

What's on at St Margaret's

MAY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	7th	9.25am	Candle lit – Quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	8th	5.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
TUESDAY	9th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		10.00am	Book Chat
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	10th	8.30am	St Margaret's Communion
		9.15am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	11th	10.30am	Baradine AC Communion
		9.45am-10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am-12 Noon	Church Office open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	14th	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: 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

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Reader: Karen White

Ushers:

Leanne & Pam

Tea Station: Nancy & Ann

Sound Desk:

Stephen White

Power Point: Franklyn Parrent

Chapel Cleaning

Ken & Katharine

MUSIC AT ST. MARGARET'S ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON 4TH JUNE -
WHEN WE WILL WELCOME ONCE MORE A WONDERFUL GILBERT
AND SULLIVAN PRODUCTION SUNG BY THE SINGULARITY SINGERS.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO RYDA.

Watch for further details but mark this date in your diary/ calendar now.



UCAF met on 1st May when Dorothy helped members celebrate a happy May Day, hearing about different times and places. Some of the members danced around a maypole provided by Dad's Army. All the ladies received sweets and a rose and Ken a head piece suitable for Adonis and Dot Farrar a beautiful Lai & head piece. All had a chance to write a poem or story on a special event that happened during the last year. It was truly a great fun afternoon and everyone that attended thank Dorothy for the effort she had made to make this so enjoyable. The decision was made to continue with the trading table and all were asked to remember to bring & buy something each month.

BOOK SALE. There will be a sale of books held at St. Margaret's on Saturday morning ,3rd June. Also available will be a Devonshire Tea with freshly made scones and homemade jam. Watch for more information

FAMILY GATHERING ." 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

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 OLD-TIME GROCER

Before the advent of the supermarket the grocer was of the 'old school'. Personal service was a premium.

The grocer had served on the Western Front. He had seen suffering, poverty and sacrifice in the Depression and the drought years.

He was generous with credit, knowing he would be repaid when the seasons improved. Neither did he neglect his family. His children were sent away to study at considerable personal sacrifice. One became an architect, another was a teacher who encouraged science learning for girls. One returned to assist him in the business. An added bonus for the community was that, as a talented musician, she played the organ in the local church and led the choir.

Sometimes, if you had a large order, the grocer would invite you to come into his office for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat, while your order was being looked out, packed in a cardboard carton, and placed in your car. Orders were delivered regularly to the elderly and sick.

He was a proud. Always neat in shirt and tie, sleeves rolled up, he was there to serve the customer with his special attention. Not a bad example for us now, as neighbours, friends, parents and community.

Jesus, was never above the people at any time. He said "*I am among you as one who serves.*"

Bill Pugh

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.

ACT FOR PEACE. AFRICAN FAMINE APPEAL.

More than one million people are in danger of starving to death in horn of African countries such as the Southern Sudan and Somalia. It is six years since a famine was declared anywhere in the world. Not only is there no food for the people but constant war has made it impossible for people to safely plant crops. Women are digging deep holes in the earth in a desperate bid to find water. People are living on grass and leaves – we must help.

ACT FOR PEACE TELLS US THAT A DONATION OF \$105 WILL SAVE A CHILD BY PROVIDING THE SPECIAL HIGH PROTEIN FOOD 'FAMIX' FOR THREE MONTHS.

The appeal at St. Margaret's will run until the end of May. If we who in comparison are rich in food resources have enough to be able to occasionally eat out or go on holidays our consciences must help us support this appeal.

THE LINK - is normally due out on the first Sunday in June however Arnie will be on holidays for three weeks until the 22nd June. This means that unless someone who has the skills and feels they could offer to do the layout for the Link offers, the publication date will need to be delayed until the 1st July.

COMBINED CLUSTER SERVICE.

This year our combined Cluster service will be held at St. Margaret's on Sunday June 25th to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Uniting Church in Australia.

I will be organising the catering for the lunch to follow. The menu will be soup, sandwiches and slices for the lunch to follow the service. Last time this was done I was delighted to receive offers to make the soup and we were able to serve it hot using slow cookers. (The host congregation prepares the soup.) Offers to help again this year would be really appreciated. Contact Marj Hookey if you can help. 9726 7286.