

What's on at St Margaret's

APRIL Diary Dates

SUNDAY	9th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	10th	5.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
TUESDAY	11th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	12th	8.30am	St Margaret's Communion
		8.00pm	Social Justice Meeting
THURSDAY	13th	8.00am	Elders Meeting
		10.30am	Baradine AC Communion
		10.30am-12 Noon	Church Office open
		7.30pm	Band Practice

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 16TH

<u>Reader:</u>	Lorraine Dineen	<u>Ushers:</u>	Fay & Rex
<u>Tea Station:</u>	June & Denise	<u>Sound Desk:</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning:</u>	Marj Hookey

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.

Social Justice Meeting

The next meeting for social justice will be held on Wednesday April 12th at 8:00.

Please note also there will be a march in support of refugees in the City this afternoon. Look at the notice board for more details. Joyce Dodge

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



BEFORE GOOD FRIDAY

A few years ago, just before Easter, I pulled into the supermarket car park. Through my car radio came a song by Sam Baker from an album called *Pretty World*. Baker was in Peru in 1986 on a train blown up by a violent terrorist group. His permanent injuries meant re-learning the guitar so he could fret with his right hand. Brain damage resulting from the injuries meant he had to 'go picking for words—like you'd pick fruit in an orchard.'

Sam Baker's song took hold of me:

*These broken fingers
some things don't heal
you can't wake up from the dream
when you know the dream is real.*

Suddenly I was weeping in the supermarket car park. Some things don't heal. There is a respectful knowing that doesn't try to force healing or hope on people. I did the shopping slowly, with a new sense of gratitude.

That evening, I participated in the foot-washing ritual our church holds every Maundy Thursday. The night recalls the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. Later that same night, in the Garden of Gethsemane, they abandoned him.

Prayers were spoken by candlelight in the darkened church. I was offered water for my feet, and fragrant oils, then towels to enfold them. In the quiet darkness I remembered people who carry wounds that don't heal.

Pray for the courage to be present for people with chronic illness or injury, with 'wounds that don't heal.'

*This is an extract from *Spinifex Blessing*, stories of faith and life by Julie Perrin available at ctmresourcing.org.au/spinifex-blessing*

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**

Thank you to all who prayed for Seb having a cochlear implant. They could only do one ear at present and it will be all connected and turned on very low on this Thursday 6th April. Later on the other ear will be done. We are all very excited and are grateful to you people and am thankful to these wonderful doctors. Thanks be to God. Yvonne Spicer

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