

What's on at St Margaret's

MARCH Diary Dates

SUNDAY	10 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study
MONDAY	11 th	5.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
TUESDAY	12 th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Elders Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
THURSDAY	14 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		10.30am	Barradine AC Communion
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MINISTER Rev. Dr. Robert Stringer.

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CHURCH BANKING DETAILS.

BENDIGO BANK BSB 633 000

ACCOUNT NUMBER 163 224 256

ST. MARGARET'S UNITING CHURCH

17th MARCH 2019

Reader Jean Curnow

Tea Station Fay & Alan Norris

Power Point: Franklyn Parrent

Ushers: Nancy & Carolyn

Sound Desk Clive Hamilton

Chapel Cleaning Clive Hamilton

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

Pick up 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.

Marilyn O'Shea

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.

PLEASE NOTE: ROSTERS:

Rosters are now ready for collection – Please see Bev after the service.



ENTERTAINING ANGELS

There is an African proverb along the lines, “When the bee comes to your house, let him drink; you may wish to visit his house one day.”

There are many similar Biblical exhortations to show hospitality. While on holidays, I attended a local worship service one Sunday morning as a solo stranger. To be honest, I had been looking forward to some simple anonymity and a quiet reflection. I was greeted at the door enthusiastically but was then somewhat dismayed to be informed that in lieu of a formal Service of Worship, a “Bible Discussion” morning was planned, and, worse, my greeters were “looking forward to what I had to say!”

My dismay was soon charmed away by the cheerful and welcoming locals, the engaging and relevant discussion, and I left buoyed and uplifted. I was no “entertained angel”, but the hospitality to strangers shown to me that morning, has left an indelible memory.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

- **by Ian Menzies**

LENTEN OFFERING

The Lenten Offering is an annual event in the life of congregations within the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. It is conducted during Lent and Easter at a time of reflection, renewal and recommitment.

In response to God's love for all people and the giving of God's son to the world, an opportunity is provided for people of the church to make a sacrificial offering to support important mission projects.

The 2019 Lenten Offering will support the following projects: -

- ❖ Ecumenical Accompaniment Program *International*
- ❖ Homework Hub Pakenham Officer *Melbourne Metro*
- ❖ Benalla Central Community Garden *Regional Victoria*
- ❖ Migrant Women's Music and Language Project *Tasmania*

To support the Lenten Offering-

- Pick up an appeal brochure at St Margarets
- Free call 1800 668 426
- Send a cheque or postal order to:-

Lenten Offering 2019

Reply Paid 85995

A'Beckett Street Vic. 8006

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

HELPING HAND DONATIONS

Items in urgent need are: -

Milk ----- 2 minute noodles ----- Baked Beans -----

Tin Spaghetti ----- Female Hygiene pads -----

Shampoo.

Thank you.