

What's on at St Margaret's

/MARCH/APRIL Diary Dates

SUNDAY	31 st	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study
MONDAY	1 st	1.30pm	U.C.A.F.
TUESDAY	2 nd	10.00am	Book Chat
		7.30pm	Bowls
THURSDAY	4 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	7 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study

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CHURCH BANKING DETAILS.

BENDIGO BANK BSB 633 000 ACCOUNT NUMBER 157 319 310

ST. MARGARET'S UNITING CHURCH

7TH APRIL 2019

Reader Marj Hookey

Ushers: Pat & Clive Hamilton

Tea Station Karen & Stephen White

Sound Desk Rex Phillips

Power Point: Alan Norris

Chapel Cleaning Michael Down

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 Tuesday 2nd April

Join with us at 10:00a.m. next Tuesday 2nd April for tea, coffee, cake and chat about "Reclaiming an Ancient Heritage" by Gwen Masters. Please return your copy at the "chat" and collect our next book to read over Easter. Marilyn O'Shea

EASTER SERVICES.

Maundy Thursday 18th April 6.30pm – Upper Room meal & service in the Chapel

Good Friday 19th April – Service at 9.30am

Easter Day - Sunday Dawn (6.30am approx) Cluster of Churches Service at the Lilydale Lake – Entry first car park.

Easter Day 21st April Service 9.30am.

Social Justice Meeting The next meeting for Social Justice will be on Wednesday April 10th at 7:30.



TURNING 80

If we are fortunate enough, as I am, we become eligible to join the O.B.E. Club. You don't earn this award; you just stay around long enough. Then one day, you arrive at turning 80 years of age! In becoming an honorary member of the 'over blooming eighty' Club, I was awarded a medallion by my niece as an outcome of me staying around for eight decades.

How does it feel to attain this milestone? It is a good time to reflect on one's life, achievements, highs and lows and current activities. Like it or not, one is no longer a teenager! No matter how our health is, we have to start acting our age! It is a good time to review our participation in activities. Are they still fulfilling or maybe bringing undue stress? Is it time to downsize the home or bring in some extra services? Is driving a vehicle still safe for yourself and others? Can I still play the sport I have loved since a child?

God has promised to direct us through all the twists and turns of life. This should give us hope and strength, and by drawing a deep breath, we proceed to look forward to the future. As we put one foot in front of the other, the gift of life – whether short or long – is an amazing gift from God who embraces us with boundless love.

by Geoff Serpell

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

Helping Hand continue to be most grateful for our continual and generous support. At present they are needing tinned tomatoes, margarine and cereal & 2-minute noodles. There is also an urgent need for more volunteers as one girl sadly died unexpectedly and another ill. If you or someone you know are interested, the manager Di, would be pleased to come and talk with you.
Contact Merle on 97265150

CHURCH COUNCIL MARCH MEETING REPORT.

- * Jan Down has been co opted for a 12 month period to Church Council. We thank Jan for being prepared to serve again on council.
- * Decision made to replace speakers and amplifiers in sound system – they have just worn out with old age. Thanks Rex for obtaining quote of \$3850. You will probably all have noted the recent problems with the unreliable sound.
- * Council renewed our annual **Statement of Commitment** to keeping children safe and also Our **Code of Conduct** . It says “ **St. Margaret’s Uniting Church expects all employees, appointed leaders, volunteers and people in specified ministries to abide by this code of conduct.**”
These documents are displayed for you to read on the notice board.
- * The Bible Society has produced an excellent free children’s book of the story of Easter in a similar style to those produced for Christmas. They will be available today and next Sunday for you to take a copy or copies for family members of primary school age. The families from Music Together will also be given a book.
- * A date for a meeting to begin fete planning will be set for soon after Easter.
- * Yarra Ranges Council will commence using St. Margaret’s Hall for their Tuesday Immunisation program from July .
- * The church carpeted areas have been steam cleaned this week. We thank our Chin community who will be paying this invoice.
- * We have received a notice of assessment for Land Tax. Unfortunately following Presbytery and Synod advice, as we pay rates on the manse and at the moment receive private rental, we will need to pay the annual cost of \$625.

FAMILY GATHERING

Our thanks to Rev Dr Robert Stringer for willingly sharing so much of his life, ministry, family, interests and hobbies at Family Gathering last Sunday. A fascinating and inspiring story and a great evening of fellowship enjoyed by all present.

Mark Sunday 28th April in your diary and join with us in the Chapel at 5:30p.m. to fly over Lake Eyre and travel through outback South Australia. Bring along some savoury and sweet finger food to share and enjoy good food and fellowship together. Robert O’Shea