

What's on at St Margaret's

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	27th	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering
MONDAY	28th		
TUESDAY	29th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	30th		
THURSDAY	31st	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	3rd	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service

INFORMATION: ARNIE WIERENGA. INFORMATION Please note that Arnie may be contacted in the following ways:- MOBILE: 0419 553 434
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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

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<u>Reader:</u>	Merle Munday	<u>Ushers:</u>	Fay & Rex Phillips
<u>Tea Station:</u>	Karen & Stephen White	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Marj Hookey

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 *Tonight Sunday 27th August*

All are welcome to join with us in the Chapel tonight at 5:30p.m. for 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.

Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

OM:NI Lilydale Group This is a new friendly social group for men 55+ meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Meeting Room beside the Mustard Tree Op Shop/Cafe 28 John St Lilydale. An invitation is extended to men in the Lilydale, Mooroolbark, Mt Evelyn area to join. Contact Brian 0418 326 670 or email bpm45au@bigpond.com for more information.

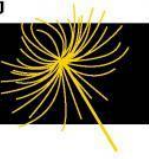
U.C.A.F. Learn more about what happens to the stamps you leave in the box in the Foyer Sammy Stamp (AKA Allan Clark) will be coming to speak at St Margaret's UCAF on Monday September 4th. Bring any used stamps or old stamp collections. We will meet in the church this month in order to see his presentation. UCAF starts at 1.30pm and concludes about 3pm. Please wear your name tag and bring something for the trading table and a small plate of afternoon tea to share.

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.

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BEGINNING THE DAY

A long time ago in our church school, we began the day with morning assembly, a Bible reading, prayer and hymns.

We often sang loudly Wesley's great hymn Forth in thy name O Lord, I go, singing about tasks assigned by God to be fulfilled, cheerfully finding God's presence in everything we do. Every moment watching and praying. Delightfully using all of our God-given talents.

But did we really enjoy learning algebra, logarithms, Latin declensions, and remembering lists of British Kings and Queens? And what about detentions for poor work, and lunchtimes spent picking up rubbish in the schoolyard?

Whatever our perceived value of some subjects, we learnt the importance of self-discipline. We learnt the importance of perseverance and concentration to achieve our goals. Our attitude to the tasks of each day and each year needed to be positive.

Discipleship involves acceptance of each task and duty with the right attitude, to 'delightfully employ' the gifts God has given each of us. It is not an easy road. But we can be assured of his wisdom, guidance and strength, as we go forward.

Beginning each day with God is important.

Bill Pugh

To the congregation last Sunday August 20th:-

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

THANK YOU for being there and making our worship together, all 60 of us.

THANK YOU for your welcoming smiles and the goodwill they showed.

THANK YOU for your joyous singing. At times I stopped to listen; it was so rich and enveloping.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU Robin

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT.

What are the 10 most popular stories in the Bible? This was the question Carolyn posed for Council members at our Devotions at Council this week. Many suggestions were made and finally we arrived at the list Carolyn had found on the Internet, a list compiled following surveys of members of the general population. The stories were. 1 to 10 as follows -

The Crucifixion: Creation of Heaven and Earth: David and Goliath: Resurrection of Jesus: Noah's Ark: Birth of Jesus: Adam and Eve: Jonah and the Whale: Daniel in the Lion's Den: Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours.

Note the general population was surveyed, not church goers and perhaps it just reflects the memories of childhood stories and Sunday School.

Carolyn concluded Devotions with a prayer of thanks for the Bible and the many stories it contains.

Treasurer Ann reported that, at July 31st, we had a deficit of \$23,767 which was \$3,726 greater than anticipated at this stage of the year largely due to additional costs in refurbishing the manse. Work on the manse is completed and paid for and work on the church windows is almost finished. At present the roof is dangerously slippery and we need a series of sunny days before the contractors can complete this work.

On Sunday October 8th after worship we are having a barbecue with folk from neighbouring congregations in support of the Mental Health Ministry.

Council is continuing working on the Safety of Children; Codes of Conduct and other issues arising from changes required following the Royal Commission.

Please ask any member of council if you would like further information on matters discussed at Council.

Robert O'Shea Secretary

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

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