

LENTEN STUDIES

This year we will explore the ideas presented in the Study book "THROUGH THE EYES OF LOVE." Written by Rev. Dr. Ian Price.

This book of 5 studies explores the person and impact of Christ on 5 key personalities in the New Testament. - Peter, John, Mary Magdalene, Luke and Paul.

Participants will deepen their understanding of Jesus the person and come to a new appreciation of Christ's role in their lives.

If you would like to be part of these studies they will be held following morning tea each Sunday in Lent commencing March 10th.

There is a list in the foyer today please write your name on it if you would like to participate. Books are \$11 each. They need to be ordered now. COD.

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

FAMILY GATHERING Sunday 24th February

All are welcome to join with us in the Chapel at 5:30p.m next Sunday 24th February for the first Family Gathering for 2019. Our special guest is Rev Dr Robert Stringer who will share with us something of his life and experiences. Please bring along some savoury and sweet finger food to share. An interesting evening and good fellowship is assured.

What's on at StMargaret's

FEBRUARY 17th Diary Dates

SUNDAY	17 ^d	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
TUESDAY	19 ^h	.30pm	Bowls & Study Group
THURSDAY	21 st	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	24 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

Rosters for 24/2/19

Reader: Carolyn Dunkley

Sound: Del Drieberg

Ushers: Pat & Clive Hamilton

Chapel: Karen & Stephen White

Tea Station: June Bennie & Denise Greehalgh

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

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286

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ANNUAL REPORT Copies of the Annual Report are available today. One per family. Please make sure you collect yours today, and read it through the week. The report will be presented at the Annual meeting next Sunday 24th February immediately following morning worship.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship are organising the local service which will be held at St Margaret's. U.C. on Friday March 1st , commencing 10am and concluding with refreshments.

The service has been prepared by Slovenian Christians and the speaker will be a member of the Melbourne Slovenian congregation, Mrs Magda Pisotek. All very welcome.

Further details from Dorothy Gordon 9725 0733 or 0428 233 607



GIVE ME A BREAK!

Working as a polling official on the Declaration table, I had issued a provisional voting form to a gaunt, scruffy woman whose name hadn't been found on the electoral roll. Brushing her lank hair from her eyes with a tattooed arm, she had returned to me obviously struggling with limited literacy skills to fill out the form. She gratefully accepted my offer to assist.

Various details were dutifully recorded before I came to the section that asked for her previous address. "I've been in jail," she whispered. "Well, congratulations on getting out and starting afresh," I blurted out, without time to think of something possibly more appropriate.

To my relief, she smiled, visibly relaxed and straightened. "Ta." The form completed, she darted back and forth with further queries about the ballots before heading off to organise other essentials.

It transpired her release had been just hours earlier, and on passing the Voting Centre she had stopped in on an impulse. "I just wanted to be normal," she explained on leaving. "You'll be fine," I assured her, secretly praying that would be true. "Thank you - here's hoping," she said, before launching into her new life. **By Ian Menzies**

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

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 with Barry Brown before 9.00 am tomorrow,
Monday 18th – barryheather1966@gmail.com**