

# What's on at St Margaret's

## **MAY/JUNE Diary Dates**

SUNDAY	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am 9.30am 5.30pm	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service Family Gathering
TUESDAY	29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls
THURSDAY	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am–10.45am 10.30am- 12 noon	Music Together Church Office Open
SUNDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.25am 9.30am 2.30pm	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service Singularity sings for RYDA

**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. WE WELCOME REV. DR. BARRY BROWN HERE TODAY.**  
**CONTACTS WHILE ARNIE IS AWAY - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**  
 Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286 Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2018</b>			
<u>Reader</u>	Dorothy Gordon	<u>Ushers:</u>	Fay & Rex
<u>Tea Station</u>	June & Denise	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Marj Hookey

**FAMILY GATHERING - Tonight Sunday 27th May**  
 All are welcome in the Chapel at 5:30p.m. tonight when our special guest is Rev Dr Barry Brown. His topic is "Mark". Bring along some savoury and sweet finger food to share and enjoy fellowship together. Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

**Plant Stall** On the day of the Book Sale (**June 16th**) we will be having a 'modest' plant stall. If you'd like to make some contributions please bring them on the day or let Joyce Dodge know about them earlier.

The Church Office is open on Thursday mornings 10.30am – 12 Noon telephone number 9723 7323 Notices can be emailed to [stmarginarets@netspace.net.au](mailto:stmarginarets@netspace.net.au) by 10.30a.m. each Thursday



## USE BY DATE

We have a lovely old tea-tree which we planted in 1970. Each year it has a display of white flowers that provides shade and shelter underneath. For some time now it has started to lean over, gradually bending. Will it finally rest on the ground? Does it have a use by date?

Every year, one remaining tall straight branch from the old tree still blossoms, providing an umbrella of shade for visiting birds. There is no USE BY DATE in its plans. And it will outlive the present gardeners!

As we age we sometimes feel creaks and groans. Some of us develop a lean. And we have to do exercises to straighten up and recommended walking. Aging reminds us we all have a kind of USE BY DATE. When will it be? The Bible tells us firmly that this is God's business. In fact Ecclesiastes 3 rings true. The Philosopher, as the author is sometimes called, proclaims, *"Everything in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and a time for death"*. All created things have their appointed time to begin and end. There is good advice for us here. Now, today, we still have time to make the most of what is left for us, to be useful. We may feel a bit feeble, but there is much we can still achieve. Psalm 90:12 has a word for each of us, whatever our age:

*Teach us how short our life is,  
So that we may become wise.  
To do that we will need a constant presence.*

**Bill Pugh**

### **BOOK CHAT-changed date**

*"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 26th 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 24th or when we meet.  
Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393

**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.

The second evening training session **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.

### **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.

#### **Afternoon Tea? Yes Please.**

If you are coming to the Singularity performance of Iolanthe on June 3rd, 2:30pm, please bring a plate of afternoon tea. We will have 30+ wonderful performers to refuel as well as ourselves. Thanks. We're all looking forward to a fun afternoon to support Rubaga Youth Development Association.

### **ART FROM THE VILLAGE**

21st May to 13th July at Maroondah Access Gallery in the Maroondah Federation Estate, Greenwood Ave., Ringwood. 10 am - 4 pm Monday to Friday Presented by Gifford Arts - Croydon North.

### **JUNE UCAF**

The next meeting of the UCAF is to be a Winter Special on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1.30p.m. Mr Ken Davies is on devotions, Katharine on trading table and Helen Lloyd hostess. As usual all are welcome, and attendees are asked if they can to bring a plate for afternoon tea and contribute to the trading table.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

Ken Davies led Devotions reflecting on verses chosen from several of Paul's Letters pointing out our life as Christians, accepted as God's sons through Christ, our sins forgiven.

You will have seen the sign boards advertising our Mid Year Book Sale on Saturday 16th June and there will be a meeting after worship the next day, Sunday 17th June, to seek your ideas on future fund raising and the fete.

The Treasurer reported that everything continues to go well financially as we remain in surplus so far this year. Exterior painting is the major expense but work has been delayed in starting due to the wet weather. Council approved acceptance of a quote to replace party fencing at the rear of the Memorial Garden. \$821.59 is our share of the cost.

Arnie reported that Sarah Tomlison had made a presentation at Presbytery and the good news is that she has been approved for ordination

Council approved a letter to the Shire urging sustainable development and provision of low cost housing on the Kinley Estate and a letter to our local Federal member from the Social Justice Committee supporting the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

We wished Arnie a happy birthday for the next day, Wednesday 24th.

Please ask any member if you would like more information on matters discussed at our meeting. *Robert O'Shea Secretary*

## **Presbytery day for UCAF**

Mooroolbark hosted the Presbytery day on its May date of the 7<sup>th</sup> Yarra Presbytery UCAF office bearers doing the chairing. Valuable help was given by members of the church to help proceedings starting the day with a cuppa and things to eat provided by St. Margaret's folk. After worship led by Mrs Dorothy Gordon, Rev Arnie Wierenga helped by his wife with her poems, spoke movingly of their listening in Darwin to speakers from the church body which the Uniting Church of Australia has covenanted with. They would like to see all in the Uniting Church taking these matters more to heart, Australia being the only country in the Commonwealth which does not have a treaty with its citizens who are first Australians. Lian spoke about his travelling from childhood in Burma to training in Theology and then working with Dalit in South India, to working as a pastor in Japan and then Australia before being accepted to train in the Uniting Church for Ministry. He is at present at Healesville working with Rev Jennie Gordon.

After a BYO lunch and much chatter in the small hall Rev Ron Gallacher showed many icons and explained about them followed by a visual and talking explanation of RYDA from its early days to now by Doug Williams bringing a great day to a close.