

What's on at St Margaret's

AUGUST Diary Dates

SUNDAY	13th	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	14th	5.00pm	Finance & Property Ministry
TUESDAY	15th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	16th	9.15am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	17th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	20th	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service

INFORMATION:

Arnie is having his week off from 14th to 20th August.

Rev. Barry Brown will be the Preacher for August 20th. Reader is Pat Hamilton

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

20th AUGUST

<u>Reader:</u>	Pat Hamilton	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jean & Dot
<u>Tea Station:</u>	Leanne & Pam	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Clive Hamilton

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

FAMILY GATHERING

Our next Family Gathering will be at 5:30p.m. on Sunday 27th August. Mark this date in your diary and come along to hear Julie Robinson explain about "Living Wills" p.s. this is NOT about money. Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

OFFERINGS - *Just how are we going?*

The good news is that at the end of the first six months we are ahead of budget for our total offerings. We received a total of \$44,505 which was \$2,155 or 4.84% above budget.

Through the Planned Giving Program you gave \$41,596 which is \$3,096 or 8% above budget. Giving through Open Plate for the first six months was \$2,909 which is \$941 or 24.4% below budget.

Thank you to all for your generous giving sustaining mission and ministry through St Margaret's. Robert O'Shea Planned Giving Elder

BOOK CHAT *Tuesday 22nd August*

Pick up a copy of "Living a Countersign" by Ian M. Fraser to read and join with us for Book Chat at 10:00a.m on August 22nd to enjoy talk together with a cup of tea or coffee (and something nice to eat). This short book tells the story of Iona and the growth of Basic Christian Communities throughout the world. You are very welcome to borrow a book to read even if unable to come to the "Chat" on the 22nd. Please return the book at the Chat or before the 22nd August. Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393

ROSTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 TO FEBRUARY 2018

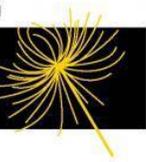
The form to fill in if you know you are unavailable for an extended time or wish to volunteer (or be taken off) is on the Notice Board.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND MOST WELCOME.

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MARRIED TO THE MOB

A poem dedicated to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and their kin -

I yet know your faces, I know not your names, I do know your smiles, and of your cultural ways.

I understand your dreamtime traditions, love of the red earth you wander, the stolen generations; colonial plunder.

I know of your connections to the land, sky and sea, yours is a culture of traditions, in my belief something sacred, so important to see.

History is translated, passed on to further generations, through dreamtime and stories, proud and resourceful, your Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations.

The respect all display to each of your elders, shows that with time, honour and perseverance, a community grows.

Tribal leaders and their wisdom speak of respect for the inhabitants of the land, of helping your mob, of lending a hand.

Your art and your music, it speaks to my heart. In its history and expression I long to be a part.

Can I share with you, what you have shared with me? Your troubles, your triumphs, a way of life shared in solidarity.

My stories, my heart and my life are all that I own; within them is room, enough for everyone to walk about, to roam.

We could sit for a time; laugh, cry and sing. I could get to know you; you could get to know me.

In my dreamtime space, my dreamtime place, I have planted something all are welcomed to see; chosen to protect us all is the love in my heart,

As large and strong as the sacred desert bloodwood tree.

How can we as a nation better honour the contributions, history and culture of our Indigenous neighbours?

Russell Hawkins

THE LINK

Help is needed to write articles for the September Link. It would be good to have any articles by no later than Sunday 20th August.

Have you been on a holiday recently? Do you have a favourite poem? What about some family history? We would love to create a good Link for September – be part of it!

Send your article either as a Word Attachment by computer or give your handwritten material to Marj who will prepare it for the computer.

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WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD is available in the Foyer today. It really helps if you are able to contribute \$5 towards the cost (Pop it in an envelope in the open plate.)

DANDENONG RANGES ORCHESTRA *proudly presents* **MUSIC TO MOVE YOU at 2.30PM on SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH**

At Burrinja Cultural Centre, 351 Glenfern Road, Upwey.

HAYDN Symphony No.99 RESPIGHI Ancient Airs and Dances
BERLIOZ La Damnation de Faust

Adults \$15 Concession \$10 Afternoon tea provided.

Tickets: At the Door . Enquiries 0422 796 155

Refer poster on the notice board for further information

UCAF REPORT

On Monday 7th August the topic was learning about Parkinson's disease with Mrs. Joyce Holland. Assisted by her husband and Lorraine Dineen, a most enlightening and emotional presentation was made. One of the main interesting items was a beautiful crocheted quilt made by Joyce who described how all the different colours and her Christian belief meant so much to her and helped her through the various stages of the disease. Lorraine told of her experiences with helping John and of the "Parkinsons" held at Boronia Uniting Church and also the assistance available for sufferers and carers.