

What's on at St Margaret's

SEPTEMBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	17th	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	18th		
TUESDAY	19th	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	20th		
THURSDAY	21st	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	24th	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering

INFORMATION: Arnie is having his week off from 18th – 24th September

Barry Brown will be the preacher for Sunday 24th September.

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

24th SEPTEMBER

Reader: Yvonne Spicer

Ushers: Robert & Marilyn

Tea Station: Nancy & Ann

Sound Desk: Clive Hamilton

Power Point: Alan Norris

Chapel Cleaning: Karen & Stephen

MANY THANKS` to those who so willingly provided morning tea today.

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

Mark Sunday 24th September in your diary when the "Two Revs" will share with us something of their recent experiences in Arnhem Land at our next Family Gathering. Robert O'Shea

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The samples of UNITING (formerly Share) Christmas cards have arrived. I will have them available to take orders next Sunday for several weeks, there are 5 designs and a mixed pack. Payment will be cash on delivery.
Marj

CLUSTER BBQ AT ST. MARGARET'S ON OCTOBER 8TH.AT 12.30 PM.

Please keep this date free. This event was a great success last year. Sausages, bread and salad followed by a cuppa & slices will be the menu. Donation of \$5 towards the Presbytery Mental Health ministry. One of the ministers Rev. Deacon John Tansey will update us on his work at Eastern Access Community Health .

BOOK CHAT - Tuesday 17th October

"Towards a Theology of Peace" our book chat this month covers a topic of particular relevance for our present troubled times. Pick up a copy to read and join with us to chat over tea, coffee and cake at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday 17th October Please feel free to borrow one to read even if you won't be able to join with us for the chat. Please return your copy on or before 17th October. Marilyn O'Shea 97352393

GIVING



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LOST IN SUBURBIA

Recently I was utterly lost in suburbia, not more than three kilometres from my home. I had carefully mapped the route I planned to travel with the help of my Melway, but of course I had left this useful book at home!

There I was travelling in the immediate area, but I could not find the street in which I had an appointment. Eventually I noticed two men, a father and son, working on a property and pulled up alongside them.

“Help,” I said, “I am utterly lost! Where is Bendigo Street?”

Both men pulled out his smartphone from his pocket and there was the map in all its simplicity!

“This is where you are and this is the street you are looking for,” both of them said. I was still confused and these kind men saw this. The younger one said, “Come on, I’ll lead you to it!” And so he got into this car and I started my car and followed him to a very successful conclusion. How fortunate we are to meet such kindness and to see our God’s loving care in the community in which we live!

Joan Addinsall

FOOD FOR WESLEY & HELPING HAND. Please continue to remember those in our community who, because of personal circumstance, have to seek support. The food items we collect for them to give to those in need are greatly appreciated.

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

FETE - SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS HAMPER Lollies, chocolates, nuts, drinks of every type, hams, cakes, puddings, tinned or bottled fruit & vegetables, serviettes, mince pies, biscuits (tinned or packets), cordial, novelties and any other items you can think of that would enhance the hampers. Please help throughout September/October
Carolyn Dunkley 9726 7231 There will be a box in the foyer for collection.

PLANNED GIVING

Thank you letters and sets of envelopes for the next 12 months commencing Sunday 5th October are available for collection by all who support St Margaret's through Planned Giving.

There are some spare sets of envelopes so please see me if you would like to help St Margaret's in this way.

You can also make your offering by direct debit to our church account with UCA Funds. You decide the amount and whether it is given weekly, fortnightly or monthly I have forms available if you are interested.

You can also choose to make your offering by direct transfer to the church account. Details you need are the BSB number and the church account number and name.

These are -

BSB 704907. Account Number 109789008

Account Name Mooroolbark St Margarets Uniting Church.

Happy to chat if you would like more information.

Robert O'Shea Planned Giving Elder

Many thanks to the wonderful response to my plea for jam jars. They are filled and now I'm anxious to start again on 250gm size ONLY.

Once again, I'll accept them from friend, foe, neighbours or family!

Thank you all. Merle

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