

# What's on at St Margaret's

## ***OCTOBER Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	8 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
TUESDAY	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Elders Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Social Justice Meeting
THURSDAY	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Baradine AC Communion
SUNDAY	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

### **ANNUAL FETE**

The fete will be held on Saturday November 10th. Financial gifts towards the costs of food for both the cafe and the BBQ will be appreciated between now and the first Sunday in November.

**INFORMATION:** ARNIE WIERENGA 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

### **14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

<u>Reader</u>	Ken Davies	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jean & Lynette
<u>Tea Station</u>	Pat & Clive	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Michael Down

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

### **CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS**

Uniting Christmas card orders are available in the foyer today. This year there is the option of 2 ways of placing your orders.

There are 20 separate order forms which can either be taken home to complete or completed immediately. Or you can write your order on a list. Uniting has sent a Poster illustrating all the cards as well as providing samples. Orders will be COD. We would like to place the main order at the end of October.

### **FRONTIER SERVICES SUNDAY**

On Sunday 21st October we will celebrate Frontier Services Sunday, I apologise for not distributing boxes for you to fill this year, however some of you may have been saving coins already for Frontier Services. There is a special appeal at the moment being held by Frontier Services to assist drought relief. There is a great need to support farmers and small towns in most states. Did you see Four Corners on Channel 2 last Monday evening? The plight of many farmers is desperate. At the conclusion of the service on the 21st Oct. there will be a RETIRING OFFERING FOR DROUGHT RELIEF.

Please support this appeal. Marj

**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.

### **GIFTS FOR FETE CHRISTMAS HAMPER.**

Thanks to those folks who have left gifts in the large box. If you would prefer to give a gift of money to Carolyn to purchase on your behalf, place this in an envelope and give to Marj if Carolyn is not at church.

**THE PURPLE BIN** Thanks for your contribution to recycling in the past. Unfortunately we are no longer able to collect these items.

**Social Justice Meeting** The next meeting for Social Justice will be on Wednesday October 10th at 7:30.

# #KidsOffNauru

(Article received by Franklyn)

There are 95 children in detention on Nauru not allowed to leave. Children in detention on Nauru have witnessed lip-stitching, self-immolation and other suicide attempts. There are limited safe or pleasant places to play because of unshaded, hot phosphate rock and the fear of wild dogs on the island.

In at least three cases in the past seven months, Australian judges have ordered that young children be immediately brought to Australia for care. Three refugees in Nauru have died by suicide.

One 10-year-old boy had attempted suicide three times on Nauru. Doctors said he was at critical risk of killing himself, but it took a Federal Court order to eventually move him to Australia for urgent treatment. It shouldn't require Federal Judges to force the Government to keep these children safe.

Children and their families are trapped on the island of Nauru in cruel and inhumane conditions without adequate health, education or employment options. ***By Universal Children's Day (20 November), we need to bring them here and either offer resettlement in Australia or find another suitable country that welcomes them.***

Getting #KidsOffNauru will give them the chance to enjoy the same normal, healthy childhood we'd expect for our children.

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

**Service of Healing and Hope:** Thursday October 25th, 7:30pm

This special service is a church response to the recent Royal Commission and our commitment to keeping children safe. Hosted by St. Margaret's, we will be joined by Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship. All are welcome. Rev. Arnie Wierenga

## **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.

**FAMILY GATHERING** All present last Sunday evening enjoyed Doug's fascinating talk and the lovely photos from their trip to the Netherlands, Spain and Gibraltar Even the Dutch have gum trees but in pots! Thankyou Doug and Ina for sharing your holiday with us. There will be no Family Gathering in October as we are fare-welling Arnie that Sunday over lunch after worship. Robert O'Shea

## **Quilts for Orphans. A Festival of Quilts**

You are warmly welcomed to this exciting event over 8 days at Mont De Lancey Historical Homestead in November.

Details as follows:

Address: 71 Wellington Rd, Wandin.

Dates – Friday 8th November to Sunday 18th of November [Monday & Tuesday closed]

Hours – 10 am to 4 pm.

The flyer is available here at St Margaret's

All details and bookings are available online: [quiltsfororphans.org](http://quiltsfororphans.org)

There are many exciting events, displays, and challenges for quilters.

Also, Monty's Tea Room will be open.

If you have any questions, please talk to Julie Robinson who has been a member of the group since 2011. Her phone number is 9727 2736.

Her gift is hand stitching the bindings on the quilts and ironing.

She will be on duty ironing on 16th in the 'Maker's Marathon'.

Come and enjoy.

Be inspired by their mission of 'Creating fabric hugs for children and adults in need worldwide.'