

What's on at St Margaret's

SEPTEMBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	9 th	10.25am 10.30am 12.30pm	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service Cluster Barbecue
MONDAY	10 th	5.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
TUESDAY	11 th	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Dad's Army Elders Meeting Bowls
WEDNESDAY	12 th		
THURSDAY	13 th	9.45am–10.45am 10.30am	Music Together Baradine AC Communion
SUNDAY	16 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 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

16th SEPTEMBER 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Yvonne Spicer	<u>Ushers:</u>	Judy & Noel
<u>Tea Station</u>	Karen & Stephen	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Clive Hamilton

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.

THE LINK The Link and Crosslight are again 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

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.

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

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.



SPECIAL GIFTS OF HOPE

Last month, I travelled with young people from the Uniting Church to South Korea for a contextual learning trip.

I had never been to Korea before, so it was an eye-opening experience. It is a beautiful country that has certainly been in the news a lot this year, with recent peace talks between North and South Korea.

Our first destination was the DMZ (Demilitarised Zone), the buffer zone that has separated North and South Korea for more than six decades.

A barbed wire fence – a remnant from the Cold War era – marks the edge of the DMZ. On the South Korean side, tens and thousands of prayer ribbons which are special gifts, pinned onto the fence. Written on these ribbons are people's prayers, hopes and dreams for a reunified Korea.

I was moved by the resilience of the Korean people yearning for peace and reunification. This ugly fence, a symbol of division and war, has been transformed into something quite beautiful.

One of the ministers I met on the trip still has family in North Korea. His father, originally from the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, has since passed away, so he has lost contact with all relatives in the North.

But he dreams that he can one day set foot on his homeland in North Korea and see it with his own eyes.

It is personal stories like this that remind me of the terrible cost of war, but also the strength and determination of those who keep striving every day for a more peaceful world.

We are all part of the one global human family. Each of us has special gifts of hope to share. May we seek reconciliation with one another like our brothers and sisters in Korea, so that we can be reunited as one family again.

Tim Lam

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.

September UCAF

The devotions were movingly led by Nell Kingma reading from a psalm. Psalms are her favourites because they cover all the human emotions. Jean Curnow led the meeting and the members provided the stories about various wonderful experiences people have had where they have received kindnesses.

Quite a few people have had to move from Walmsley with the closure of the nursing home and hostel for rebuilding, and the membership is down as a result. It was decided to remember the folk who have or will move with cards and news.

It was expressed that days such as the present were wonderful just consisting of sharing amongst members. Afternoon tea was held as attendees sat around the table of goodies and kept the chatter of the group going. A very satisfying day it was overall.

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

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