

What's on at St Margaret's

MARCH Diary Dates

SUNDAY	24 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study
		5.30pm	Family Gathering
MONDAY	25 th		
TUESDAY	26 th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	27 th		
THURSDAY	28 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	31 st	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study

MINISTER Rev. Dr. Robert Stringer. OFFICE PHONE 9723 7323

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CHURCH BANKING DETAILS.

BENDIGO BANK BSB 633 000 ACCOUNT NUMBER 157 319 310

ST. MARGARET'S UNITING CHURCH

31st MARCH 2019

Reader Janet Cundall

Tea Station Nancy & Ann

Power Point: Alan Norris

Ushers: Faye & Alan Norris

Sound Desk Dal Drieberg

Chapel Cleaning Katherine & Ken

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.

DAY OF THANKS MAYORAL BREAKFAST.

This year the Mayoral Breakfast will be on Saturday May 25th at 7.45am at the Jim's Conference Centre in Edinburgh Road, Lilydale.

Last year we missed out on tickets as folk failed to book in time. This year's speaker is likely to be just as popular.

Scott Ayton will be the guest speaker. He is the head of the Translational Neuroscience Laboratory and Deputy Director of the Melbourne Dementia Research Centre at the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health. Please let Marj know as soon as possible if you would like to attend and a table will be booked. Ph. 9726 7286 or marjhookey@hotmail.net.au

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

FAMILY GATHERING TONIGHT Sunday 24th March

Come along and join with us tonight at 5:30p.m. in the Chapel when our special guest will be Rev Dr Robert Stringer. An interesting evening is assured as he shares something of his life experiences with us. Please bring along some sweet and savoury food to share.

Robert O'Shea

HELPING HAND DONATIONS

Items in urgent need are: - Milk -- 2 minute noodles ----

Baked Beans --- Tin Spaghetti ---- Female Hygiene pads ----

Shampoo. Thank you.



A SINGING BUTCHER

Our block is a little bit of paradise ... to us anyway! We would not receive any prizes in horticulture or at a show. We have a mixture of vegetables, so many, we love to give lots away. Lovely fruit trees, an old tea tree falling over with age, various shrubs, very hardy roses and flowering bushes according to season.

We have a large water tank attached to the garage, which is replenished after rain. Sometimes in summer we are dependent on mains water to carry us through the hot days.

All manner of birds, big and little, are welcome. We provide lots of worms and shade from the heat. We have to keep an eye for the next-door cat who hides in the greenery with evil intent. We banished him from the garden with a 'SHOO' and a loud clap of the hands.

There is always life in the backyard from early morning to the cool of the day. Birds bring their little ones too, such good mums and dads, in spite of much squawking till a morsel is shoved into a gaping beak!

One day the wire door from our porch was open. Lovely singing was coming a soprano voice playing from a CD in our lounge. As the music floated into our garden a butcher bird joined in tune to her voice, pitch perfect. We lapsed into joyful silence and appreciation. Surely this was a special gift to us.

by Bill Pugh

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

A Quiz Program

Chaired by Lois Lancashire

Monday 1st April

At the church At 1.30 p.m.

President Dorothy Gordon Tel 97250733

Secretary Katharine Davies Tel 97265952

Mobile 0400048560

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

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March meeting was held in the main church as Julie Robinson's talk was accompanied by slides kindly produced by Franklyn Parrent. Members were introduced to the Quiet Garden Movement whereby as a Christian commitment people offer a garden which they upkeep for a place where people can go and be spiritually nourished. They can move quietly in it or stay still for a while. There are now many many gardens throughout the world, in schools, private gardens and other places. The one near us being the garden at the Ashburton Baptist church 98850227 which Julie likes to visit first ringing to be sure it is open. The Web site and the Magazine can be ways of exploring further. Thanks were due to Jean Curnow too, for searching out this topic.

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEWS SKILLS

You are invited to join the "PowerPoint" Team or the "Sound Desk" Team.

Gentle training will be provided. For "PowerPoint" speak with Alan, Michael or Franklyn. For "Sound Desk" speak with Rex. You can make a valuable contribution to Worship for our congregation through these ministries.