

# What's on at St Margaret's

## ***APRIL Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering
MONDAY	23 <sup>rd</sup>		
TUESDAY	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
THURSDAY	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Walmsley Village Communion
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
SUNDAY	29 <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  
 EMAIL: arniew1965@gmail.com MAIL - P.O. BOX 306 MOOROOLBARK, 3138  
 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

### 29th April 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Carolyn Dunkley	<u>Ushers:</u>	Robert & Marilyn
<u>Tea Station</u>	Jean & Bev	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Karen & Stephen

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



## A WISPY CLOUD

It was early spring. We were having a cuppa on the front porch, a privilege of retirement. It was a lovely sunny morning. The garden was buzzing with signs of new life. Daffodils, jonquils, freesias and daphne on display. The lorikeets and honeyeaters were in turn feasting on the flowering coastal banksia, grevilleas and correas. A wonderful display of nature.

Surely no artist could do justice to this scene. Then above us in the cloudless blue sailed a tiny wispy cloud. The signature of an artist. Surely reminding us of the signs of God in all things. A Wispy Cloud, the brush stroke of the Divine Artist.

In his Canticle of the Sun, Francis of Assisi put into the most beautiful poetry his praise to God as Creator for all life. His words, translated from the original Italian by William Draper, form the hymn of praise we sing in Church. In one verse, as a lover of the outdoors and all nature, he writes of the sky and his observations of wind and cloud thus:

*Swift-rushing winds that are so strong,  
And clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!*

And we learned that morning on the porch, that even in a tiny wispy cloud, his hand was there, in all were seeing, hearing, and sensing in this little cameo of spring.

Spend time in meditation on such a wonder, and what it means for you, and praise Him. **Bill Pugh**

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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@inet.net.au](mailto:emhill@inet.net.au) or write your name on the list .

### **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.

[marjhoockey@hotmail.net.au](mailto:marjhoockey@hotmail.net.au) or 9726 7286.

**FAMILY GATHERING** Everyone is welcome to join with us this Sunday 22nd April at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel when Marj Hookey will be our special guest to share some "Sanctuary Tales". Please bring along some savoury and sweet finger food to share. An interesting and enjoyable evening is assured.  
Robert O'Shea

### **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](mailto: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.

**WINTER NIGHT SHELTER 1<sup>st</sup> June – 31 August**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Local churches are working together this winter to help men and women experiencing homelessness in the Yarra Ranges area. They are needed every day to staff evening (5.30 – 10pm) overnight (10pm – 7am\*) and breakfast (7am – 9am). We will also need drivers to move the trailer during the day between venues or to drive guests to the church at 6pm. We also need people to staff the Daytime Support Centre which will open from 1 -6pm Mon-Fri in Mt Evelyn. Go to [stableone.org](http://stableone.org) for more information. There are some flyers available. *\*Three volunteers are rostered on this shift including at least one male. Turns are taken to sleep with two always awake.*

A Petition about Refugees Next Sunday we will 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.

Thanks From Geoffrey I write to acknowledge the receipt of funds. The donor funds have been credited to our account. Once again on behalf of Rubaga Youth Development Association (RYDA) I write to extend our sincere appreciation to all donors for the support they have continued to give to the new shower block project. It has come at the right period where such support is needed to accomplish it.