

# What's on at St Margarets

## ***MAY Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service
MONDAY	14 <sup>th</sup>		
TUESDAY	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	16 <sup>th</sup>		
THURSDAY	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am 10.30am- 12 noon	Music Together Church Office Open
SUNDAY	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit 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

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

<u>Reader</u>	Rex Phillips	<u>Ushers:</u>	Karen & Stephen
<u>Tea Station</u>	Faye & Alan	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Dal Drieberg
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Michael Down

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



### **ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD**

The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was prepared by the Suriname World Day of Prayer Committee. Suriname is a beautiful country located in Northern South America. The people who arranged the program described their country in this way:

Suriname is a country with incredible flora and fauna, where people from different ethnicities may live in peace with each other. We thank God for the freedom to worship and to worship together.

The Bible reading chosen for this service was Genesis 1:1-31 from which the title "All God's Creation is Very Good" was taken.

A minister taking religious education in a very small one-teacher school in the Victorian Mallee many years ago asked the children what they thought 'creation' meant. A little girl, about 10 years old, offered an answer. She stood up and extended her right arm, hand open, and while she curled her arm and closed her hand up to her chest, said, "Creation is making something out of nothing".

That one sentence embraced the whole of God's action in creating the world as we know it.

*God who made the earth,  
The air, the sky, the sea,  
Who gave the light its birth,  
God cares for me.* **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.

### **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.

## EVENTS AT CROYDON NORTH

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May @ 2:30 pm** Croydon North UC, [389 Maroondah Hwy, Croydon North.](#) AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA (in the afternoon!) Please join us for a cuppa and help raise money for Cancer Research. Suggested Donation \$5:00

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 6:30 pm** Croydon North UC, [389 Maroondah Hwy, Croydon North.](#) Video Night and Supper PADDINGTON. Please join us for a laughter filled evening watching the hilarious antics of a lovable bear learning about life in London. BYO Teddy Bear to join in the fun.

Entry by donation (All money raised on the night will be donated to "The House of Nehemiah, an orphanage for young girls in Bangladesh).

For more information on either of these events -----  
please ring Sue on 0419 260 158

## 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.

## 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

### **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

**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 [marjhookey@hotmail.net.au](mailto:marjhookey@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.