

What's on at St Margaret's

FEBRUARY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	11 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	12 th		
TUESDAY	13 th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		6.30pm	Pancake Day Tea
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	14 th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
		To follow	Social Justice Committee Meeting
THURSDAY	15 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
SUNDAY	18 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		To follow	Lenten Study

INFORMATION: WELCOME TO:- PREACHER: Rev Deacon JENNY PRESTON
CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

18TH FEBRUARY 2018

<u>Reader:</u>	Robin Butler	<u>Ushers:</u>	Judy & Noel
<u>Tea Station</u>	Pat & Clive	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Dal & Jenny

ROSTERS This is the last week as 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*

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.

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.

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 will commence following morning tea on Sunday 18th February. The Study books are on order. Thanks to those folks who added their names to the list last week. Several books are still available. Wisdom’s Way books are \$11.00 each payable to Marj.

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.



WELCOME TO 2018

You may or may not bother to take on board any New Year resolutions this year, like aiming to achieve or experience new challenges. However most of us will pause for a moment to consider what is left on our 'bucket list' or to-do-list whilst we still enjoy good health and have the time to make necessary preparation.

It may be to enrol in a local U3A course for study or infotainment. Maybe a community choir has a place for you. A local gymnasium or walking group gives needed exercise and has a social side as well.

Whatever takes your fancy, keep in mind the words of a former President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson. He told the students at Swarthmore College: "Do not forget why you are here. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget the errand".

The Friendship Book of 2017 containing this Woodrow Wilson quote, as well as many other inspirational quotes concludes: "May we always remember this one!"

The past is behind us, in another country, as it were, so our option is to look forward, be more involved in God's wonderful world, consuming less, recycling more, and needing to look no further than your family and neighbours.

Geoff Serpell

SAMMY STAMP - Save your stamps for Sammy!

The used stamps you put in the box on the table in the foyer are taken into the Synod Office. Every Thursday in the Synod office a group of volunteers meet to sort and sell stamps. The money raised provides grants for special needs projects in Victoria, Australia and overseas that are worthy of assistance but not covered by other Uniting Church funding. Save your stamps to help. Please leave the stamps attached to paper. To trim the stamps cut around the stamp leaving a 3mm (1/8 inch) margin

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 18th February 2018.**

Yvonne Spicer, Robert O'Shea (Church Council) and Karen White (Elder), retiring members, have been nominated. Lian is not seeking nomination as he is commencing theological studies.

As additional nominations are needed nominations will now close a week later than previously stated. ***Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know would be willing to accept nomination and help serve in either role.*** Any member or member in association is eligible for nomination *Robert O'Shea Secretary of the Congregation*

TERRA CYCLE - RECYCLING PROGRAM – toothpaste tubes boxes, brushes etc plus any make up containers now have a new container – **THE PURPLE BIN** - Jorga and Chloe now have over 2000 items to send away (worth \$20 which they are donating to RYDA) Please continue to save these items – put them in the one bin.

BOOK CHAT

Pick up a copy of "Walking On Bones" by John Cramner and Denham Grierson and join with us in the foyer at 10a.m. on Tuesday 20th February to chat over tea, coffee and cake. Please feel free to borrow a copy to read even if you are unable to join with us on the 20th February. Please return all copies at the Chat or before February 20th. Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393

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**