

What's on at St Margaret's

APRIL Diary Dates

SUNDAY	1st	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Easter Sunday Service
MONDAY	2 nd	1.30pm	U.C.A.F.
TUESDAY	3rd	7.30pm	Bowls
THURSDAY	5th	10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
SUNDAY	8 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

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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

RYDA Update

The new shower toilet block to service the recently completed boys' dormitory needs to be finished. Roofing, painting, fixtures and such. Not a lot to do, but not something that should wait either. The boys are currently using older facilities across the compound, which means a walk in all weather. If you would like to donate please see Doug, Marj, or Ann.

8th April 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Pat Hamilton	<u>Ushers:</u>	Faye & Alan
<u>Tea Station</u>	June & Denise	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Marj Hookey



INDELIBLE WRITING

A teacher at our school had the task of interviewing students suspected of doing wrong things. He had a special way of getting at the truth. Sometimes, if he felt the student was giving false information, he would say, "just a moment, while I write that down." Invariably the student would say "No sir, please don't write that down." And the truth would gradually come out.

At Golgotha, Pilate wrote a notice and put it on the cross – "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. The chief priests said to Pilate, "Do not write 'the King of the Jews', but rather, 'this man said, I am the King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered and said, "What I have written, I have written." He refused to change it. For him it was indelible.

Recorded in the scriptures, translated into many languages, that notice stands in judgment upon all who had put an innocent man to death. Three days later the empty tomb and the presence of the Lord witnessed to the world that Jesus was indeed Lord and King, not only of the Jews, but of all.

At Easter we see written large everywhere the indelible truth, the Good News of Easter. With all the Church, we can rejoice, praise Him, and sing,
THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELULIA!

Bill Pugh

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

Tomorrow 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.

FAMILY GATHERING All present enjoyed an interesting evening at Family Gathering last Sunday with Julie Robinson speaking on "The Family of Jesus." Julie had put in a lot of research tracing the ancestry and life of Jesus and his family raising some interesting thoughts and questions. Join with us at 5:30p.m. on April 22nd when we meet for our next Family Gathering.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT At its meeting last Wednesday Arnie led Devotions on the final chapters of John's Gospel which contain Jesus' farewell discourse to the disciples. Love is the key theme throughout. Arnie challenged us asking -How do we listen for the gift of love as we gather at the table at Easter and how do we go forward embodying love in the world? Council heard a report on our involvement in the Red Earth Festival. Our thanks to Jan. Michael and Joyce and to Ken and Katharine who combined their ANTAR stall with them. Did you make your way through the drenching rain to say "well done" to them? The organisers advised stalls to pack up at midday - a sensible decision given the drenching rain. Amongst Council correspondence were "thankyou certificates" from TEAR for our donation \$890 (Christmas stall) and the Christmas Bowl for \$1279 donation. Treasurer Ann reported that all is going well financially however at this stage of the year. All the work in connection with the window replacement project has been completed. This included replacing tiles damaged in the process and fitting a new skylight broken during these works The company cleaning the guttering took before and after photos of the work, vacuumed the down pipes and cleaned the solar panels. Essential works - \$1,300. Music Together is going well with 12 in attendance last week and Karen White and Judy DeVoogd are continuing the Kids Hope Program at Kilsyth Primary School. Both are important outreach programs. Following discussion Council agreed that we would return to the system as last year for .75 ministry.i.e. "Week away" for Arnie each month. A timetable showing this will be developed and published shortly and a meeting held for those interested and involved in worship to organise services when Arnie isn't here. As always, an interesting evening. Please do not hesitate to ask if you would like further information on matters discussed. Robert O'Shea Secretary

Help Asylum Seekers via an Op Shop

The Outer Eastern Asylum Seeker Support Network locates houses for asylum seekers then pays the rent for them. This is needed because there is a lack of government support for them. During May the OEASSN will be able to raise some funds by stocking and operating the Lions Club of Waverley Op Shop for two weeks. You may have some goods which could be sold. They are looking for good quality goods such as:- *bric-a-brac, china, glasses, vases, clean clothing in good repair, kitchen ware, books, CDs, DVDs, children's toys* Until mid April these goods, clearly identified, can be brought to the church and given to Joyce Dodge

Clare Boyd-Macrae is to come and speak to book groups on Monday 9 April at 7.30 – approx. 9pm.at the Montrose Uniting Church. This is from Montrose ladies book group. Her topic will be 'Talking with God, talking about God' Clare Boyd-Macrae was born and completed primary school in India before moving to Melbourne in 1971. She has lived in the UK, Ireland and country Victoria; for more than two decades now she has lived in Brunswick. She shares a house with her husband Alistair, with whom she has four adult children.

She has had many jobs in her life and was trained as a nursing sister but re-trained as a writer and editor in the late 90s and has worked in that field ever since. Her current day job is in administration and event management.

A regular contributor to *The Melbourne Age*, Clare has a monthly column with *The Melbourne Anglican* and has had three books published: *Three Gates to Paradise* in 2006, *The Whole Shebang* in 2008 and *Off the Page* in 2017.

Most of Clare's favourite pursuits are solitary ones: walking, reading, writing and contemplative prayer but she also loves spending time with family and friends, especially over food. She is an active member of the Uniting Church.

THE LINK will be available for collection Today 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF THANKS MAYORAL BREAKFAST.

Will be held on Saturday 26th May 7.45am – 10.00 am at the Foothills Conference Centre, Edinburgh Rd. Lilydale. The guest speaker will be Tim Costello. Marj is now seeking expressions of interest for what should be a really popular event. We would like to book a table but need 10 names(or more) for a firm booking. \$25 per head.

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