

What's on at St Margarets

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	30 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		5.30pm	Family Gathering
MONDAY	1 st	1.30pm	UCAF
TUESDAY	2 nd	10.00am	Book Chat
		7.30pm	Bowls
SUNDAY	7 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

INFORMATION: ARNIE WIERENGA Please note that Arnie may be contacted in the following ways:- MOBILE: 0419 553 434 EMAIL: arnie1965@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

7TH OCTOBER 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Dorothy Gordon	<u>Ushers:</u>	Karen & Stephen
<u>Tea Station</u>	June & Denise	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Dal Driberg
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Graeme & Merle

The Church Office is open on Thursday mornings telephone number 9723 7323 Notices can be emailed to stmarginets@netspace.net.au by 10.30a.m. each Thursday

UNITING CHRISTMAS CARDS

The sample cards have arrived and are available for order until the end of October. For some years I have organised this fund raising cause for Uniting. I believe it is a simple task and I would be delighted if someone would volunteer to do it this year. This would be one less task for me, as my role as Chairperson will increase as we move into a vacancy. Thanks Marj

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our Church Directory badly needs updating. We are seeking your help to do this as quickly as possible. With your notices today is an update form. Please complete these and return to church by the 14th October. Since we last published this many more people own and use a mobile phone. We would like to include your mobile number in the directory as well as your email address. The Directory is only available to people within our congregation and a completed form is necessary to give permission for your details to be published. Completed forms can be placed in a box on the foyer table.

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.

UCAF

The October meeting of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship is early, being, as usual, on the first Monday of the month which is Oct 1st. Its title is "International day of the Older Person". It is in the small church at 1.30. A contribution to afternoon tea and something for the trading table are invited.



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 has 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

Go back to where you came from live"airs over three consecutive nights, October 2 – 4, 8.30pm, LIVE on SBS

This will be a mostly be a live version, so refugee stories are told in real time. This will be a dynamic, global snapshot of what is happening in the world on those particular nights. We'll be doing that by crossing over to different parts of the world to see what's happening. For example, if one of our locations is facing being bombed, we'll have someone there who will tell us what it is like to be in a city that is being attacked from the air.

FAMILY GATHERING TONIGHT 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 .

BOOK CHAT Tuesday 2nd October

Join with us for coffee, tea, cake and chat at 10:00a.m. next Tuesday 2nd October. Marilyn O'Shea 9735 2393

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Graeme led our Council devotions reading Mark 16 verses 14-20 and reflecting on the challenges the disciples faced when they were sent out "to preach the Gospel to all people." We face challenges also but can succeed through faith in God, working together and helping each other.

One challenge facing the Council is the way forward following the Assembly decision on marriage. Council spent a considerable time in reflection and discussion around the use of our buildings for same sex marriage and will make a decision at its October meeting.

The Treasurer reported that we are still maintaining a surplus BUT due to payments made in September we be in deficit by the end of the month but to a much lesser extent than budgeted. Final payment of some \$14,000 for painting, \$7,100 paid for associated works repairing fascias and replacing two external doors plus payment of our insurance premium is the reason.

After many years of service Clive Hamilton has retired from the Property Committee and has been thanked for all his work. Noel deVoogd has accepted responsibility as Memorial Garden Co-ordinator.

Good news is that our manse has been approved by the Presbytery which means that we can offer it in the Profile for an incoming minister should they require it.

As well, a date has been set for our Mission Study. This is the **next step in the process** of preparing to call a minister. It will be held following the service on Sunday 15th November and Council seeks your participation and support on that day Please speak to any member of council if you would like more information or discuss matters mentioned in this report. Robert O'Shea Secretary