

What's on at St Margaret's

JULY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	8 th	9.25am 9.30am After Church	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service Winter Spring Study Series
MONDAY	9 th	5.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
TUESDAY	10 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Elders Meeting Bowls
WEDNESDAY	11 th		
THURSDAY	12 th	10.30am- 12 noon 10.30am	Church Office Open Baradine AC Communion
SUNDAY	15 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service

INFORMATION: ARNIE WIERENGA. INFORMATION Please note that Arnie will be away on annual leave from Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd July.

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

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

15th JULY 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Katharine Davies	<u>Ushers:</u>	Pat & Clive
<u>Tea Station</u>	Carolyn & Tessa	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Dal Drieberg
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Michael Down

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

This week after church (July 8) we will have a gathering to explore the conversation about marriage that the Uniting Church will have at its National Assembly meeting.

Winter-Spring Study Series

Over six Sundays there will be opportunity to gather after church to explore Vision and Mission principles of the Uniting Church in our Synod. All are welcome to attend.

July 15th: Following Christ

Aug 12th: Walking together as First and Second peoples

Aug 26th: Seeking Community

Sep 9th: Seeking compassion

Sep 16th: Seeking justice

Oct 14th: For all creation

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



FAMILY HISTORY

Why would you ever contemplate writing up one's family history? I pondered this for over 20 years and realised that no one else was going to step forward, so it was me or no-one.

Being the only male descendent in two generations of the Serpell family, the pressure increases when only you seem to have an accumulation of old documents, photos, paintings, eulogies and written and verbal stories about the dear departed.

Well I finally got my get up and enlisted a friend, Mrs Kate Habgood, to facilitate my writing letters to my unborn great grandchildren!

I had in my possession, the handwritten journal updated almost daily by Thomas, my great grandfather who, at sixteen, came with his family from England to Melbourne in 1850 by sailing ship as steerage [very budget class]. The Uniting Church Historical Society brought to my notice a eulogy issued following the death of Thomas, who was a long time Methodist lay preacher in Hawthorn.

The Victorian State Library staff directed me to speeches recorded in Architect journals, which my grandfather, Charles, had produced in his role as President of both the Victorian and Australian Institute of Architects during the Great Depression.

By the time I had reproduced some considerable number of quotes, I got to know a lot more about my grandfather than I had imagined.

Reflection: I have now had printed twenty five copies of the history of four generations with a copy heading to the State Library.

I have quoted Thomas' admonition in his memoirs: "If my words and my example have influenced you for the good, it will be a ground for rejoicing. Live the Christ life. Serve faithfully your father's God and may the blessing of your heavenly Father rest upon you all your days".

Geoff Serpell

BOOK CHAT 24th July

Pick up a copy of "Pastrix" by Nadia Bolz-Weber and join with us to chat with tea, coffee and cake at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday 24th July. Nadia Bolz-Weber is the founding pastor of House for "All Sinners and Saints" an ELCA mission church in Denver Colorado. This is her story. Please feel free to borrow a copy to read even if you are unable to join with us to "chat" on July 24th.

Please return copies by Sunday 22nd or at the "chat"

Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393

St. Margaret's U.C.A.F. meeting July 2nd

Despite the cold day there was warm fellowship at the July UCAF.

Following devotions we sang Happy Birthday to Fay and learned that our bank balance now stands at \$365. 85. The sum of \$350 has been sent to the “ Community of Reconciliation, *Covenanting* “ Lenten Appeal by the Yarra Yarra Presbytery following the most successful Fellowship Day held here in May. Our speakers were from ‘Travellers Aid’, an organization which has been helping travelers for over 100 years. It was begun to assist women and children but has grown to include anyone who would like to use one of their many services. Many of us felt that we, too, may be glad of Travellers Aid one day!

Dorothy Gordon

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.

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