

# What's on at St Margaret's

## ***NOVEMBER Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	20 <sup>th</sup>		
TUESDAY	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
THURSDAY	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Walmsley Village
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering

**INFORMATION: TODAY'S PREACHER: Deborah Storie (TEAR)**

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> PREACHER: Sarah Tomilson**

**CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

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

### **26th NOVEMBER**

Reader: Merle Munday

Ushers: Robert & Marilyn

Tea Station Faye & Alan

Sound Desk Stephen White

Power Point: Alan Norris

Chapel Cleaning Katharine & Ken

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.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Many thanks to those who have purchased Christmas cards.  
There will be no cards available today.

### **FRONTIER SERVICES BOXES**

Many thanks to those who returned their Frontier Services boxes last week. There is still time to return them in the next few weeks.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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](mailto:stmargarets@netspace.net.au) by 10.30a.m. each Thursday



**UNITED TOGETHER**

My labour is one of love, chosen to shine from the heavens above.

This vocation was not necessarily my choice but I've accepted its calling; my vocation was to teach others by using my voice.

In my youth it bubbled and tickled but became lost in my pain and the pain of others, this slowed its growth to nothing but a trickle.

Though I became resistant, life persisted and ultimately saw me through. Slowly helping me to heal the pain; accepting the very existence I ran from wasn't in vain.

It has given me strength to shine a light in places most dark, for this universally conspiring guidance brought back my voice, tickling and bubbling the calling has truly become my choice.

If truth is the key, honesty the lock, Pandora the house then unity is the rock. The foundations we set and never forget are love, hope, faith and forgiveness; they bind this, our human cement.

Hard and everlasting, it is neither a trick nor an illusion we set. Rather life, love and learning are the ultimate yearnings for from history's mistakes we learn to do better, lest we forget.

Be proud of who you are becoming, allow it to be seen.

It is the loudest of whispers and surely our truth; in the allowance of united needs be a uniting proof. United together we all should live under Mother Nature's roof.

We are born from the one Creator, united by our common humanity. How can we use our voices to lift up our fellow brothers and sisters?

**By Russell Hawkins Prater** (Dedicated to my Small Baba)

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

## **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.

**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 shop today**

We welcome Deborah Storie to St Margaret's today. As well as preaching, she will tell us something about the work of TEAR Australia.

After the service, there will be a TEAR Really Useful Gift Shop in the hall at morning tea. If you missed out on a catalogue last week, there will be more available at the stall, and a display of the gift cards to help you choose.

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. TEAR gifts help release people from poverty and injustice to achieve their God-given potential.