

# What's on at St Margaret's

## ***SEPTEMBER Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30pm	UCAF
TUESDAY	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	5 <sup>th</sup>		
THURSDAY	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		10.30am	Sunday Service
		12.30pm	Cluster Barbecue

**INFORMATION:** ARNIE WIERENGA INFORMATION Please note that Arnie may be contacted in the following ways:- MOBILE: 0419 553 434

EMAIL: arniew1965@gmail.com MAIL - P.O. BOX 306 MOOROOLBARK, 3138 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

### **9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

<u>Reader</u>	Rebecca McDonald	<u>Ushers:</u>	Pat & Clive
<u>Tea Station</u>	Faye & Alan	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Dal Driberg
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Dal & Jenny

The Church Office is open on Thursday mornings telephone number 9723 7323 Notices can be emailed to [stmargarets@netspace.net.au](mailto: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.

**THE LINK** The Link and Crosslight are available for collection today. It really helps if everyone attending church finds their copy in the bundles (which include a card with the names of all folk in that group) so that your copy can be easily identified.

Arnie has done the layout for the Link for the last few years and I would like to thank him for the time and effort he has spent doing this. Marj - Editor

### **CLUSTER BBQ NEXT SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 12.30pm**

Remember church commences at 10.30 am next Sunday. This will be followed by a cuppa and a chat. Could those on the Morning Tea Roster please organise the cuppa?

Following that we should be ready to commence the BBQ and folk from other churches will be arriving. **Some volunteers to help cook the sausages** would be appreciated.

**There will be a short working bee next Saturday afternoon 8th Sept. at 3pm. to set up the tables & chairs in the hall .**

Thanks to those who volunteered to bring slices for sweets –Marj, Jean C. Bev. Pat and Joyce and those who offered to make salads. Marj , Judy B, Katharine and Nancy. We need one more offer of a salad (8 serves). Could those bringing salads please bring along appropriate servers ( spoon or tongs) ?

Please make a special effort to attend this lunch.

Funds ( Donation \$5) will go to help support the Presbytery Mental Health Ministry. Marj 9726 7286

**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

24<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

# #KidsOffNauru

(Article received from UCA & provided by Franklyn)

The Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia has joined civil society and faith organisations calling for children seeking asylum in Australia to be removed from detention.

The #KidsOffNauru campaign is seeking to bring all 117 children that remain on Nauru to Australia by 20 November, which is Universal Children's Day. President Deidre Palmer said the Uniting Church has long called for the release of all children and their families from detention.

"The Uniting Church holds the firm belief that no child should be kept in detention and we join the call for these children and their families to be brought to Australia with a view of finding them a permanent home," said Dr Palmer.

"We are especially concerned of growing reports of children living on Nauru facing life-threatening health issues."

A 12-year-old boy flown was flown to Australia for urgent medical treatment after not eating for 20 days. Since then there have been more reports of children engaging in self-harm and refusal of food and medical treatment. Health professionals have repeated calls for the children to be given urgent access to appropriate health care and warned of high levels of anxiety and depression for children on Nauru who have spent all or much of their life in detention.

Dr Palmer said: "We urge our new Prime Minister Scott Morrison to work across the political divide to find an enduring solution for these 117 children." In its 2015 statement on refugees and asylum seekers, Shelter from the Storm, the Uniting Church called on the government to:

*"immediately release all children and their families from detention centres including Nauru, and allow them to live in the Australian community with appropriate access to funded legal advice, medical care, social services including financial support, and education while their claims are processed."*

Assembly Associate General Secretary Rob Floyd noted that while some have argued that children on Nauru are not in detention, they do not have the freedom to leave the island.

"Effectively, these children remain in detention. It is the Uniting Church position that all children should be free from harm and have the opportunity to flourish."

"While recently many in government seem more interested in power and personality politics, our advocacy on this is more important than ever. I encourage you to call on your federal MP to respect the rights and dignity of all, especially children."

**Uniting Church members are encouraged to join the campaign at [kidsoffnauru.com](http://kidsoffnauru.com)**

## **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.

## **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.

## **UCAF**

Biblical fruits is to be the topic for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept UCAF meeting. It will be held in the small church at 1.30. Those attending are invited to bring along a plate for afternoon tea, something for the trading table and some verbal contribution to the afternoon. These latter are to be based around Galatians 5 verse 25 - the fruits of the Spirit. Maybe they have witnessed such things around them. Alternatively they are invited to bring anything to do with fruits - a fruit recipe perhaps.

Some kind things have been done lately that I would like to relate. Our pianist Jean was really bucked up by people who helped her when she was stuck in traffic with a need of help.

The other day I had a person behind me in the car telling me my tire was flat. I pulled into a side street ready to call RACV when another knock came, and it was the same young man, and he quickly changed my tire and probably saved a very long wait, as it was going on 5. He was off to see his daughter perform in her club event. "I will be in time to get to Box Hill" he said. While he worked we found his grandfather and Mother owned the soil place at the five ways of Mooroolbark, Mr and Mrs Hall, and his aunt I knew, and others would too; she was Val Hall and taught Sunday School when we first arrived. He was her brother, Graham's son.