

What's on at St Margaret's

MARCH Diary Dates

SUNDAY	18 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study
TUESDAY	20 th	7.30pm	Bowls
THURSDAY	22 nd	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Walmsley Village Communion
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		8.00pm	Choir practice
SUNDAY	25 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering

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

25th March 2018

<u>Reader:</u>	Merle Munday	<u>Ushers:</u>	Fay & Rex
<u>Tea Station</u>	Karen & Stephen	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Dal Drieberg
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Michael Down

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.

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

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> 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"*
He made the front page of The Age newspaper when he gave away \$23 million. Pick up a copy to read and join with us in the foyer at 10:00a.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.

FAMILY GATHERING All are welcome, so come along to the chapel at 5:30p.m. on Sunday 25th March when Julie Robinson will be our special guest. Julie's topic is "The Family of Jesus".
Please bring a plate of savoury and sweet finger food to share and enjoy fellowship with friends. Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

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



ON YOKES AND BURDENS

In my imagination I have always thought that, as a youth, Jesus would have been found in Joseph's workshop honing his carpenter's skills. He would be shaping yokes for the animals brought to Joseph by their owners.

I imagine Jesus carefully making sure the yokes were skilfully made so there would be no chaffing or rubbing. They would be made to fit the animal perfectly. Then what about the burdens? Some years ago my good friend Janet and I found ourselves in the Dissenters' Cemetery in City Road, London.

We found the tomb of John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*. The tomb has a bas-relief sculpture on one side depicting a poor Pilgrim bowed down by a great burden on his back. On the other side, the Pilgrim was shown at the foot of the Cross, his bundle at his feet.

Thank you, God, that we have found in Jesus, our friend and Saviour.

Jesus said, *"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* – Matthew 11: 28-30

Joan Addinsall

Celebrate Mooroolbark

Next Saturday March 24th we can participate in this community festival. The theme this year is Inclusion – No Boundaries.

St Margaret's will have a stall with activities for children. We would welcome your visit and some help on the day. For example, one activity includes Morse Code. Could you tell the children about that?

If you would like to help please speak to Jan or Michael Down, OR Joyce Dodge.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP EASTER BAKE 2018

I would like to thank most sincerely all those kind and generous people of St Margaret's who responded to the request from Prison Fellowship for home-made biscuits to be given this Easter to thousands of prisoners in Victoria.

You surpassed all previous years at short notice with only one week to bake them. I was amazed to find **29 containers** of delicious biscuits of many varieties so well presented. I delivered them to the Prison Fellowship headquarters on Thursday.

We know that the prisoners are surprised and glad to receive a packet of 10 biscuits and an Easter message. The taste of home made ones can bring a tear to the eye as better times are remembered.

Your special gift shows them someone cares.

Once again, my heartfelt thanks. Julie Robinson.

PS An earring fell out of the carton I was unpacking at home.

Just call me on 0449 159 221 to get it

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL

We share a simple meal in the Chapel on Maundy Thursday of soup and bread. I have two offers of soup but would appreciate 2 to 3 more.

If you would like to assist in this way please let Merle know today.

Thanks - Marj H.

THE LINK will be available for collection on Sunday 1st April – Easter Day.

Thank you all for your patience, thanks too, to those who have contributed the many interesting articles that will appear in this issue. My absence for a week on holiday has caused the problem. *Marj - Editor.*

THE GOOD NEWS. The high windows project is completed and the tiler has replaced the broken tiles and checked the roof for leaks following the work. P&F Committee.

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.