

What's on at St Margaret's

APRIL Diary Dates

SUNDAY	7 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study
MONDAY	8 th	5.00pm	Finance & Property
TUESDAY	9 th	9.30am	Dad's Army
		10.30am	Baradine AC Communion
		7.30pm	Elders Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	10 th	7.30pm	Social Justice Meeting
THURSDAY	11 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	14 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study

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ST. MARGARET'S UNITING CHURCH

14TH APRIL 2019

Reader Dorothy Gordon

Tea Station Leanne & Judy

Power Point: Michael Down

Ushers:

Sound Desk

Chapel Cleaning

Graeme & Merle

Clive Hamilton

Robert O'Shea

Save The Date

Singularity will perform Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Patience' in concert at St. Margaret's Sunday June 2nd, 2:30pm. Tickets just \$10. All proceeds will go to Rubaga Youth Development Association, Uganda. Hope to see you there. Please spread the word.

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

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.



An opportunity to give

A dose of the nightly news can often leave you deeply troubled, even fatigued, at the thought of all the pain and suffering in the world. The plight of marginalised, displaced and persecuted peoples appears omnipresent and sadly insurmountable.

Such images of war-torn countries flicker on our screens and splash across our newspapers daily.

Often it can be easy to focus on your own patch, your own backyard. If only by sheer necessity; after all, what can one person do in the face of such immense suffering?

I regularly volunteer at our local Op Shop. A steady stream of people, from many diverse backgrounds, mill about in search of a bargain with money going towards community support programs operating in our local area. It's a welcome few hours of my week, a good cause, though I'm often left feeling that I could and should do more to give back.

Recently our volunteer team has arranged an in store monthly fundraiser that highlights a worthy cause, many of which are much further afield than our little local patch.

It's a simple collection box with information that details positive actions towards issues of disadvantage and inequality in the world.

Volunteers encourage shoppers to take a few moments to read over the issue we're highlighting that month and many are most happy to contribute a few coins.

In a short time our little project has raised hundreds of dollars towards many worthy causes.

Reflection: Ultimately the Kingdom of God is one of generosity, openness and understanding.

If we open our eyes and listen attentively to understand the opportunities in our midst, we are often able to meaningfully contribute towards much larger causes than we might have otherwise thought.

Often our own little patch can help out in surprising, creative and meaningful ways. **By Bill O'Connor**

SAMMY STAMP - Save your stamps for Sammy!

The used stamps you put in the box on the table in the foyer are taken into the Synod Office. Every Thursday in the Synod office a group of volunteers meet to sort and sell stamp. The money raised provides grants for special needs projects in Victoria, Australia and overseas that are worthy of assistance but not covered by other Uniting Church funding. Save your stamps to help. Please leave the stamps attached to paper. To trim the stamps cut around the stamp leaving a 3mm (1/8 inch) margin

TERRA CYCLE - RECYCLING PROGRAM – toothpaste tubes boxes, brushes etc plus any make up containers please place in – THE BLACK BIN - Please continue to save these items.

FOOD FOR WESLEY. 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 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