

# What's on at St Margaret's

## ***MARCH Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study
MONDAY	12 <sup>th</sup>		
TUESDAY	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
		7.30pm	Elders Meeting
WEDNESDAY	14 <sup>th</sup>		
THURSDAY	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		8.00pm	Choir practice
SUNDAY	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

**INFORMATION: ARNIE WIERENGA.** INFORMATION Please note that Arnie may be contacted in the following ways:- MOBILE: 0419 553 434  
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Arnie will take his day off on FRIDAY each week . Unless there is an emergency please respect his opportunity to relax on this day free from phone calls.

**CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

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

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

<u>Reader:</u>	Karen White	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jean & Lynette
<u>Tea Station</u>	Nancy & Ann	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	G & M Munday

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.

**YOUR FREE INVITATION** to attend the 23rd Annual MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY at the Holy Cross Centre, 227 Serpells Road, Templestowe on PALM SUNDAY, 25th March at 1.30pm and again on GOOD FRIDAY 30th March at 10am  
Ample free parking available. ALL WELCOME  
more information: <[www.passionplay.info](http://www.passionplay.info)> or contact Gino Gammaldi on 0422662451 or Dawn Quintal on 0411957164

### **BOOK CHAT- "An Ordinary Bloke"**

This book is the story of the life of an "EXTRAORDINARY bloke" who *"established a business that became the largest capital city metropolitan parcel organisation in Australia"* and *"realised his dream of using the profits to support Christian missions and challenge unjust social structures"*

Pick up a copy to read and join with us in the foyer at 9:30a.m. on Tuesday 27th March to chat and enjoy tea, coffee and cake. You are welcome to borrow a copy to read even if you can't come to Book Chat. Please return all copies at the Book Chat or before March 27th.  
Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393

**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.

LENTEN STUDY will be held in the church following morning tea this morning. there are still two spare books.

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



## GUERRILLA GRATEFULNESS

Our church's plumbago bush, in a raised feature bed, was rampaging out of control. Mowing the lawns, I would eye it off for action and then run out of steam. Suddenly, one Sunday it was gone and the next day some lovely new plants were enjoying being admired by the arriving congregants.

Later, along came some mulch and the garden-bed was picture-perfect. "It wasn't me," was my response to the enquiring. A 'guerrilla gardener' had been at work.

You know the signs. The dust under the pews disappears or the silverware is polished. The kitchen cupboards have a wipe out and tidy up. Cobwebs vanish, hymnbooks are straightened, light bulbs are changed and noticeboards updated.

Guerrillas are at work. Perhaps you are one. I, for one, am grateful for such quiet thoughtfulness.

*Each one should use whatever gift he or she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

**Ian Menzies**

### **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*

**EASTER BISCUITS** Easter is coming fast.

Prison Fellowship Victoria are asking for home made biscuits for 75,000 prisoners this Easter.

Each prisoner will receive a package of 10 biscuits and a message.

The plain biscuits recommended: are Anzac's ,Choc Chip, firm shortbread, ginger, coconut etc **Nothing Containing Nuts.**

Our congregation has supported this a kind act most generously in past years which brings comfort and encouragement to prisoners who are reached by this ministry.

**Note--** Easter is early this year, so we have only two weeks to bring our contribution to church. The biscuits are needed by Friday 16th March. Julie Robinson will be co ordinating the delivery of the biscuits to the Prison Fellowship office on 16<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your biscuits to church in a sealed container and place them in the carton provided.

If you need your contribution to be picked up, please contact Julie on 9727 2736. Thank you in anticipation Julie Robinson

**Uniting Church Adult Fellowship**

Those present not only enjoyed singing the wonderful poetry of their favourite hymns, but Dorothy Gordon's book about hymns was read from concerning most of them. People not only got their breath, but also learnt amazing things about why Christians of former years wrote that particular hymn. For instance George Matheson who wrote "O Love that will not let me go" became completely blind at the age of eighteen. He went on to become a great preacher. "All things bright and beautiful" was written for Sunday School children who were being instructed on the basics of the faith. God made heaven and Earth. Things that interested children were put into that hymn. Katharine Davies

**FOOD FOR WESLEY & HELPING HAND.** Please continue to remember those in our community who, because of personal circumstance, must seek support. The food items we collect for them to give to those in need are greatly appreciated.