

# What's on at St Margarets

## ***NOVEMBER/DECEMBER Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering
MONDAY	27 <sup>th</sup>		
TUESDAY	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
THURSDAY	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		7.30pm	Band Practice
SUNDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		2.00pm	Orchestral Concert & Market

**INFORMATION: TODAY'S PREACHER: Sarah Tomilson**

**CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**

<u>Reader:</u>	Marj Hookey	<u>Ushers:</u>	Faye & Alan Norris
<u>Tea Station</u>	Fay & Rex Phillips	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Graeme & Merle

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

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.

### **Orchestral Concert and Market**

On Sunday afternoon December 3rd the Dandenong Ranges Orchestra will perform here for us. The concert starts at 2:00 (earlier than usual)

Tickets are Adults \$15 Concession \$10.

On the same day after church and during the afternoon you will be able to buy goods made in developing countries at our Alternative Christmas Market. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to the concert.

**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

**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.



## A PLEASANT SUNDAY EVENING

Years ago on a Sunday evening there was a program on the ABC that ran for half-an-hour. Great hymns of faith sang by wonderful choirs were introduced by A E Floyd, the long-time organist at St Paul's Cathedral.

I can still hear his rather quaint but lovely voice. I used to listen to it before I walked into our church next door to take the evening service. One hymn, often repeated, resonated with me. "The day you gave us, Lord, is ended."

Yet when Sunday worship is over and night falls, the church is still unsleeping. All around the world as the new day dawns, worship continues. Prayer is never silent. Fresh voices are praising God and telling of wondrous things happening in his Name.

Sometimes we feel our witness in the world is tiny. But together, with men, women and children around the world we are building the Kingdom. Whatever the hour, day or night, Kingdom people are praising God.

*TIS 458 So be it, Lord; your throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Your kingdom stands, and grows forever,  
Till all your creatures own your sway. Bill Pugh*

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Advance Notice)**

25th February 2018 is the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Annual Reports are requested by 24th January 2018 and can be emailed to [jimoshea@bigpond.com](mailto:jimoshea@bigpond.com) or handed in at the office.

Elections for Elders and Church Councilors will be held at the Annual Meeting. Nominations will open on Sunday 21st January and close at 9:30a.m. on Sunday 11th February.2018.

Yvonne Spicer, Ngun Liam and Robert O'Shea (Church Council) and Karen White (Elder) have completed their term but are eligible for nomination together with any member or member in association of the congregation.

Please give this important matter your prayerful consideration.

Robert O'Shea Secretary

### **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.

### **FAMILY GATHERING TONIGHT**

Come along to the Chapel at 5:30p.m. tonight, Sunday 26th November for our final Family Gathering for this year. Our guest is Sarah Tomilson who will be with us during December and January, A chance to meet and chat together. Bring along a plate of savoury and sweet finger food to share and enjoy fellowship with friends.

Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

### **TEAR Australia Useful Gift shop here 10<sup>th</sup> December**

The TEAR Useful Gift shop will be open again at morning tea on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – instead of being at the Alternative Christmas Market as originally planned. Catalogues will be available at the market.

Each card from the TEAR gift catalogue 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 Australia is a movement of Christians in Australia responding to the needs of poor communities around the world. See [tear.org.au](http://tear.org.au) for more information. If you missed hearing Deborah Storie speak about the work of TEAR, you can find her TEAR talk as well as her sermon at <http://wordpress.stmargaretsuca.org>