

What's on at St Margaret's

SEPTEMBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	3rd	9.25am	Candle lit- quiet time
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	4th	1.30pm	UCAF
TUESDAY	5th	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	6th		
THURSDAY	7th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	10th	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

10th SEPTEMBER

<u>Reader:</u>	Marj Hookey	<u>Ushers:</u>	Pat & Clive Hamilton
<u>Tea Station:</u>	June & Denise	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Dal Drieberg
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Dal & Jenny

ROSTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 TO FEBRUARY 2018 If you didn't get your roster last Sunday they 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.

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

Thanks to Julie and Ian Robinson who gave a fascinating talk on Ethical Wills at Family Gathering last Sunday. What stories, memories of your life, your wishes for your children, grand children and descendants will you write out and leave behind for them?. What did you value, learn, discover? We heard ethical wills from the Bible, some written centuries ago and others from modern times. A really interesting and challenging idea. 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

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.



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ASYLUM-SEEKER SUPPORT PROGRAM NEWS -

The Asylum Seeker Program comprises two separate programs:

The Asylum Seeker Project

The ASP is a specialised service, where asylum seekers in need are provided with intensive care and support from our caseworkers. Clients are provided with Myki cards, cash allowances, food parcels and material donations- and our "Home with a Heart housing program" provides free long-term accommodation to asylum seekers with no other form of income.

The Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre

This is a drop-in centre in Brunswick, where clients can come to use the computers, share a meal, attend an excursion, ask for advice or just hang around and socialise, knowing they're in a safe space.

St.Margaret's congregation generously supports this work through a major contribution from the proceeds of our Annual Fete in November.

LATEST FROM MANUS ISLAND -

ABC News, Wed. Aug 30

More than 100 asylum seekers and refugees have been moved from Manus Island to Port Moresby as the Australian Government increases its efforts to close its offshore detention centre in Papua New Guinea.

Asylum seekers fear they may be left in PNG if Manus Island is closed down

Many have sought treatment for years and are left wondering: why now?

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ASYLUM-SEEKER SUPPORT PROGRAM NEWS

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A letter outlines settlement options but says "no one will be settled in Australia"

The men have been told they are being brought to Port Moresby to receive specialist treatment for their medical conditions, but many of them have been waiting months — or even years — for treatment and are suspicious about the timing.

PNG's Immigration service yesterday gave the refugees who remain there a letter outlining their accommodation options — these include a transit centre on Manus Island, accommodation in the PNG community, or returning to a country where they have right of residence.

"Only maybe after October 31 [when the centre is to close] they will leave us behind on the street, homeless," he said.

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

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.

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