

# What's on at St Margaret's

## ***FEBRUARY/MARCH Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Annual Meeting
		5.30pm	Family Gathering
MONDAY	26 <sup>th</sup>		
TUESDAY	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	28 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Cluster Meeting
THURSDAY	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
FRIDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am(@SPJ)	World Day of Prayer
SUNDAY	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

**INFORMATION: WELCOME TO:- PREACHER: JENNY PRESTON**  
REV ARNIE WIERENGA will resume in ministry at St. Margaret's next Sunday March 4th following 5 months secondment to Presbytery.

**CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

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

### **4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

<u>Reader:</u>	Dorothy Gordon	<u>Ushers:</u>	Karen & Stephen
<u>Tea Station</u>	Carolyn & Tessa	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Karen & Stephen

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

## **CLUSTER MEETING**

The Outer eastern cluster of churches will meet in the chapel at 4pm on Wednesday, anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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.

## **ELECTION OF ELDERS AND CHURCH COUNCILLORS.**

The following nominations have been received election to Council and as Elder.

### *Church Council*

Yvonne Spicer nom.by Rex Phillips sec. by Fay Phillips for 2 year term.  
Robert O'Shea nom.by Ann Gaudion, sec. by Yvonne Spicer for 2 year term

### *Elder*

Karen White nom. by Marj. Hookey, sec.by Robert O'Shea for 5 year term  
Elections will take place during the Annual Congregational Meeting held as part of today's worship. To be elected persons nominated must receive more than 50% of votes cast by members present at the meeting.  
Robert O'Shea Secretary of the Congregation

## **FAMILY GATHERING TONIGHT**

All are welcome to join with us in the Chapel at 5:30p.m. tonight when our special guest Rev Deacon Jenny Preston will tell us something of visits to Zambia and the special project they support.

Please bring along a plate of savoury and sweet finger food to share.

A great evening and good fellowship is assured.

Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

**World Day of Prayer 2018** will be observed this year on Friday March 2nd at St Peter Julian Eymard Church, Hull Rd., Mooroolbark with a service commencing at 10 am. All welcome.

**ROSTERS** The Rosters are available for March – September 2018

If you did not receive a copy last week there are hard copies available today. If you are unable to do the dates you have been rostered please change with other people. Thank you for your support. *Bev Trollope*



## SAVING OUR WILDLIFE

On a sunny late autumn day, four of us set off for a visit to Healesville Sanctuary. A very pleasant drive through large areas of golden grape vines, then through the tree-lined streets of Healesville.

Arriving at the sanctuary we could hear kookaburras laughing as hard and loud as possible. Magpies tried to compete with them, but it was a losing battle.

The very sleepy koalas are always a popular attraction, particularly to guests from overseas. The keepers were busy re-stocking fresh gum leaves for the next koala meal.

A walk along the paths brought us to an enclosure that housed a number of threatened bird species. What a privilege to see these birds at close quarters. The inquisitive curlews with their thin dainty legs, peeping around rocks to see us, the intruders. It is wonderful to see these birds thriving in this protected area, and hopefully in the wild once released. If only everyone cared for the natural beauty that surrounds us, the sanctuary may not really be needed. How wonderful it would be to see all creatures in their own natural environment.

*"Give yourself the rest you need. When you are walking alone, listen to the sermon preached by the flowers, the trees, the shrubs, the sky, the sun and the whole world.*

*Notice how they preach to you a sermon of love, of praise of God, and how they invite you to proclaim the greatness of the One who has given them being."*

*St John of the Cross*

**Janet Soo**

For anyone who has difficulty with walking, thanks to Dot Farrer we now have available a walker. It will be helpful to anyone wanting help getting from their car into the building and will be kept by the front door so it can be used by as many as need it. If you transport a person who would benefit from its use, collect it from the foyer, and return it there after use ready for someone else.

**TERRA CYCLE - RECYCLING PROGRAM** – toothpaste tubes boxes, brushes etc plus any make up containers now have a new container – THE PURPLE BIN - Jorja 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.

### Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

At the next meeting on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> those attending are invited to bring a favourite Easter hymn. It needs to be one that is available in the Australian Hymn Books, which are housed in the room where UCAF is held. As well as a favourite hymn, people are asked to say why they liked the one chosen. The theme for the meeting is Easter Parade with a starting time of 1.30 as usual.

### Letter Writing

We have another opportunity to make a difference by writing some letters. In the pocket on the Social Justice board you will find guidelines on these issues:-

Peace for the Philippines - concern about Australia's military support  
Let them stay-again - concern for asylum seekers in the Australian community

*Fortunately our letters can have positive results. Here are some examples:-*

- 1) some groups are now excused from forced labour cotton picking in Uzbekistan*
- 2) Victoria will have an independent energy broker for vulnerable families*
- 3) The Federal Government plans to stop bribes being paid to foreign officials*
- 4) The Federal Government has initial plans to stop stolen money being hidden in Australia*