

What's on at St Margaret's

FEBRUARY 10th Diary Dates

SUNDAY	10 ^d	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
TUESDAY	12 ^h	7.30pm	Bowls & Elders
WEDNESDAY	13 th	7:30 pm	Social Justice
THURSDAY	14 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	17 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit

MINISTER: Sunday 17th February Rev. Dr. Robert Stringer.

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286

Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

17th FEBRUARY 2019

<u>Reader</u>	Pat Hamilton	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jan Down n& Judy Bass
<u>Tea Station</u>	Carolyn Dunkley & Tessa	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point:</u>		<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Del & Jenny Drieberg

NOTICES Bev is off on a well earned holiday and Rex will be preparing the notices and orders of service for the next two weeks. He has asked for them as early as possible during each week. Send to Rex at rexphillips9129@gmail.com Bev have a wonderful cruise to New Zealand and Rex, many thanks for offering to do this task in Bev's absence.

THE LINK will be prepared for publication in just two weeks and there are no where near enough articles submitted yet. If you could help that would be great.

PLEASE NOTE: ROSTERS: The forms to fill in for availability for the Rosters is now on the wall in the foyer. Please advise if you are to be away for an extended time or wish to add or remove your name[s] from the rosters for March – August 2019. We appreciate your help in this area.

ELECTION OF ELDERS AND MEMBERS OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Nomination forms for election as Elder and Church Council are available from today. Nomination close at 9:30a.m on Sunday 17th February.

Jan Down is the only current member who will have completed their term as Elder or Council member **but vacancies exist**. You are asked to prayerfully consider nominating as Elder or for Church Council. Please

do not hesitate to ask any member if you would like to know more of what's involved in supporting our congregation in these vital roles

Robert O'Shea.

FOOD FOR WESLEY

Our food gifts to Wesley are greatly appreciated and are **NEEDED**.

Delivering our donation at 11:00a.m. I was told by the person on the desk that they had already had 49 clients in that morning, most asking for food. If anything, the need now is even greater than when we first began delivering food to Wesley more than 20 years ago.

Robert O'Shea

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 24TH FEBRUARY

Notice is given that the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following worship on Sunday 24th February to accept the Annual Report, pass the 2019 Budget, elect Elders and members of the Church Council and deal with any other "matters within the responsibility of the Congregation."

Robert O'Shea

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.

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

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

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COBBLESTONES

The ancient cobblestone, from which flakes of stone had been struck, was found embedded in the back wall of a two-metre trench in an erosion gully on the shores of Páruku (Lake Gregory), Western Australia.

The archaeologist who discovered it deduced from its surrounds that it had been flaked and discarded in situ some 30,000 to 50,000 years ago. Across that unthinkable timespan just two hands had held that stone, two minds contemplated its meaning and usefulness. The contrast between each of those lives is astonishing.

Both weighed the gift of that rock in their hand, momentarily absorbed in thought as to its possibilities. Yet each saw something completely different, each drew upon staggeringly different perspectives. What would we see? The makings of a useful tool? Positive evidence of ancient lifestyles? Or just a rock?

Every week the lectionary offers us the gifts spiritual cobblestones. Our challenge is to hold, weigh and search them for God's word to us, aware that finding something special, may cause us to step well outside our comfortable perspectives.

By Ian Menzies

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Social Justice

The next meeting of the Social Justice Committee will be on Wednesday 13th Feb at 7:30 PM ,,Please come along if you have any ideas about our role in the Celebrate Mooroolbark event

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