

What's on at St Margaret's

OCTOBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	22nd	10.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		10.30am	Sunday Service
		12 noon	Luncheon
		5.30pm	Family Gathering
TUESDAY	24th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	25th	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
THURSDAY	26th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Walmsley Village Communion
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	29th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

INFORMATION: TODAY'S PREACHER Rev. Rowena Harris (Frontier Services)

PREACHER: 29th October Rev. Barry Brown. **LITURGIST:** Lyn Bromage

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

29th OCTOBER

<u>Reader:</u>	Carolyn Dunkley	<u>Ushers:</u>	Nancy & Carolyn
<u>Tea Station:</u>	Fay & Rex	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Marj Hookey

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

If you have a mobile phone or computer capable of emails, you or someone you know might like to receive our **Weekly Reflection and Notice Sheet** to stay in the loop. Speak to Franklyn or ring 0405802797.

FAMILY GATHERING TONIGHT

All are welcome at Family Gathering tonight when our special guest Rev Dr Barry Brown will be providing insights into the life and contribution of Luther. Come along to the Chapel at 5:30p.m. to hear Barry speak and bring a plate of savoury and sweet finger food to share. An interesting and enjoyable evening with friends is assured. Robert O'Shea 97352393

COMMEMORATE THE 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION An all-Melbourne-Church-event commemorating 500 years of Reformation, to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Saturday 28th October from 2–4 p.m. We are looking forward to having Indigenous, Tongan, Korean, Chinese, African, German, Welsh, Indonesian and Swedish Church Choirs sing hymns in their own languages, interspersed with traditional church hymns in English. Our event features congregations who worship God in many languages sharing in celebrating the meaning of the mother-tongue for spirituality. Each one expresses the beauty and the individuality of how the Gospel is spread in Australia. As we hear many languages spoken and sung, we can experience the variety of the Christian heritage in Melbourne. At our event, we plan to welcome the cross carried by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement. Church leaders from Uniting, Lutheran and Anglican churches will support the advertisement of this event to their suburban congregations. We are expecting that normal Sunday church goers, either from English speaking or from other language congregations, will want to join in this event. All of these people will be able to enjoy themselves singing famous church hymns in one of the great buildings in Melbourne, St Paul's Cathedral. They will also be able to join Church Unite in Federation Square following our hymn-singing event. Finally, we will be joining the Roman Catholic - Lutheran commemoration service at St. Johns, Southgate on the same day, 28th October, 7.00 pm, featuring messages from Archbishop Denis Hart and Bishop Lester Priebbenow and the Bach cantata O ewiges Feuer, o Ursprung der Liebe (O eternal fire, origin of love)



A PLACE IN THE CHOIR

The lyrics of a song by an unknown composer place all sorts of animals in different sections of a choir: "some sing low and some sing higher, some sing out loud on the telephone wire," while "some just clap their hands, their paws, or anything they got, now". The music is currently being rehearsed by the Victoria Welsh Choir.

A nonsense song it may be but what a powerful underlying message it brings. It combines the different attributes of a host of animals, from bullfrogs to hippopotamus, from honeybees to porcupines, all singing in harmony with each other. As the lyric's say: "All God's creatures got a place in the choir!"

In our community, with its variety of cultures, ages and interests, are we acting on an equal footing for the common good of society as well as for ourselves?

This principle was brought home to me recently when I contacted the Victorian State Library and was blessed to receive extensive information about my grandfather, Charles Edward Serpell. In the 1930s, he was President of both the Victorian and Australian Royal Institute of Architects. Such cooperation and guidance, freely given by the library staff, was very impressive and most appreciated. Some extracts could be included in a planned memoir for our grandchildren.

From the Gospel of John 13: 34-35 is the commandment to love one another, ourselves and our neighbours. We all have a place in a choir and in a host of community activities, in harmony with our neighbours. **Geoff Serpell**

If there is anyone with candle making experience please contact me.

Rex Phillips rexphillips9129@gmail.com

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship **NEXT MEETING**

Theme is Story Telling Mon 6th November 1.30pm **All Welcome**

Letter Writing Here's another chance to make a difference by writing some letters. The details are in the pockets on the Social Justice board. Keeping the Lights on for Everyone - electricity pricing in Victoria People can't work when jobs don't exist - 'punishing' the unemployed

COUNTRY FAIR. SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Please start to look out and bring along any of the preloved items – toys, china & glassware, any “green elephant” items. items for the children’s clothing stall (new) gift items etc.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO LOOK AT THE DONATION LIST FOR THE FETE CAFE AND SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP. Located on a table in the foyer.

If we can provide for our fete catering needs with donations - then all our sales on the day are profit!

THERE WILL BE A VERY SHORT FETE MEETING AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER. Many thanks - Marj Hookey Fair Convener.

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 October
Carolyn Dunkley 9726 7231

HAMPER – THANKS for filling the Christmas hamper box twice - ready for Carolyn to create her wonderful fete hampers Marj

HELP OUR FETE ADVERTISING

Many thanks to Rex Phillips who organised son Mark to print us 1100 flyers for distribution advertising the fete. The idea is that those who are kind enough to take a bundle walk round their area delivering a flyer to letter boxes (not to those who request ‘No advertising literature’). If several of you live close together please decide your “area”. This is a great way to have a “meaningful” morning walk ! Please do this in the next week. Special thanks to Fiske Advertising for their donation.

For the Fete Lyn Bromage is looking for the jewellery you no longer wear. Please bring it to church over the next couple of weeks and place in the box provided. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING You can make your offering by direct debit to our church account with UCA Funds. I have forms available if you are interested. You can also use direct transfer to the church account using the following information - *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