

What's on at St Margarets

AUGUST Diary Dates

SUNDAY	19 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service
TUESDAY	21 st	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	22 nd	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
THURSDAY	23 rd	9.45am–10.45am 10.30am	Music Together Walmsley Village Communion
SUNDAY	26 th	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
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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

26th AUGUST 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Michael Down	<u>Ushers:</u>	Faye & Alan
<u>Tea Station</u>	Jean & Bev	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Ken & Katharine

ROSTER AVAILABILITY. The Rosters are available in the foyer for September 2018 to February 2019. Please take the one with your name highlighted. As much as care as possible has been taken to keep in mind the weeks when some are unavailable. If you are on the roster for a date you are unable to attend please change with someone or make other arrangements. 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

Letter Writing

If you look in the pockets on the Social Justice board you can find guidelines for letters you can write on these topics:-

- Encouraging ethical corporate behaviour – protecting whistleblowers.
- Community control – Curbing the role alcohol businesses play in fuelling family violence.

Your letter may help to make a difference.

Support for Asylum Seekers

The Federal Government is withdrawing financial support for people who are seeking asylum. You may be able to help them. Pick up a leaflet called Dignity not Destitution today.

CLUSTER BARBECUE

Please set aside Sunday the 10th September for the annual Cluster Barbecue here at St. Margaret's.

There will be more details following the next meeting of the Cluster on August 22nd.

Mark the date on your calendar now as this is always an enjoyable lunch following church for all the five congregations in the Cluster. Marj

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



HOSPITALITY IN HOMELESSNESS

There was a tough time in my life where I was effectively homeless. While I never had to sleep on the street, there was certainly no place to call home. I was in a city where I had virtually no family; I didn't own a bed or any furniture. My living situation had become precarious and very quickly I found myself in a situation having to search for somewhere to lay my head at night.

For a brief time I stayed in a two-bedroom townhouse with five friends, sleeping on a thin mattress next to the couch with my stuff crammed into a pile nearby. After a few weeks, I called a good friend for comfort as things were becoming tense with so many people in such a small place.

Not long after, she called back to invite me to stay at her parents' place in their spare room for however long I needed. When I turned up a few hours later, I was shown instant hospitality – a hot cup of tea, food and a friendly chat (plus a generous amount of attention from the pet dog). I was shown a pantry and fridge full of food I could help myself to, and also a (very comfortable) room and bed where I could make myself at home. I felt immediately welcomed into this warm household – and not just that, but truly cared for by people I barely knew.

I remember those couple of weeks at my friend's house fondly. I've stayed over the odd night since then, each time welcomed just as warmly. In good times and bad I have shared news and moments with these people. I guess it turned out that I have family in this city after all.

Anonymous

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

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.