

What's on at St Margaret's

JANUARY/FEBRUARY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	27 th	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service
MONDAY	28 TH		
TUESDAY	29 TH	9.30am	Dad's Army
WEDNESDAY	30 TH		
THURSDAY	31 ST		
SUNDAY	3 RD	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service

INFORMATION:

MINISTER: Sunday 3rd February Rev. Dr. Robert Stringer.

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286

Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

3RD FEBRUARY 2019

<u>Reader</u>	Yvonne Spicer	<u>Ushers:</u>	Faye & Alan
<u>Tea Station</u>	Pat & Clive	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Robert O'Shea

UCAF Monday February 4th 1.30 - 3 pm in the chapel.

This first meeting for 2019 will include a COMMITMENT SERVICE

Every member of the congregation is very welcome to attend.

Please wear your name badge and bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share.

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

THANKSGIVING SERVICE BETTY LUKE.

Next Tuesday January 29th at 2.00pm there will be a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the life of Betty Luke. The service will be led by Rev. David Kim from Montrose a long-time friend of the Luke family. The service will be followed by light refreshments. I would be grateful of offers to make slices for the afternoon tea. Please write your name on the list in the foyer, and also on another list if you could assist with setting up and clearing away.

MINISTRY SUPPLY.

Today is the final day of ministry supply at St. Margaret's for Rev. Ric. Holland. We have greatly appreciated Ric's ministry with us during January and especially his pastoral care visiting folk in their homes and those who have been ill in hospital. Many thanks Ric.

For the months of February and March Rev. Dr. Robert Stringer will be our Supply Minister. During the recent vacancy at Croydon Robert undertook a period of supply there. We look forward to welcoming Robert to St. Margaret's. Please make him feel welcome.

. THRIVING MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Lessons from a duck, an echidna, a caterpillar and a tree!

Andrew McDonough, best known as the author and illustrator of the Lost Sheep books will be coming to Victoria to present a series of workshops. He will highlight his latest book 'Jesus was a Refugee.'

If you would like to attend see Marj.

Appropriate dates and places for us to attend are.

Sunday February 24th , 2.30pm at Surrey hills UC.

Wednesday February 27th, 7pm Mitcham

Thursday February 28th, 10am Murrumbeena

Duration of Workshop 2.5 hours. Cost \$20

DAD'S ARMY Commences on Tuesday morning January 29th. New members always welcome.



Small things, big love

“Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your weakness.” — Mother Teresa

At age 12, Mother Teresa felt the call of God. She knew she had to be a missionary to spread the love of Christ. As a teenager she joined an Irish community of nuns with missions in India – and at age 20, she took her vows as a nun.

For over 15 years she taught at a catholic high school in Calcutta. She was affected by the severity of the surrounding poverty and felt compelled to leave her job at the school so that she could work directly with the poorest people living in the city’s slums. She started out with no money – depending solely on ‘divine providence’ – and established an open-air school for destitute children. It was not long until she was assisted by volunteers who believed in her cause and received financial support from various quarters.

In 1950, she started her own order "The Missionaries of Charity" to care for the world’s most neglected. The Society of Missionaries has spread all over the world –providing emergency relief, famine relief, assistance for refugees and care and love for the world’s poorest including alcoholics, AIDS sufferers and the homeless. In 1979, she won the Nobel Peace Prize for her incredible contribution to the world.

Mother Teresa was no more than an ordinary woman who saw a need and responded. The desperate situation of so many weighed heavily on her heart - she did not ignore this call to action, rather she responded lovingly and in faith. Because of this, she was able to do so much in her lifetime – and she did so by doing little things with faith and love. We don’t have to be rocket scientists or entrepreneurs – we just need to take one step at a time towards God’s kingdom.

By a synod member

MUSIC TOGETHER

Thursday mornings during school terms. A music and movement program for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

The program commences on Thursday 7th February. New families welcome. See Yvonne for details. 9726 9347.

MAINTENANCE

On Saturday February 2nd the long-awaited repairs to the back hall ceiling will be carried out, as well as repairs to the roof of the church kitchen verandah.

Training for Leading Worship [Outer Eastern Cluster of Uniting Churches]

A 'Pilot Session' will be held at Saint Margaret's Uniting Church, Mooroolbark, on Wednesday 20 February 2019, commencing at 7.45 pm and concluding by 9.00 pm.

Rev Dr Barry Brown will facilitate this 'Pilot Session' under the general title: ***Liturgy – the Work of the People***. We shall also consider the topic of '***Ordered Liberty***,' which references two documents by this title found in the ***Uniting in Worship Leaders Book*** (I & II).

It is hoped that we may gather together both those who are new to (or are discerning a possible call to) the role of leading worship and those who already have experience in this ministry. In this way there can be a sharing of issues, experience and resources.

It is also hoped that during this 'Pilot Session' we might identify, say, three or four key topics to explore further throughout 2019. Depending on the topics identified, we might then identify persons with particular gifts and experience to lead these sessions.

Please register your interest with Barry as soon as possible – barryheather1966@gmail.com

FOOD FOR WESLEY & HELPING HAND. 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