

What's on at St Margarets

APRIL Diary Dates

SUNDAY	8 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	9 th	5.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
TUESDAY	10 th	9am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Elders Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	11 th	8.00pm	Social Justice Meeting
THURSDAY	12 th	10.30am	Baradine A.C. Communion
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
SUNDAY	15 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

15th April 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Yvonne Spicer	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jan Down/Judy Bass
<u>Tea Station</u>	Pat & Clive	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Dal & Jenny

The Church Office is open on Thursday mornings 10.30am – 12 Noon telephone number 9723 7323 Notices can be emailed to st margarets@netspace.net.au by 10.30a.m. each Thursday



TAKE A SEAT

Our local council offers a hard rubbish collection upon request, so from time-to-time random piles of discards appear on nature strips awaiting removal.

Recently I noticed such a collection outside of the home of Bob, our late Church Council Chair, who died many years ago. His daughter and her family still live in the home.

Central to the pile was a battered old sofa of the mid-century, heavily-patterned-with-roses style. Clearly worn out, it nevertheless evoked instant memories of home groups, subcommittees and hospitality. When he retired, Bob took to baking and was a dab hand at it too.

How many hours had I sat on that sofa, what stories it could tell! Wistful with memories, I stopped to inspect. "Take a seat," I could almost hear Bob say, proffering his biscuits and tea, but I didn't consider purloining the old sofa as it was clearly well past its prime.

What wasn't past usefulness was the wisdom of my old friend and mentor; and I now fill the role he once did. Chancing upon that clear-out gave me a chance to remember, reflect and appreciate.

It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding. Daniel 2:21 **Ian Menzies**

UCAF April 2018

Thirteen people were at the April meeting and joined in the devotions led by Betty Jones. After a summary of correspondence and birthday greetings, the President, Dorothy Gordon, outlined the Yarra Yarra Presbytery UCAF May Gathering. She asked for volunteers to man various needed sections as it is to be at St Margaret's on the day of the next meeting. The commencement is to be at 9.30 in the morning. A parade of the Easter Bonnets, which people had decorated and brought to wear that day, was followed by the usual delicious afternoon tea.

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.

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.

marjhookey@hotmail.net.au or 9726 7286.

Social Justice Meeting

The next meeting for social justice will be on Wednesday April 11th at 8:00 pm

Upcoming Billanook College Tour Dates

School At Work Tour	Friday 11 May at 9.30 am
Early Years Walk	Wednesday 30 May at 9.30am
<i>Early Learning and Prep Program tour</i>	
Saturday Morning College Tour	Saturday 16 June at 10.00 am

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER 1st 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 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.

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.

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