

What's on at St Margaret's

/MARCH/APRIL Diary Dates

SUNDAY	25 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study
TUESDAY	27 th	5.30pm	Family Gathering
		9.30am	Dad's Army
		10.00am	Book Chat
WEDNESDAY	28 th	7.30pm	Bowls
		7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
THURSDAY	29 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
		6.30pm	Upper Room Meal
FRIDAY	30 th	9.30am	Good Friday Service
SATURDAY	31 st	11.00am	Labyrinth Vigil
SUNDAY	1 st	6.00am	Dawn Service Lilydale Lake
		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

1st April 2018

<u>Reader:</u>	Robin Butler	<u>Ushers:</u>	Merle & Graeme
<u>Tea Station</u>	Faye & Alan	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Robert O'Shea

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

2nd April is the date for the next meeting which is to be an Easter Parade. Those coming are invited to bring a decorated hat. Starting time is 1.30p.m. As May 7th meeting is to be the date the Presbytery UCAF groups are invited to meet at St Margaret's, a bit of time will be taken allotting jobs to members as the local group will be hosting the day with a bit of help from others..



A STARRY NIGHT

We were on a viewing platform under a clear sky at Uluru. A resident astronomer decoded the Southern Cross, the signs of the zodiac and the Milky Way as we gazed in wonder. There were many more twinkling lights in the heavens. So many that the eye could not see, with many more undiscovered, light years away. Our eyes and minds could take no more.

We sat in silence and marvelled. My thoughts turned to Psalm 8. *"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars which you have set in place, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?"*

What is more, we are a little lower than the angels in the scheme of things. And we are honoured to be made in God's image, called to be responsible carers of the earth, seas and all creatures God has made.

Our response is surely, in wonder, thanksgiving and praise, to say, "O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

In quietness take time to ponder what it means to consider God's creative work.

Bill Pugh

BOOK CHAT- Tuesday 27th March

Join with us at 10:00a.m. next Tuesday to chat about our book, the story of "An Ordinary Bloke" and enjoy tea, coffee and cake. 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 TONIGHT

All are welcome, so come along to the chapel at 5:30p.m. tonight, Sunday 25th March. 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

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 stamp. 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

EASTER SERVICES

March 29th 6.30pm

Upper Room meal

Soup & bread, readings from “Last supper”, communion, foot washing

March 30th 9.30am

Good Friday

“Into the darkness” service of reflection and lament

March 31st 11.00am

Labyrinth vigil

The time between. A time to walk, pray, reflect.

April 1st 9.30am

Easter Celebration

We celebrate that “Christ is Risen”
And we share Holy Communion

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.

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.

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