

# What's on at St Margaret's

## ***FEBRUARY /MARCH Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am 9.30am Followed by 5.30pm	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service Annual Meeting Family Gathering
MONDAY	25 <sup>th</sup>		
TUESDAY	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 7.30pm	Dad's Army Bowls
WEDNESDAY	27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church Council
THURSDAY	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
FRIDAY	1 <sup>st</sup>	10am	World Day of Prayer
SUNDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.25am 9.30am	Quiet time – candle lit Sunday Service

**SUPPLY MINISTER:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Rev. Dr. Robert Stringer.

**CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286

Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

### **3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2019**

<u>Reader</u>	Rebecca McDonald	<u>Ushers:</u>	Judy & Noel De Voog
<u>Tea Station</u>	Bev & Jean	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Dal Drieberg
<u>Power Point:</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Michael Down

**PLEASE NOTE: ROSTERS:**

My apologies but being away for 2 weeks & now away for this weekend I have run out of time to update the rosters taking into consideration the weeks that people are unavailable.

Above I have allocated people for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If you are unable to do it for that Sunday & are also unable to ask someone else please let me know & I will try to arrange a replacement.

I will be home from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Bev 0414 817 752

### **EASTER BISCUIT BAKE**

Please help support this program aiming to provide every Victorian prison inmate with 10 home made biscuits and a card explaining the meaning of Easter. Biscuits need to be homemade, NO NUTS or peanut butter used.

Put the biscuits in a sealed disposable container (ice cream containers are ideal) and list the ingredients used on top of the container.

Please bring them to church Sunday 31st March or April 7th .

Julie Robinson 9727 2736 will pick up your biscuits if needed and will deliver St Margaret's contribution to the collection centre.

### **BOOK CHAT**

Pickup a copy of "Reclaiming an Ancient Heritage" by Gwen Masters to read and join with us at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday 2nd April for tea, coffee, cake and chat. Feel free to borrow a copy to read even if you are unable to come on April 2nd. Please return all copies by Sunday 31st March or at the "chat" on the 2nd April.

Marilvn O'Shea

### **Pancake Day**

When we celebrate Pancake day then we enjoy a happy social occasion which supports Uniting agencies. Come along on Tuesday March 5th at 6:30. Adults pay \$5 and children \$2:50.

You may like to contribute some pancake mix.

### **Letter writing**

If you are concerned about any of these issues you can write to Federal politicians about them. There are guidelines in the pockets on the Social Justice board.

- Growing well-being – Jobs for people from the Pacific on Australian farms
- Beyond greed – Protecting children online
- Ensuring the well-being of people with disabilities.

### **FAMILY GATHERING TONIGHT Sunday 24th February**

All are welcome to join with us in the Chapel at 5:30p.m. tonight 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.

Robert O'Shea



## LOST FOR WORDS

On a visit to someone terminally ill, what can I say? Anxieties surface. No matter how strong our faith, at times we are vulnerable. Sometimes we panic. Every scene is different according to those present.

One day I visited an old lady terminally ill at Apollo Bay Hospital. She lived at the foot of surrounding hills. "Please read me Psalm 121," she said. "Every day I lift up my eyes to those hills, also please make it part of my funeral service".

Sometimes the gentle holding of a hand, or a touch of blessing on the forehead may be appropriate.

Principal Hector Maclean, of Ormond Theological Hall, told us this story. As a young minister he once visited a very sick old lady. He did not know what to say. So he left embarrassed.

Next time he apologised to her for not saying anything. She replied, "If you had said anything I would have screamed!" Sometimes just being there is enough. Waiting for a word, or just being a peaceful presence.

**By Bill Pugh**

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY 24TH FEBRUARY**

Notice is given that the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following worship today 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." If you have not received one already Annual Reports are available today Robert O'Shea

**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

## 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

### March meeting UCAF

On Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 the UCAF *will meet in the church which is a change.* Organized by Mrs Jean Curnow, the speaker for the day is Mrs Julie Robinson. Her topic is "Quiet Gardens" and her talk will be accompanied by slides .All are welcome to attend. Those coming are asked to bring a contribution for afternoon tea and any surplus goods to sell to raise money for the causes supported by UCAF.

**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.