

What's on at St Margaret's

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	26 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service
MONDAY	27 th		
TUESDAY	28 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Dad's Army Bowls
WEDNESDAY	29 th		
THURSDAY	30 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	2 nd	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit 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

2nd SEPTEMBER 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Marj Hookey	<u>Ushers:</u>	Faye & Alan
<u>Tea Station</u>	Carolyn & Tessa	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Marj Hookey

ROSTER. 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 9th September 12.30pm

Please set aside Sunday the 9th September for the annual Cluster Barbecue here at St. Margaret's.

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

Church commences 10.30am Marj

BBQ CATERING

For the Cluster BBQ on 9th September each congregation is asked to provide sufficient food for their congregation members who are attending.

Could I have some offers of both salads and slices please ? A list is in the foyer today . The BBQ was well attended last year and is one of the few opportunities we have to meet as a cluster. The BBQ will be a sit down lunch in the hall. Salads need to have at least 8 serves. This year we have added potatoes baked in foil to the menu. Thanks Marj



USING WHAT YOU'VE GOT FOR GOOD

The late Paul Newman was a famous American actor who starred in many blockbuster films, earning himself several awards and accolades during his long career. While this is impressive, it's the philanthropic things he did with his fame and fortune that is particularly inspiring. During his life, Newman:

- Founded Newman's Own, a line of food and drink products (available around the world) with the policy that all proceeds, after taxes, are donated to charity. As of 2010 the franchise had donated in excess of \$300 million;
- Donated a quarter of a million dollars to Catholic Relief Services to aid refugees in Kosovo;
- Donated \$10 million towards college scholarships in the US;
- Established a summer camp for seriously ill children – there are now several of the camps across several continents that service thousands of sick children every year at no charge;
- Co-founded the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP) – an organization of CEOs and chairpersons devoted to increasing the amount and effectiveness of global corporate philanthropy.

Newman passed away in 2008 at the age of 83. Inspiringly, his charitable work lives on.

Making your own unique contribution in whatever way you can is just as important as the contributions made by people like Newman. You may not have money to burn, a flair for entrepreneurship and a famous name to exploit – but you might have avenues for giving that are yet to be explored.

Megan Graham

UNITING WORLD

Uniting World is holding a special appeal in support of overseas aid. Envelopes are on the table in the foyer with full information. Please take one and give generously.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Psalm 23 and the Good Shepherd was the theme of Council Devotions lead by Yvonne to open our meeting last Wednesday 22nd.

Although there was less correspondence than is usual there were a number letters both sent to the Presbytery and received from them as we commence the process of seeking to call a new minister to St Margaret's.

Some time was spent during General Business in going through material outlining the steps in the process and Council decided to hold a special meeting of Council and all Elders on Tuesday 11th September to discuss our needs and future priorities in preparation for the Mission Study.

As part of the preparation for the Mission Study we are inviting all members of the congregation to join in "40 Days of Prayer for St Margaret's." A little booklet is being prepared with an outline and ideas for use for short prayers each day.

Although the Treasurer was absent Council received and discussed the Financial Report noting that income is continuing to exceed expenditure and we continue in a sound financial position.

Arriving for the meeting all were pleased to see the blue tape around the edge of the glass in the foyer windows. Painting is beginning.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you 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. Please no plastic bags