

# What's on at St Margarets

## ***MAY Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
TUESDAY	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
		7.30pm	The Safe Church Awareness Workshop
WEDNESDAY	23 <sup>rd</sup>	4.00pm	Cluster Meeting
		7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
THURSDAY	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Walmsley Village Communion
		10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
SUNDAY	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering

**INFORMATION: ARNIE WIERENGA. INFORMATION: ARNIE IS TO AWAY DUE TO THE 26<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> BEING ON ONE WEEK ANNUAL LEAVE.**

**The Minister will be BARRY BROWN.**

**CONTACTS WHILE ARNIE IS AWAY - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

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

### **27<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

<u>Reader</u>	Ken Davies	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jean & Lynette
<u>Tea Station</u>	Karen & Stephen	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Robert O'Shea

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



## WELCOMING THE STRANGER

I am fortunate enough to be able to occasionally travel to some exotic destinations.

I have found that some of the most memorable highlights for me have been found in the hospitality shown by locals met by chance on the way.

Buying pastries from a tiny store in Tibet then being followed across the street by the elderly vendor with tea to accompany them; a public bus conductor in India proffering cardamom seeds to chew; the gracious welcome to curious foreigners into private homes in foreign lands.

Wordlessly crossing language barriers with smiles and gestures, such simple generosity ranks just as high as the iconic destinations in my memories.

So how do we welcome the stranger, both on an individual, personal basis and collectively as a society? Are our actions generous and unconditional? Do we expect the best or fear the worst?

The saying is travel broadens the mind. Perhaps it can challenge our attitudes as well.

*Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1*

**Ian Menzies**

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.

**Reconciliation Event** A new addition to our church library is the book Dark Emu by Aboriginal writer Bruce Pascoe. It tells of Aboriginal use of the land prior to settlement. The writer will be the key speaker at a free event in Healesville on Friday June 1st. RSVP by May 25th. See the details on the notice board.

**BOOK SALE** This coming week large notices will be displayed along the church frontage advertising the **BOOK SALE** and **DEVONSHIRE TEAS** event to be held on **Saturday 16th June from 10am to 1pm.**

Please set some time aside to come and patronise this fund raising event. The scones will be made on site and the jam will be home made! Please come and enjoy a little time together at St. M.

### **YOU'RE INVITED TO BE A PART OF A SAFE PLACE!**

The Safe Church Awareness Workshop provides local volunteers and leaders with knowledge and understanding of our Safe Church policy and procedures. It gives you the opportunity to understand the importance of striving to be a Safe Church in our community and how you are an important part in our success

**Appointed leaders are required to attend training** and as such we will keep a record of attendance.

Appointed leaders are those who have been specifically asked and expected to hold a Working with Children Check (WWCC). These include Elders, Church Councillors, Sunday Activities Leaders, musicians, Power Point and Sound Desk operators, those involved in Kids Hope and Music Together, Lay Preachers and Retired Clergy. If you are in doubt, please ask or just come along to a training session to be informed.

We are offering two evening training sessions (people only need to attend ONE of these): **Tuesday May 22nd at 7:30pm OR Wednesday June 13th at 7:30pm.** Other churches will also have training if you cannot attend one of the above dates.

For more information, contact Rev. Arnie 0419 553 434.

**CLUSTER MEETING** The next meeting of the Cluster will be held at 4pm in the Chapel on next Wednesday May 23rd.

### **BOOK CHAT**

*"God with Us" - the meaning of the cross and resurrection. Then and now.*

Pick up a copy this great book by Rowan Williams and come along at 10.a.m. on Tuesday 19th June to "chat" and enjoy a cuppa and cake together.

You are welcome to borrow a copy to read even if you are unable to join in the chat. Please return your copy by Sunday 19th or when we meet.

Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393

### **Singularity Sings For RYDA**

Please put aside Sunday June 3rd, 2:30pm for a wonderful afternoon of music and silliness as Singularity presents Gilbert & Sullivan's Iolanthe in concert to support Rubaga Youth Development Association. Afternoon tea included.

**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.

**FOOD FOR WESLEY & HELPING HAND.** Please continue to remember those in our community who, because of personal circumstance, must seek support. The food items we collect for them to give to those in need are greatly appreciated.

**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 stamps. 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

### **FAMILY GATHERING**

. 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

**THE LINK** THANKS to all who have written articles for inclusion in our June Link. I greatly appreciate your efforts. Marj