

What's on at St Margaret's

JULY/AUGUST Diary Dates

SUNDAY	29 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service
MONDAY	30 th		
TUESDAY	31 st	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Dad's Army Book Chat Bowls
WEDNESDAY	1 st		
THURSDAY	2 nd	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	5 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service

INFORMATION: ARNIE WIERENGA. INFORMATION INFORMATION Please note that Arnie may be contacted in the following ways:- MOBILE: 0419 553 434
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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

5th AUGUST 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Ken Davies	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jean & Lynette
<u>Tea Station</u>	June & Denise	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Jenny & Dal

ROSTER AVAILABILITY. A form is on the notice board for you to fill in if you are to be away for an extended time or know you are not available for some time. Also if you are willing to assist for any of the areas it would be greatly appreciated – Please write your name on the form. Or if you wish to be taken off the rosters, thank you for past services write on the form
Bev Trollope

The Church Office is open on Thursday mornings telephone number 9723 7323 Notices can be emailed to stmargarets@netspace.net.au by 10.30a.m. each Thursday

WHAT'S OFFERING

Figures at June 30th show that total Offerings received in the first six came to \$40,238. The budget target was \$44,150.

Offering received through Planned Giving was \$36,284 which was \$4,716 less than the \$41,000 anticipated in the budget while

Open Plate Offering amounted to \$3,954 which was \$804 greater than the \$3,150 target set in the budget.

Thankyou for your continuing generous giving whether through envelopes, direct debit, direct transfer or the open plate in support of our mission and ministry.

Robert O'Shea Planned Giving Elder

UCAF

The August Meeting of Uniting Church Adult Fellowship will be held on Monday 6th August in the small church at 1.30pm. Those attending are asked to bring a small plate of food for afternoon tea, and if possible a contribution to the trading table. The speaker has the topic UCAF and is to be Margaret Pedler. Margaret sat on the immediately past committee of the UCAF of Australia. New members are always welcome.

. Concert on August 5th The Free Spirit choir will present a concert at Croydon Uniting Church on Sunday August 5th at 2:30. This will raise funds for Lentara Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre. Entry is \$20.

BOOK CHAT 31st July

Join with us to talk about our current book "Pastrix" by Nadia Bolz-Weber and enjoy chat, tea, coffee and cake at 10:00 a.m. next Tuesday 31st July.

Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393



A cup of Coffee

I love a cup of coffee. For me it is a social experience, and the person I most enjoy sharing this experience with is my mum. We often go down to the eatery at the bottom of her building to find a table. Our table choice varies with the season. Sometimes it is near the open fire, at other times in the sunny area overlooking the pond. We like to talk and share our lives as we quietly sip our coffee.

Sometimes we have coffee with other family members, but I selfishly like it best when it is just the two of us. I can remember a time in our lives when having coffee was too expensive an extravagance for us. There are times when we can make choices about where our nourishment comes from and times when we can't.

During my overseas travels, I learnt of a program called 'suspended coffee'. It is similar to the 'pay it forward' concept. When you order a coffee, you can also pay for a 'suspended coffee'. People who cannot afford a cup of coffee can go into the cafe and ask for suspended coffee. They receive the warmth and comfort from a drink they otherwise could not afford. I was thrilled to learn that this program has made it here to Australia too.

The disciples learnt that God's gift was for sharing. In loving one another, we express our faith and it is this love that will conquer the world (John 15:1-8). Perhaps for you, that love can be shared one coffee at a time. **Wendy Lewis**

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Karen led our Devotions on the topic of "time management" We are often pressured and have to be resourceful in maximising our time efficiently. Karen read the well known passage from Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 and concluded with prayer.

Included in the Correspondence was the letter from Dr Deidre Palmer President of Assembly on marriage and same gender relationships. Council decided to defer discussion on our response until promised resource material is received.

Arnie's report detailed plans being developed to better equip worship leaders across the Cluster. Council approved Arnie taking two weeks leave from October 22nd to November 4th.

At this stage of the year all is going well financially with a surplus rather than the anticipated deficit in our accounts. However this surplus is due in part to reduced ministry costs when Arnie was on secondment earlier this year, the non arrival of the insurance invoice and the continuing delay to the start of painting works.

Dad's Army activities were detailed in the Property Report and included cleaning cupboards in the Chapel (mouse dirt) and installing an "electronic mouse deterrent device".

Did you read the article in the recent Crosslight on Social Housing? This is an interesting idea and Council spent some time discussing the possibility of our involvement using the vacant land beyond the manse. We will make enquiries. Please feel free to ask if you would like further information on matters discussed at Council.

Robert O'Shea Secretary

BOOKS Yes, additional books will be welcomed in preparation for the Fete in November **BUT only novels**, hardback or paperback please.

Let me know if you would like me to come to pick them up or bring them on a Sunday or leave them in the Chapel. Many thanks

Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

FOOD FOR WESLEY

No more single use plastic bags BUT please keep on with your food donations to Wesley. They need and greatly value our support. I pack all the items into shopping bags for ease of transport so it's not a problem if you leave items loose in the trolley. Thankyou for your continuing support. Robert O'Shea