

What's on at St Margaret's

SEPTEMBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	16 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service
MONDAY	17 th		
TUESDAY	18 th	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	19 th		
THURSDAY	20 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	23 rd	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service

INFORMATION: Sunday 23rd September ARNIE WIERENGA will be on leave – Preacher & Liturgist will be Ron & Dorothy Gordon

INFORMATION

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286

Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Merle Munday	<u>Ushers:</u>	Robert & Marilyn
<u>Tea Station</u>	Leanne & Judy	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Karen & Stephen

FAMILY GATHERING Sunday 30th September.

All are welcome so come along to the first Family Gathering after the winter break at 5:30p.m. in the Chapel on Sunday 30th September. Our special guest is Doug Williams who will tell us about Eucalypts and Little Trips - photos and stories from Ina and Doug's recent travels through Netherlands and Spain. Please bring along a plate of savoury and sweet finger food to share NB We are gathering on the 5th Sunday -30th September. Robert O'Shea 9735 2393 .

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

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.

THANKS to all the people who helped make the cluster BBQ a success last Sunday. To all who helped provide food, to Robert who cooked all the sausages and to all who helped with the preparation, then the putting away of furniture and the washing up. Just over \$400 was raised to support Presbytery Mental Health ministry. There were many positive comments about the food and the opportunity to meet with others from the Cluster.

During this week Bev and Adrian Pearce and also Ruth Bail have moved to Holmwood Aged Care in Healesville. Details for contacting them will be published as soon as they are available.
Marj

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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER Lollies, chocolates, nuts, drinks of every type, hams, cakes, puddings, tinned or bottled fruit & vegetables, serviettes, mince pies, biscuits (tinned or packets), cordial, novelties and any other items you can think of that would enhance the hampers. Please help throughout

September/October

Carolyn Dunkley 9726 7231

There will be a box in the foyer for collection.



SHARING THE GIFT OF FAITH

My faith is both of water and flame. Fluid is its passion, warming is its reach. Its power to extinguish hatred propels my Christian consciousness, flooding the eternal ether that it surrounds.

Hope nourishes my divine need to have others feel the warmth of my faith, offering all the opportunity to drink from my faith-filled cup.

My faith exacts an ultimate price on my spirit, that of unconditional love for both myself and for others; this nurturing nectar is a substance from which my cup over-flows.

My faith is that of the air and earth. Breathe and believe in its immaculate conception as I toil upon the reddened soil of my home land. This breath surely sustains when in times of doubt and trial; recognised or not.

The footprint I leave with every solemn considerate action, whether sadden or joyous, is the marker my faith offers as a map of the journey taken so far. It encourages my beliefs and those of others it reaches, that we indeed are worth everything we intend to be because of our faith and its ever-strengthening resolve.

Faith is the foundation of our beliefs, set by hope and birthed by love; sustained by the continual need for fellowship amongst humankind.

Faith can be tested and indeed tests; by design it seeks to enlighten, educate and remind all beholden to its power; that in faith anything is possible.

Reflect on God's gift to you of faith and the faith of others. Allow your compassion to support those whose faith has been wounded or misplaced. Gentle be your offering of an out stretch hand, reaching if only to say you are not alone. May your faith find a way. We all have the capacity to be the next Good Samaritan.

Russell Hawkins Prater

Attention Gentlemen: Men's Ties.

I am collecting vintage men's ties for making greeting cards that appeal to men for the Gift table at the WellSpring Centre in Ashburton.

If you would be happy to choose five ties or more from your collection, and bring them to me at church, I would be most grateful.

In return, I will make you a card with your tie's pattern for you personally. Thanking you in anticipation, Julie Robinson,
Ph. 9727 3636.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Church Council and Elders held a special meeting last Tuesday evening. As part of the preparation for the Mission Study members discussed the changes that have occurred over the past 8 years since the last Mission Study and Profile and goals and challenges for the future. Plans for Arnie's final service, lunch and presentation were also discussed. Marj, Ann and Karen volunteered to be responsible for planning this. More information soon. Robert O'Shea Secretary

BOOK CHAT

Pick up a copy of "Beyond Belief" by Hugh Mackay and join with us for coffee, tea, cake and chat at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday 2nd October.

Please feel free to borrow a copy to read even if you are unable to join with us for the chat on Tuesday. Please return all copies by Sunday 30th September or at the chat on Tuesday 2nd. Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving envelopes for the coming 12 months are now available.

Please pick up your set today. This set of envelopes begins the first Sunday in October.

Thankyou letters with the total given over the year are also available for those giving through direct debit or direct deposit to church accounts.

Robert O'Shea Planned Giving Elder

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