

What's on at St Margaret's

JANUARY/FEBRUARY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	28 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	29 th		
TUESDAY	30 th	9.30am	Dad's Army
WEDNESDAY	31 st		
THURSDAY	1 st	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
SUNDAY	4 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

INFORMATION: WELCOME RELIEVING LAY PREACHER: Mrs. Lyn Greenall
CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

4TH FEBRUARY 2018

<u>Reader:</u>	Pat Hamilton	<u>Ushers:</u>	Faye & Alan Norris
<u>Tea Station</u>	Leanne & Judy	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Robert O'Shea

ROSTERS We are about to work on the rosters for March – September 2018. If you are going to be away for a few weeks, please fill in the notice on the board. We do want more volunteers for these positions so let us know if you are willing to assist in any way. Bev Trollope

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet immediately following the Ash Wednesday service Feb. 14th.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD The Bible Study resource With Love to the World is available in the foyer today. It helps if you can contribute \$5 to this – just pop that in the Open Plate next time you are here.

ELDERS MEETING. The Elders will meet on Tuesday evening the 6th of February in the Chapel at 7.30.PM. the change of date is due to a clash with our Pancake Day event.

PANCAKE DAY TEA. Easter is early this year so Pancake Day will be on Tuesday February 13th when we look forward to joining together for a Sausage Sizzle and Pancakes in the playground area at 6.30 pm. As is usual we are inviting you to bring along containers of dry pancake mix. (we only need to add water). We need at least 30 . Please select plain mix . “Greens” or “White Wings” brands are the easiest to use. \$5 per person . \$2 for children. All proceeds to Uniting projects. If you are willing to help on the day please speak to Joyce Dodge.

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.

UCAF A Covenant Service will be held for the fellowship’s main activity in February. The meeting is in the small church on Monday the 5th February at 1.30 pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship including afternoon tea often from the attendee’s kitchens.

ASH WEDNESDAY. Wednesday 14th at 7.30pm an Ash Wednesday service led by Rev Deacon Jenny Preston will be held in the church. Please make a special effort to attend.

LENTEN STUDY - WISDOM’S WAY . Lenten study following church for the Sundays through Lent. Rev, Deacon Jenny Preston will lead the first 2 weeks & then Arnie will follow on as he recommences in March. Please write your name on the list in the foyer today if you would like a study book. Cost \$11.00.



THE "WHICH WAY" SIGNPOST

We are used to signposts for connection to journeys and places. Signposts that warn us of dangers. Sometimes in wartime, signposts were altered to confuse the enemy. Only those who live there know the way.

There was a thoughtful cartoon in The Saturday Age recently. Michael Leunig often makes us think. There were the usual characters, symbols, colours and backdrop. A faint moon in the sky, flowers, green shoots, birds in the sky above, the wonderful ever-present duck and, of course, the indefatigable Mr Curly.

In the middle was a signpost of direction. On the left, a sign pointed to The Mad World. On the right, a sign pointed to Curly Flat. And a determined Mr Curly was setting out to his own special place, Curly Flat, away from The Mad World.

Sometimes you and I often wish we could just get away from The Mad World. So much noise, so much traffic. Terrible news on the TV. The newspapers full of headlines indicating violence across the world. We long to hear the calm and authoritative voice of the Master, in and above the discordance of The Mad World saying, 'Peace be still'.

We, the Church, must be at the 'Which Way Signpost', pointing to the One who is the Way. And we can be assured he will go with us all the way.

Bill Pugh

WANTED A VOLUNTEER. – FOR A SIMPLE TASK to attend the World Day of Prayer meeting on February 9th at St. Peter Julian Eymard Church Friday 9th Feb. at 10.30 am for a short planning meeting. No decision making required! Please see Marj if you can help.

WANTED MORE VOLUNTEERS to help with a simple reading for next Sunday's service. Write your name on the list in the foyer. About 15 "Volunteers" needed.(Marj)

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Your Church Council held its first meeting for 2018 on Wednesday 24th January. Robert began devotions on Baptism reflecting on the hundreds of children who have been baptised at St Margaret's over the years. Jesus' command to his disciples in Matthew 28 v18-20 applies to the church today and is reflected in the promise we as a congregation make as part of every Baptismal Service

There was much correspondence including a member's letter on the future shape of ministry resulting in thoughtful discussion. This will need further consideration in preparation for our next placement but our situation is such that a return to full time ministry is not financially possible.

The Treasurer presented the end of year Financial Report and after discussion Council approved the Proposed 2018 Budget for presentation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday February 25th.

Council also spent time considering future fundraising and developed a proposal for consideration when the Fete is discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Please ask any member of Council if you would like any further information on matters discussed at Council. Robert O'Shea Secretary

ELECTION OF ELDERS AND CHURCH COUNCILLORS.

Nomination forms are now available for election of members as Elders and Church Council. at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Completed forms must be handed to the Secretary before the commencement of worship i.e. by 9:30a.m. on Sunday 11th February 2018.

Yvonne Spicer, Ngun Lian and Robert O'Shea (Church Council) and Karen White

(Elder) are retiring but are eligible for nomination together with any member or member in association of St Margaret's congregation. Please give this matter

WHAT'S OFFERING Congratulations and many thanks to all those who make their offering through envelopes, direct debit or direct transfer. Your generosity and regular giving ensured that with receipts of \$79,858 we EXCEEDED the 2017 Budget by \$2,858.(3.7%) Well done! Robert O'Shea Planned Giving Elder

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**