

What's on at St Margaret's

NOVEMBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	11 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	12 th	5.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
TUESDAY	13 th	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	14 th		
THURSDAY	15 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	18 th	9.25am	Quiet Time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

MINISTRY ARRANGEMENTS NOVEMBER.

TODAY 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>

18th NOVEMBER 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Katharine Davies	<u>Ushers:</u>	Fay & Rex
<u>Tea Station</u>	Karen & Stephen	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Karen & Styephen

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.

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

FASHION PARADE An invitation is extended to any ladies who would like to attend the Tillow Fashion Parade on November 21st commencing at 7 p.m. at Croydon Uniting Church Fellowship Room and hosted by the Croydon Evening Fellowship. Supper will be provided. Any queries please contact Adele Allen 9779 9448 Mobile 0431 125 394

MISSION STUDY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25TH.

Our special day to commence our search for a new minister commences on 25th October when following morning tea, we will stay in the hall – seated round tables, and will be led through the process of reviewing our past and planning for future ministry. Discussion Leaders will be Rev. Margaret Blair of Healesville & Lionel Parrott from Montrose congregations. The process is expected to take nearly 2 hours and during this time we will have a light lunch which will be catered for – so numbers attending are needed. We need as many as possible to come as this is your opportunity to participate in the most important decision to affect our congregation in the coming years.

Marj Hookey



NAMES ON THE WALL

To mark the 100th anniversary of the conclusion of the Great War, I researched some of the names on my congregation's WWI Honour Board for a series of short pieces for our newsletter.

Thanks to the National Archives, the National War Museum and Trove, suddenly these unknown names became real-life boys and men with families and tantalising stories.

Most were young, single and still living at home in disturbingly familiar streets that included and surrounded my own.

These soldiers took me to training camps, hospitals and trenches. To battlefields with notorious names and to graveyards of unimaginable poignancy and size. Some had no known grave at all.

I read archived letters that revealed the heart-breaking anguish of families not knowing the fate of those who were Missing in Action or Prisoners of War. I uncovered tragic losses and miraculous survivals, and for some, learned of ongoing suffering from mental trauma and physical injury.

None of "my" soldiers were famous. None were of particularly high rank. What touched me most was their very ordinariness, these volunteer milk carters, builders, and clerks; and the helpless but loving pride of their families left behind.

My hope was to echo the message of those families who later would plant avenues of trees, erect shrines and stained-glass windows or print their boys' names in gold letters on lovingly polished wood with one determined and single-minded purpose: "Lest we forget."

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war

As who had heard God's message from afar;

All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,

To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save. - John S. Arkwright

Ian Menzies

THANKS to all who assisted with Rev.Ravanel Wienman's funeral last Wednesday, thank you.

It takes quite a team to manage a large funeral. Thanks to our car parkers – Graeme & Graham, all those who assisted in any way with the service itself and thanks to those who managed the afternoon tea. Setting it all up, serving, clearing away and washing up. Well done and greatly appreciated by the Wienman Family.

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.