

What's on at St Margaret's

/NOVEMBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	4 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service
MONDAY	5 th	1.30pm	U.C.A.F. Annual Meeting
TUESDAY	6 th	9.00am 7.30pm	Dad's Army Bowls
WEDNESDAY	7 th		
THURSDAY	8 th	9.45am–10.45am 10.30am	Music Together Baradine AC Communion
SATURDAY	10 th		Church Fete
SUNDAY	11 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet Time – candle lit Sunday Service

MINISTRY ARRANGEMENTS NOVEMBER.

Nov. 11th Lay Preacher Anthony Lemmon

Nov. 18th Rev. Dr Barry Brown - Baptism

Nov. 25th Rev. Dr. Barry Brown

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286

Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

St.Margaret's website maintained by Franklyn -

<http://wordpress.stmargaretsuca.org>

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Reader Karen White
Tea Station Leanne & Judy
Power Point Alan Norris

Ushers: Pat & Clive
Sound Desk Rex Phillips
Chapel Cleaning 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

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT? Today we have a novel gift of a tea towel showing Mooroolbark as a Melway map ! Also available as tote bags, table clothes, drink coasters, jig saws and more. check these out in the hall today and place an order. Ideal overseas or posted gift. Have any Melway map you like reproduced.

ANNUAL FETE The fete will be held on **Saturday November 10th.** Today there is a list of cafe requirements available in the hall .
Please make a financial gift to help supply the cafe and BBQ.

OFFERS OF HELP for the fete next Saturday would be really appreciated. If you could help with serving on a stall for one or two hours that would be a great help. See Marj today.

THANKS This message arrived from Rev Arnie early in the week. *Sunday was overwhelming and beautiful. Thanks for all your efforts and for all who helped make it possible. I am truly grateful for my time at St. Margaret's and it was a very strange thing leaving for the last time. Arnie.*

I would like to add my thanks too, to all who helped make Arnie's farewell a success. For most people that meant helping with the catering. For the abundance of lovely food many thanks, and for all who served and did all the other kitchen tasks my sincere thanks . To all who participated in making the service such a success also my sincere thanks. It is right too that you know that the generous gift of a cheque for \$ 1,110 was presented to Arnie. Marj

FUNERAL The funeral for the Late Rev. Ravanel Wienman who died on October 31st, will be held at St. Margaret's on Wednesday 7th November at 2pm. The service will be led by Rev. Cameron McAdam , minister of the Village Uniting Church Mt. Eliza and a former member of the North Balwyn Youth Group when Ravanel ministered there.



BLACK PHANTOM GIVER

Years ago, a man noticed the family standing in front of him at a store did not have enough money to pay for their few items. He tapped the man on the shoulder and said, “You don’t need to turn around, but please accept this money.” The man took the money without ever seeing the giver.

Nine years later, giver was invited to speak at a church. After the service, a man walked up to the preacher and shared this story about how he had come to faith in Christ: “Several years ago, my wife and our child were destitute. We had lost everything, had no jobs, no money and were living in our car. We also lost all hope, and agreed to a suicide pact, including our child. However, we decided to first give our son some food, so we drove to a convenience store to buy him some food and milk.”

“While we were standing in line at the store, we realized that we did not have enough money to pay for these items, but a man behind us asked us to please take the money from his hand and not look at him. This man told us that ‘Jesus loves you.’”

“We left the store, drove to our designated suicide site, and wept for hours. We couldn’t go through with it, so we drove away. As we drove, we noticed a church with a sign out front which said, ‘Jesus loves you.’ We went to that church the very next Sunday, and both my wife and I became followers of Jesus.”

He then told the pastor, “When you began speaking this morning, I knew immediately that you were the man who gave us that money.” How did he know? The pastor was from South Africa and had a very distinct accent. He continued, “Your act of kindness was much more than a simple good deed. Three people are alive today because of it.”

Ilene Wright

Letter Writing If you are concerned about the actions of the Filipino President then you can write a letter of concern using the guidelines in the pocket on the Social Justice board
End Duterte’s Dirty Deeds– support Human Rights in the Philippines

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 5th November in the small church at 1.30pm. The possibilities for a renewed format will be discussed at that meeting. St Margaret's Church Council President Marj Hookey has agreed to be present for elections of office bearers, and the annual reports will be delivered. As usual a shared afternoon tea will follow. All Welcome.

TEAR Gift Cards available early

The TEAR Australia Gift Catalogue will be available to take home today. If you would like to buy gifts sooner than the Alternative Christmas Market in early December, see Jan or Michael Down. We will have the cards available on Sundays or ask Jan if you can drop in during the week.

Gift cards range in price from \$5 for chickens, \$25 for safe water, \$70 for a toilet, all the way to a well or water system for \$1700.

TEAR Australia's work:

Across Africa, Asia and the Pacific, TEAR Australia enables people to overcome poverty by equipping them to lead their own development initiatives. We do this in partnership with local Christian development organisations, supporting them as they walk alongside the poorest and most marginalised people in their communities. See tear.org.au for more information.

Thank you for your faithful support for Helping Hand. Presently, we are in need particularly of small tubs of fruit, toothpaste, shampoo and feminine products, and would be most appreciative of these items. Many thanks. Merle

RYDA Christmas Gift Certificates These free certificates will be available next Sunday. If you need any before then contact Doug, doug@blackdouglas.com.au or 0401 177 775. Also, inspiring photos of the RYDA students involved in their very practical exams on the RYDA News site at: <http://www.blackdouglas.com.au/ryda/news.htm> Despite a difficult time in recent months for Geoffrey and the administration, the children have clearly been receiving an education which will lead to a better future.