

What's on at St Margaret's

NOVEMBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	12 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	13 th	5.00pm	Finance & Property Ministry
TUESDAY	14 th	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	15 th		
THURSDAY	16 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	19 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

INFORMATION: TODAY'S PREACHER: Paul Chandler

SUNDAY 19th PREACHER: Deborah Storie (TEAR)

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

19th NOVEMBER

Reader: Dorothy Gordon

Ushers: Faye & Rex

Tea Station Nancy & Ann

Sound Desk Clive Hamilton

Power Point: Michael Down

Chapel Cleaning Karen & Stephen

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

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.

. At November UCAF the “Bring a gift and buy a gift” table items were sorted into three categories. “Fete” “Keep for stall” and “Yarra Glen Op Shop”. The Devotions were around Jesus and his greatest stories of all. Attendees then shared their kindnesses received, the solace of nature, life events, and books were some of the topics.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Will be available for the next few weeks. Additional packs will be available today and those who didn't have exact money last week will be able to collect their change today .

FRONTIER SERVICES BOXES are due to be returned this Sunday and for the following few weeks.

YARRA YARRA PRESBYTERY

The Yarra Yarra Presbytery will hold their quarterly meeting here at St.Margaret's on Saturday 18th November. We have been asked to provide biscuits for morning tea. If you would like to make a batch of home made biscuits for this event please let Marj know . There will be nearly 100 for morning tea.

Sincere thanks to Lian who is organising friends and family to provide a traditional Chin meal for lunch. Catering for between 60 -70.

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



NAMES ON THE WALL

In many churches there are honour boards for those who served in various wars. Preparing a newsletter item, I chose to research one name thinking this might be an appropriate gesture. I wasn't expecting to be so touched.

I knew none of the names. None of those families remain associated with our congregation. I chose one at random, and set to looking up the Australian War Memorial website.

I discovered 'my' WWI soldier lived just four houses away from my home, enlisted on the first day possible and landed with the Light Horse regiment on Gallipoli. He was a VC. He was wounded and sent to England, later joining the fledgling air force, and was eventually shot down and killed. His distraught family placed moving annual memorial notices in *The Argus* for years.

One name on the wall.

I scanned the fading gold lettering of the other names. Each one a story. Each one a heartbreak.

Lest we forget.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8 **By Ian Menzies**

ADVENT REFLECTION

The Advent Reflection is a series of prayer centres to guide you as you reflect on THE JOURNEY OF THE WISEMEN.

Everyone is welcome Allow 30 – 45 minutes.

Monday 4th December 4.30 – 9pm. The Salvation Army – Mooroolbark Corps, 305 Manchester Road Chirnside Park 3116.

Gold coin donation for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

For further details Beth 0434 720 732

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

TEAR Australia Useful Gift catalogues today

Shop and Speaker next Sunday 19th

The catalogue of Useful Gifts from TEAR Australia will be available at the door as you go out today. Next Sunday 19th November we will have a TEAR Useful Gift Shop at morning tea, so if you read your catalogue this week, you can come along prepared to buy some really useful gifts to help release people from poverty, especially those suffering injustice.

Each card represents a gift – e.g. the Chickens Card for \$5 helps people learn to raise chickens to earn an income. Or the Adult Literacy Card for \$25 helps adults to learn to read and write, which can transform people's lives.

Dr Deborah Storie, a former field worker in Afghanistan with TEAR, and a theologian, will also be speaking next Sunday. She will explain more about the work of TEAR, as well as preaching.

RYDA Christmas Certificates

The 2017 Gift Certificates to support RYDA are now available. Look for a display at morning tea, or

Visit the web

page: <http://www.blackdouglas.com.au/ryda/chrgift.htm>, or

Ring Doug: 0401 177 775

An information sheet is also available to include with the gift to provide the receiver with background about RYDA.