good fellowship is assured
Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

BOOK CHAT 2nd May (correct date this time..sorry)

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 next meeting of the UCAF will be tomorrow Monday April 3rd at 1.30pm in the Chapel. Theme is Lent with the Rev. Arnie Wierenga. ALL WELCOME. Please check the notice board in the hall for interesting information and news on the UCAF

ARNIE WIERENGA. INFORMATION Please note that Arnie may be contacted in the following ways:- MOBILE: 0419 553 434 EMAIL: arnieuw1965@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



ASYLUM-SEEKER SUPPORT PROGRAM NEWS –

Provided by Mohammed Isah.

Ayann is a mother of two who escaped the conflict in West Africa and was referred to Lentara UnitingCare's Asylum Seeker Program by the Red Cross. Upon arriving in Australia, she and her two children are detained in an onshore detention centre where they spent months living in uncertainty. The children were released on compassionate grounds, into the care of Ayann's sister (also seeking asylum), while Ayaan remained in detention.

Having suffered trauma in her home country, as well as separation and isolation in Australia Ayaan now lives in a state of poverty. Her small family has been granted a temporary humanitarian visa but has no right to work, access to income or safe housing. Living life in the balance, she is destined for many more years of uncertainty under the Australian system.

We have provided Ayann and her children with a safe house, a basic living allowance and material aid. Our case workers support her to access English classes, social groups and mental health support as well as advocate for her at the Department of Immigration.

St.Margaret's generously supports this ministry in order to help make this world a better place for all.

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**

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**