

What's on at St Margaret's

JUNE/JULY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	25th	10.00am	Hymn Singing
		10.30am	Combined Cluster Sunday Service
TUESDAY	27th	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	28th	9.15am	Bible Study
		7.30pm	Church Council
THURSDAY	29th	9.45am-10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am-12 Noon	Church Office open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	2nd	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service

INFORMATION - Sunday 2nd July Preacher & Liturgist Ron & Dorothy Gordon

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286 Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

JULY 2ND

<u>Reader:</u>	Lorraine Dineen	<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

Rex has arranged for a professional Sound Engineer with a Bachelor's degree in Audio Engineering backing up some 25 years experience in the industry, to come and run a training session for people who want to know how to use the sound desk. At the moment Rex has 6 confirmed starters. The class will be on Tuesday evening the 4th July starting at 7 pm. If anyone else wants to know more please speak to Rex after today's service.

Attendance will not commit you to being on the roster."

THANKS TO THE CLUSTER

Thank you to all who have been involved with the many tasks associated with holding the Outer Eastern Cluster of churches 40th Anniversary of the Uniting Church celebration at St. Margaret's today. Special thanks to all who have provided food for the lunch. To all who assisted with the preparations for the service. To all who participated in the choir and band and to those who assisted in any way during the service. Thanks to those who have worked in the kitchen today and to those who assisted with car parking.

To our Chin congregation who graciously gave up their normal service times both on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon we express our thanks. Most of all thank you all for joining in this day of celebration.

MELBA COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT GROUP

HIGH TEA – RESERVE A TABLE SATURDAY 22ND JULY 2 – 4 PM

\$20.00 PER HEAD AT CROYDON PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL.

School parking via Kent Avenue or Croydon Road, Croydon.

RSVP to Chris Atkinson 9726 6769 or Carole Turner 9726 6973

By 15th July. Old fashioned High Tea. Lots of delicious home-made savoury & sweet treats. Fruit juice, tea & coffee.

SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR INFORMATION.

UCAF

June Meeting

Rev Dr Robert Gallacher spoke on Icons. Many of them were laid out for all to see, and a most informative talk was given as most on display were explained. Attendees heard where they came from, what they were about, what icons' history consists of, and what form they take. Warm thanks were given by Jean Curnow and a small presentation given.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 3RD JULY IN THE CHAPEL

AT 1.30PM The activity for the day is "recycling"

Statement to the Nation – Inaugural Assembly, 22 June 1977

People of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches have united. A new church has been born.

We, who are members of the first Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia address the people of Australia in this historic moment. The path to unity has been long and at times difficult, but we believe this unity is a sign of the reconciliation we seek for the whole human race.

We acknowledge with gratitude that the churches from which we have come have contributed in various ways to the life and development of this nation. A Christian responsibility to society has always been regarded as fundamental to the mission of the Church. In the Uniting Church our response to the Christian gospel will continue to involve us in social and national affairs.

We are conscious of our responsibilities within and beyond this country. We particularly acknowledge our responsibilities as one branch of the Christian church within the region of South-East Asia and the Pacific. In these contexts we make certain affirmations at the time of our inauguration.

We affirm our eagerness to uphold basic Christian values and principles, such as the importance of every human being, the need for integrity in public life, the proclamation of truth and justice, the rights for each citizen to participate in decision-making in the community, religious liberty and personal dignity, and a concern for the welfare of the whole human race.

We pledge ourselves to seek the correction of injustices wherever they occur. We will work for the eradication of poverty and racism within our society and beyond. We affirm the rights

of all people to equal educational opportunities, adequate health care, freedom of speech, employment or dignity in unemployment if work is not available. We will oppose all forms of discrimination which infringe basic rights and freedoms.

We will challenge values which emphasise acquisitiveness and greed in disregard of the needs of others and which encourage a higher standard of living for the privileged in the face of the daily widening gap between the rich and poor.

We are concerned with the basic human rights of future generations and will urge the wise use of energy, the protection of the environment and the replenishment of the earth's resources for their use and enjoyment.

Finally we affirm that the first allegiance of Christians is God, under whose judgment the policies and actions of all nations must pass. We realise that sometimes this allegiance may bring us into conflict with the rulers of our day. But our Uniting Church, as an institution within the nation, must constantly stress the universal values which must find expression in national policies if humanity is to survive.

We pledge ourselves to hope and work for a nation whose goals are not guided by self-interest alone, but by concern for the welfare of all persons everywhere — the family of the One God — the God made known in Jesus of Nazareth the One who gave His life for others.

In the spirit of His self-giving love we seek to go forward.