

# What's on at St Margaret's

## APRIL/MAY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	30th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	1st	1.30pm	UCAF
TUESDAY	2nd	10.00am	Book Chat
		3.00pm	Worship Planning Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	3rd	9.15am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	4th	9.45am-10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am-12 Noon	Church Office open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	7th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday 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

### MAY 7TH

<u>Reader:</u>	Ken Davies	<u>Ushers:</u>	Karen & Stephen
<u>Tea Station:</u>	Fay, Rex, Dot	<u>Sound Desk:</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Karen & Stephen

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](mailto:stmargarets@netspace.net.au) by 10.30a.m. each Thursday

**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**

Join with us at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday 2nd May for tea, coffee, cake and to chat about "Being Christian" by Rowan Williams. Please return books at or before the "chat" next Tuesday. Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393

Our next worship planning meeting for St. Margaret's will be this Tuesday at 3pm at the church.

**FAMILY GATHERING** Thank you to all who came to Family Gathering last Sunday and special thanks to Karen White, the "Sorting Angel." Mark May 28th in your diary when Lian, (Pastor Lian) will share with us something of his life story at our next Family Gathering. A great evening and good fellowship is assured  
Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

**UCAF** is on tomorrow 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

Lentara's Asylum Seeker Program supports vulnerable asylum seekers with safe housing, a basic living allowance and material aid. The people we support have no work or study rights, no income support and no Medicare and therefore no way to live with dignity. We are not government funded and are wholly reliant on individual donations, grants and philanthropic funding.

This year we need to raise \$40,000 dollars to meet our fundraising deficit. If all our supporters donated the price of a cup of coffee or a piece of cake, we could reach this target.

\$5 can provide one child a healthy meal

\$10 can give one family access to public transport

\$50 can give one child access to a GP

\$137.60 can provide the basic living allowance to one family

\$200 can provide cost of housing utilities

\$500 can pay the rent and utilities for one family for one month

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

### **WHAT'S OFFERING**

Good news! The Financial Report at March 31st shows that Planned Giving is ahead of budget by \$1,000 for the first quarter. Thank you for your regular and consistent generous giving which is achieving this.

Planned Giving \$20,252 Budget \$19,250 Difference +\$1,002 5.2% ahead of budget

Open Plate \$ 1,432 Budget \$ 1,825 Difference - \$ 393 21.5% below budget  
Robert O'Shea Planned Giving Elder

## **CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

At our Council meeting this week we welcomed Jenny Willetts who spoke on the Stable One Project, a pilot program, which involves local churches co-operating in providing shelter each night for homeless people during winter. Council is considering ways in which we might support the program. Representatives from the Chin Fellowship were also present as they have expressed a desire to do something to help the homeless.

We were then privileged to hear Lian speak on his call to ministry in the Uniting Church. This interview and a report and recommendation by the Church Council is an important part of the process in seeking acceptance as a candidate for ministry and was a major part of the meeting.

Council has chosen a contractor to replace the high windows but must wait for approval from Presbytery before the work can commence. Council approved the range of works including repainting necessary to prepare the manse for new tenants. Not surprisingly it was 10:40p.m. before the meeting concluded !  
Robert O'Shea Secretary Church Council

### Letter writing

If you are concerned about the need for Political Donation Reform you can write letters to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition.

There are guidelines in the pocket on the Social Justice board.

### Petition

East Timor (Timor Leste) is one of Australia's neighbours. There are resources under the sea between us. It seems fair to share these by drawing a boundary halfway between our countries. You can sign a petition today asking our Foreign Minister to do that.

LINK - Items for inclusion in the June Link are needed as soon as possible.

Thanks Marj Hookey, Editor

APPEAL Church Council has asked that we support the emergency appeal for the East Africa Famine through Act for Peace. NCCA. Please take an envelope today. The appeal will be open for three Sundays.

