

# WHAT'S ON AT ST MARGARET'S

## ***DECEMBER Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	10 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	U.C.A.F.
		5.00pm	Finance & Property Ministry
TUESDAY	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	12 <sup>th</sup>		
THURSDAY	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Baradine AC Communion
		8.00pm	Christmas Choir practice
SUNDAY	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet Time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		2.30pm	Music at St Margarets

### MINISTRY DECEMBER AND JANUARY

December 9th, 16th and 23rd - Rev. Dr. Barry Brown.

Christmas Day – A service of Lessons and Carols. – Lay Leadership

December 30th- Lay preacher, Lyn Bromage.

Please note - that for this year we will be unable to participate in a Messy Church activity for families or a Christmas eve Service

A Christmas Eve service will be available at Croydon North UC.

### JANUARY 2019

All January services will be led by Supply Minister Rev. Ric Holland.

### **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>

## **16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

<u>Reader</u>	Yvonne Spicer	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jan & Judy
<u>Tea Station</u>	Carolyn & Tessa	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Kathryn & Ken

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

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/chrsqgift.htm> or ring Doug 0401 177 775.

### UCAF

“Preparing for Christmas” is the theme for the December meeting, which is to be on tomorrow 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month this time, the 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. Attendees are asked to bring a Christmassy afternoon tea.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If not collected last week The Link & Crosslight are available for collection today

**SAMMY STAMP** - Save your stamps for Sammy!

The used stamps you put in the box on the table in the foyer are taken into the Synod Office. Every Thursday in the Synod office a group of volunteers meet to sort and sell stamp. The money raised provides grants for special needs projects in Victoria, Australia and overseas that are worthy of assistance but not covered by other Uniting Church funding. Save your stamps to help. Please leave the stamps attached to paper. To trim the stamps cut around the stamp leaving a 3mm (1/8 inch) margin

**FOOD FOR WESLEY.** 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

### **TERRA CYCLE - RECYCLING PROGRAM –**

toothpaste tubes boxes, brushes etc plus any make up containers please place in – THE PURPLE BIN - Please continue to save these items.



**We all say Christmas isn't about the presents,  
and we mean it!**

Ask around. It's about family and friends, our neighbourhoods buzzing with community spirit, parents belting out Michael Bublé or Mariah Carey to annoy their children...

It's about being present. A time to come together, sharing our lives in kindness and gratitude.

So why do we still buy so much stuff?

Each year, we're confronted by the enormous and growing commercial enterprise Christmas has become. A season of hyper-consumption fed by accelerated production the world over.

We eat more, travel more, buy more and produce 30% more waste than at any other time of the year. Every December in Australia, we give an average of 20 million gifts that are unwanted and at least half of them quickly end up in landfill.

No wonder it's been described as the world's greatest annual environmental disaster.

We all want to be generous during our favourite time of year, but collectively our Christmas giving creates pollution and waste that has a huge environmental impact.

Thankfully, there are plenty of ways to be generous without more stuff, more waste and more CO2 in the atmosphere.

One way to think about it, is that every dollar we spend is a vote for the kind of world we want to live in.

**Uniting World**

**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](http://tear.org.au) for more information.

Your faithful ongoing support for Helping Hand is very appreciated and thank you.

With Christmas just around the corner, you might like to add Christmas food orientated items over the next few weeks.

Many thanks. Merle

**CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

Work was continuing on preparing the Profile as the next step in the process of calling a minister when we were told that the P.R.C. (Pastoral Relations Committee) would be meeting next Wednesday November 5th and we could present our Profile to seek their approval.

As this was their final meeting for the year three members met Sunday afternoon to complete the Profile, Council then met on Monday evening to approve the Profile, the Terms of Placement and the 5 year budget that Treasurer Ann had prepared.

Following numerous phone calls and emails on Tuesday all was eventually arranged and at 8:35p.m on Wednesday Marj., Jan and Robert travelled to meet the PRC to present the profile and answer questions. It was an interesting experience with a range of questions and comments.

We now await their response. All being well the Presbytery will add their comments before forwarding our Profile to the Synod Placements Committee. Our next step will be to form the Joint Nominating Committee consisting of two Presbytery representatives (Margaret Blair and Lionel Perrott) and up to six representatives from St Margaret's.

You will be interested to know that last Sunday those present gave the names of 23 folk as being suitable as members of the Joint Nominating Committee. A lot of hard work, especially by Marj.,, has meant we have made great progress on this important journey

Robert O'Shea (Secretary)