

What's on at St Margaret's

FEBRUARY Diary Dates

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| SUNDAY | 4 th | 9.25am | Quiet time – candle lit |
| | | 9.30am | Sunday Service |
| MONDAY | 5 th | 1.30pm | UCAF |
| TUESDAY | 6 th | 7.30pm | Elders Meeting |
| WEDNESDAY | 7 th | | |
| THURSDAY | 8 th | 9.45am–10.45am | Music Together |
| | | 10.30am- 12 noon | Church Office Open |
| SUNDAY | 11 th | 9.25am | Quiet time – candle lit |
| | | 9.30am | Sunday Service |

INFORMATION:

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

11TH FEBRUARY 2018

Reader: Katharine Davies Ushers: Jan Down/Judy Bass
Tea Station Jean & Bev Sound Desk
Power Point: Michael Down Chapel Cleaning Marj Hookey

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 *PS It is there this week!!!!!!*

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.

ELDERS will meet on Tuesday this week at 7.30 PM in the chapel.

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. 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 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.



Lentara

ASYLUM-SEEKER SUPPORT PROGRAM NEWS -

Through our Uniting Church offerings and donations, we are helping to support Lentara's Intensive casework through a team of qualified caseworkers. We also help support rent-free accommodation through a pool of 18 donated properties. Families are generally given a whole property to themselves, while singles are often placed in male-only or female-only share-houses. This increases socialising and emotional support for asylum seekers who are at risk of social isolation and mental health problems, while reducing living costs through shared meals and utilities.

We help provide a Basic Living Allowance of \$100/month

Our giving assists with utilities and other bills and limited material aid including food hampers, cleaning products, toiletries, clothes and furniture

We are helping to provide specific support groups such as the very popular monthly Women's Group which includes arts and crafts, excursions, music and other activities.

Very importantly our gifts help to provide individual and systemic advocacy and research.

St.Margaret's congregation generously supports this work through a major contribution from the proceeds of our Annual Fete in November.

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 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 your prayerful consideration.

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