

# What's on at St Margaret's

## AUGUST Diary Dates

SUNDAY	20th	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	21st		
TUESDAY	22nd	10.00am	Book Chat
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	23rd	9.15am	Bible Study
		7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
THURSDAY	24th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Walmsley Village Communion
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	27th	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering

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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.

### **CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

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

### **27th AUGUST**

Reader: To be advised

Ushers:

Nancy & Carolyn

Tea Station: Fay & Rex

Sound Desk

Clive Hamilton

Power Point: Franklyn Parrent

Chapel Cleaning

Karen & Stephen

### **Letter writing**

Check the pockets on the Social Justice board for letter writing guidelines on these topics.

Fair Lending - payday lenders and consumer lease companies

Lifting the Bar on Business Behaviour

Decent Jobs for Everyone, Everywhere - anti-slavery

You can make a difference by writing to Federal MPs about these matters.

### **FAMILY GATHERING Sunday 27th August**

All are welcome to join with us in the Chapel at 5:30p.m. next Sunday 27th August for our next Family Gathering. Julie Robinson will be our special guest and will share with us the idea of "Living Wills". (p.s. definitely not about death, property and money!) Please bring along a plate of savoury and sweet finger food to share. An interesting evening and good fellowship is assured.

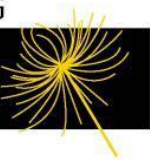
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### **BOOK CHAT Next Tuesday 22nd August**

Join with us for Book Chat at 10:00a.m next Tuesday August 22nd to enjoy talk together about "Living A Countersign" with a cup of tea or coffee (and something nice to eat) Please return the book at the Chat or before. Marilyn O'Shea 97352393

### **ROSTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 TO FEBRUARY 2018**

The rosters are available in the foyer for the above. Please look for your name and if you are unable to assist on the dates provided please change with someone else.



The renowned deaf-blind trailblazer Helen Keller once said “I would rather walk with a friend in the dark, than alone in the light”.

One of Keller’s lifelong friends was her mentor Anne Sullivan. Sullivan helped Keller overcome the language difficulties imposed by her disability and paved the way for her to become the first deaf-blind person to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree. When Sullivan later became ill, her beloved student was by her bedside, comforting her as she passed away.

If we take a look at Jesus’ ministry, we learn that friendships can sometimes be hard. Jesus was mocked for dining with tax collectors, sinners and other marginalised people. When we become friends with people who are unpopular, we may be ostracised for showing solidarity with them.

Friends can also let us down. Jesus’ disciples fell asleep in Gethsemane on the night he was arrested. Judas betrayed Jesus to the Romans. Peter denied Jesus three times.

But on the cross, Jesus asked God to forgive those who crucified him. He gave his life for all of us, so that we can be saved from our sins. Truly, there is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for his friends (John 15:13).

We have a friend in Jesus who will always walk with us in the dark. How may we walk with our friends when they are going through tough times? **Pauline Murphy**

**THE LINK** Help is needed to write articles for the September Link. It would be good to have any articles by no later than TODAY 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 TODAY**  
**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

**SAMMY STAMP** - Save your stamps for Sammy!

The used stamps you put in the box on the table in the foyer are taken into the Synod Office. Every Thursday in the Synod office a group of volunteers meet to sort and sell stamps. The money raised provides grants for special needs projects in Victoria, Australia and overseas that are worthy of assistance but not covered by other Uniting Church funding. Save your stamps to help. Please leave the stamps attached to paper. To trim the stamps cut around the stamp leaving a 3mm (1/8 inch) margin