

What's on at St Margaret's

APRIL /MAY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	29 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
TUESDAY	1 st	7.30pm	Bowls
THURSDAY	3 rd	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
SUNDAY	6 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

INFORMATION: ARNIE WIERENGA. INFORMATION Arnie is away on study leave from Monday 30 April to Sunday 6th May.

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

FAMILY GATHERING

Last Sunday at Family Gathering all present enjoyed Marj's interesting and informative talk on critically endangered Victorian wildlife and the efforts being made to breed and protect them in the wild. On May 27th Barry Brown is our special guest speaking on Mark. Mark the date in your diary and come along for an interesting and informative evening, good food and enjoy fellowship together.

Robert O'Shea 97352393

6th MAY 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Marj Hookey	<u>Ushers:</u>	Pat & Clive
<u>Tea Station</u>	Carolyn & Tessa	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Katharine & Ken

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



A PARSONAGE CHILD IN AVOCA

My father, Rev Roy Addinsall, came to Avoca in April 1934 from East Kew accompanied by his wife Lillace and me, their only child.

Back then, Methodist ministers moved from circuit to circuit like clockwork. When they moved, their final service and farewell took place on the first Sunday of April. The minister had to be preaching in his new Circuit on the third Sunday in April.

There was very little to move because in Methodist Parsonages 'everything was found' from linen, cutlery, bedding, furniture etc. All we had to pack were books clothing and the bits and pieces that had been accumulated in preceding years including Mother's Singer sewing machine.

One of these items was my tricycle, which I had missed in the time between leaving East Kew and arriving at Avoca. On the day of our arrival at Avoca, when the local people were at the Parsonage to welcome the new family, I managed to ride my tricycle off the northern veranda, not being accustomed to having an elevated veranda in East Kew!

Moving in April was hard on Parsonage children who had to make their way in schools in which classes were well established. The saving grace was that these little towns (Avoca, Rainbow and Daylesford in my case) were always welcoming and interested in the new minister's family.

let us give thanks for the generosity and hard work of all who have been involved in ministry and families who support them in their endeavours.

Joan Addinsall

Letter Writing Here are three more matters you may like to write letters about.

- Keep Victoria's land registry in our hands
- Ensure your voice is not stifled (speaking up about concerns)
- Compensation not Litigation (Fortescue Metals and local Aboriginal people)

The letter guidelines are in a pocket on the Social Justice board.

On Monday, May 7th the St Margaret's Uniting Church is to be the venue for the Yarra Yarra Presbytery UCAF May Gathering, hosted by our own UCAF group. We need a lot of help to do this well! We have already had agreement for **some to help us, but this is a particular appeal for help in** the catering department and help with setting up, serving etc. We are to provide Morning Tea for about 70 people from 9.30 till 9.50 am. Then at lunch time, participants consume their own lunch, and we are to provide the tea and coffee to go with it. We need help with providing the food, setting up, serving and clearing away. If you can help with food for morning tea, or time on the day, please contact Dorothy Gordon 9725 0733 or emhill@iinet.net.au or write your name on the list .

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Appropriately Marj led Devotions discussing Anzac Day when Council met last Wednesday. The role of Christians in war was considered and the changing emphasis on Anzac Day to the greater consideration of the sacrifice and suffering involved and the lasting effect of war on individuals

Council approved a week's study leave for Arnie at the beginning of May, the baptism of Elizabeth Nicole Joy in July and sessions of Safe Church Training on Tuesday May 22nd and Wednesday June 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Financially we are in a sound position at this stage of the year and we have funds available to cover the cost of painting the exterior of the church buildings. We have accepted a quote for \$18,480 plus \$1,760 for the cost of the boom needed to allow the cross to be painted. It is hoped the work will commence shortly. Planning is under way to repair the damage to the ceiling in the small hall. Council is grateful to Dads Army for all their efforts to maintain grounds and buildings in good order.

Reports to Council reflect the level of involvement in the wide range of activities at St Margaret's. The men's Bible study meets regularly, Music Together is enjoyed by an increased number of families, the UCAF is hosting members from across the Presbytery in May. Elders meet together each month to consider pastoral concerns and to pray the list. Our involvement at Kilsyth Primary through Kids Hope is greatly appreciated.

Much goes on often unnoticed and Council appreciates the efforts of all involved in the groups and activities, in mission and ministry at St Margarets.

Robert O'Shea Secretary Church Council

A Petition about Refugees

We give everyone a chance to sign a petition about our country's treatment of refugees. If you read the content of the request below, then you can decide if you will sign.

Justice for Refugees

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of the Australian Refugee Action Network, draws to the attention of the House that:

- Indefinite detention has undeniably harmed innocent people seeking asylum, both on shore and offshore,
- Refugees have the right to protection, and opportunities to rebuild their lives in a safe environment, and
- Nauru and PNG do not offer prospects for a reasonable future for people in need of protection.

We ask the House to:

- Provide permanent protection to refugees who have sought protection in Australia,
- Evacuate all offshore camps and bring all of the people detained there to safety in Australia,
- End indefinite detention,
- Ensure that determination processes are thorough, fair and timely,
- Cease the demonisation of refugees, and lead a constructive and respectful dialogue, and
- Legislate to protect the rights of refugees and people who seek asylum in Australia.

THE LINK Thanks to all who supplied material for the last Link published on 1st April. There have been some appreciative comments from readers. Now it is time to commence preparing the June copy. I would be really pleased to receive any contributions from readers. I need to have copy by Wednesday 16th May. Email to marjhoockey@hotmail.net.au is the easiest way and preferably as a 'word' attachment. If you do not have a computer, your handwritten contribution will also be most acceptable. Doug suggested some stories about your grandchildren. Have you been on an interesting holiday recently? Can you write a poem? Tell us about where you grew up or of a life changing experience. Marj Hookey, Editor.