

What's on at St Margaret's

JULY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	1 st	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	2 nd	1.30pm	UCAF
TUESDAY	3 rd	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	4 th		
THURSDAY	5 th	10.30am- 12 noon	Church Office Open
SUNDAY	8 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

8th JULY 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Yvonne Spicer	<u>Ushers:</u>	Nancy & Carolyn
<u>Tea Station</u>	Leanne & Judy	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Graeme & Merle

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

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.

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.

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

Letter Writing

Your letters can make a difference. Select guidelines from the pocket on the Social Justice board. Here are some current concerns

Funds for a decent society – avoiding the great cash throw away to multinational corporations.

First People deserve decent jobs – reform the Community Development Program

Creating safety for the Rohingya in Myanmar

Protection before Privatisation – safeguards needed for group homes for people with disabilities

NEWS FROM

MANUS ISLAND

Sadegh was the first person with whom I made contact about five years ago. This is the latest email from him. We sent him a Farsi Bible three years ago. He was moved to Port Moresby PNG about a year ago for medical treatment – which he still has not received – because they can't provide it (!!!) and Australia doesn't want to help.

*Hi my dear brother franklyn
I hope you and your family be good, I always thinking about you and I always pray for you and your family, I want to tell you good news, I did baltised in the port Moresby and I am so happy for that, I always follow the Jesus and I am happy for that and thanks a lot because you showed to me how to know about Jesus and thanks for everything*

Your brother sadegh

God bless you

Sadegh and Mehran and others have been in Australia's Offshore Detention Centre on Manus Island for nearly five years – for fleeing to Australia by boat !! (Article provided by Franklyn)

THANKS

Thanks to the seven generous people who each volunteered to make a loaf of sandwiches for the Cluster lunch at Croydon North last Sunday. Your help was greatly appreciated.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Nancy Isherwood led Devotions at our Council meeting last Wednesday 27th June around the topic of "clouds". We all experience times when life is difficult, but it is important to remember that, just as the sun is shining above the clouds, God's love and support is always there.

Council spent some time discussing an article entitled "The Disappearing Middle; about the size and shape of future churches. Statistics show that 45% of UCA congregations have 20 -49 members. The writer suggests churches of the future will be either Program Sized "Large Regional" churches or small, lay led congregations resourced and overseen by clergy.

Marj. presented a report on the recent meeting held to discuss the Fete and

Fund raising, and Council adopted a series of proposals arising from the report.

These included continuing to hold the mid-year book sale and holding the November fete without stalls selling second hand items except books. An organising committee is to be established, effective advertising undertaken, and we are looking for a new name for the modified November event.

A series of studies, after worship on Sunday is being planned for two Sundays each month July to October. Watch the notice sheet for further details.

The Treasurer reported that A42,458 is in hand from donations and money raised by Singularity Singers to be transferred to RYDA.

Some very preliminary work has been carried out by the painters, but the wet cold winter weather will continue delaying the work.

Please do not hesitate to ask any member of council if you have any questions or would like further information on matters discussed at Council.

Robert O'Shea Secretary

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.