

What's on at St Margaret's

OCT/NOV Diary Dates

SUNDAY	29th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	30th		
TUESDAY	31st	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	1st		
THURSDAY	2nd	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	5th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

INFORMATION: TODAY'S PREACHER Rev. Barry Brown

PREACHER & LITURGIST: 5th November Ron & Dorothy Gordon

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

5th NOVEMBER

Reader: Ken Davies

Ushers:

Jan Down & Judy Bass

Tea Station: Karen & Stephen

Sound Desk

Dal Drieberg

Power Point: Alan Norris

Chapel Cleaning

Dal & Jenny

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

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.

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship.

Next meeting is on Monday 6th November in the Chapel at 1.30p.m. It is to be a Story Day. Those attending are invited to bring any kind of story to share with the others there. It can be a favourite nursery rhyme, from a book, personal, read, told whatever. All are welcome.

RYDA Update

The past two months have been full of extra pressure due to organising and running graduation for past students and examinations for current students.

It has been hard to find time to send information, but the latest is:

1. Half of the July donation had to be used for unplanned grading work behind the new dormitory to prevent water runoff from the uphill neighbour damaging the building. The balance will be used to purchase materials to complete the dormitory floor.
2. A former chief of the Danish International Development Agency visited RYDA at the request of the Danish Embassy to assess the possibility of support.
3. More details and photos at: www.blackdouglas.com.au/ryda/news.htm

FRONTIER SERVICES Special thanks to all who contributed in any way towards our special Frontier Services celebration last week, to those who assisted in the service, to those who made slices for lunch , to our cooks and to all who assisted with the myriad of other tasks. More than \$130 was contributed to Frontier Services.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Should be available for the next few weeks . \$9 for each 10 card pack. Your order will be named . Exact money in a named envelope will be an enormous help.



GOD'S LOVE

A man took his little daughter on a long sea voyage. One Sunday morning during the service on board the ship, a hymn containing these words was sung –

*For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of man's mind;*

The little girl later asked her father the meaning of these words. Pointing to the far horizon, he said, "Do you see where sea and sky seem to meet?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Well," he responded, "God's love goes beyond that. Do you see away up to those highest clouds?"

Again she replied, "Yes."

"God's love goes far beyond that," said her father. Then, pointing down into the sea to impress upon her mind the idea of 'depth', he said, "and the love of God goes far deeper than that".

"Then," said the little girl, "we are in the middle of his love!"

Frederick William Faber, wrote -
*If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word:
And our lives would be illumined
By the goodness of our Lord.*

Joan Addinsall

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

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COUNTRY FAIR. SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Please 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. The earlier we can receive these the better it is to get ready. 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 TODAY SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER. Many thanks - Marj Hookey Fair Convener.

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

This is the last week to accept products (or money to purchase extra items – see Marj) Carolyn is delighted with the response so far.

COUNTRY FAIR FLYERS Many thanks to all who took bundles of flyers last Sunday there are several left. If you are able to help deliver them in your area that would be a help.

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

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.