

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARGARET'S

SUNDAY	25 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service Mission Study
MONDAY	26 th		
TUESDAY	27 th	7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	28 th		
THURSDAY	29 th	9.45am–10.45am 8.00pm	Music Together Christmas Choir practice
SUNDAY	2 nd	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet Time – candle lit Sunday Service Market Day

MINISTRY ARRANGEMENTS NOVEMBER.

TODAY 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>

2nd DECEMBER 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Marj Hookey	<u>Ushers:</u>	Faye & Alan
<u>Tea Station</u>	June & Denise	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Dal Driberg
<u>Power Point</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Graeme & Merle

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

Take ... Donate ... Give

Take as many RYDA Christmas Gift Certificates as you wish. Donate to give them value (a marked envelope in the offering will work). Give them as a stocking filler or special gift. Or, ask for a Christmas Gift Certificate for yourself, then the giver adds the value. Pick up certificates when you see them at church, print them for yourself

from: <http://www.blackdouglas.com.au/ryda/chrgift.htm> or ring Doug 0401 177 775.

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

Christmas Market

In recent years we have held an Alternative Christmas Market on the first Sunday in December when the Dandenong Ranges Orchestra has performed for us. This year they will not be coming until December 16th. So, we have decided to have only Trade Winds, TEAR and RYDA on our Market Day, December 2nd.

MISSION STUDY TODAY SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

This Sunday following morning tea we will meet in the hall for the Mission Study to help build the profile we need to commence our search for a new minister. We would like as many to attend as possible so that you can share your ideas. The study is expected to last up to two hours. Part way through we will have a break for lunch. **Contact Marj if you have any questions or concerns**

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



“GIVING TO RECEIVE”

The phrase, ‘Give and you shall receive’ can easily be taken to mean ‘Give so you will receive’. But this interpretation fails to see the point that *in* giving, one receives through the act of giving itself. True generosity has no reference to the objective of receiving anything – because if it did, it would become simply a transaction, purchase or exchange. True generosity is about what it will do for the receiver. To determine whether you’re being generous in a situation or simply calculating a good outcome for yourself, requires one fairly simple question – where does the focus lie? Are you thinking of the other person or yourself as you’re doing it? Naturally, we’re self-focused beings; a trait that has been necessary for our survival. But we also have the capacity for empathy and compassion – sometimes it just requires a shift in focus. We can become so caught up in our private concerns that we just don’t notice someone else’s need or suffering. It can be enlightening to try, maybe for a day, to consider what life is like for each person you interact with; to put yourself in their shoes, imagine and empathise. Sometimes this is all it takes – and a naturally generous and caring spirit will ensue.

A lot of the time, it’s not that people are simply uncaring or indifferent towards each other – it boils down to a lack of awareness. We forget to consider or be curious about how things are for the other. But life is richer and more rewarding when we experience it from the standpoint of those around us, too - when we sympathetically take on both the joy and pain of those we love - and respond accordingly. **by Anonymous.**

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.

TERRACYCLE RECYCLING PROGRAM IS BACK!

Thanks to the Blowfield family we will be able to continue our good habits of recycling makeup , beauty , hair products and dental products once more. The items will be collected and given to the Manchester Primary School who are involved in the Terracycle program. Containers need to be empty and if washed also need to be perfectly dry. This is a great way to recycle containers not easily recycled in any other way.

The grey bin will be in the foyer each week for your contributions.

Christmas Cards

The cards you ordered from Uniting are available today. You need to pay \$9 for each pack to take delivery.

Joyce

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD begins on **THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AT 8.00PM** – all singers welcome. Ken Davies