

# What's on at St Margaret's

## ***AUGUST Diary Dates***

SUNDAY	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	13 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Finance & Property Meeting
TUESDAY	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Elders Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	15 <sup>th</sup>		
THURSDAY	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service

**INFORMATION:** ARNIE WIERENGA is on leave next Sunday  
The Preacher for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August will be Rev. Dr. Barry Brown

**CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286 Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

### 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Dorothy Gordon	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jan & Judy
<u>Tea Station</u>	Pat & tba	<u>Sound Desk</u>	tba
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Karen & Stephen

**ROSTER AVAILABILITY. (LAST WEEK)** A form is on the notice board for you to fill in if you are to be away for an extended time or know you are not available for some time. Also if you are willing to assist for any of the areas it would be greatly appreciated – Please write your name on the form. Or if you wish to be taken off the rosters, thank you for past services write on the form Bev Trollope

The Church Office is open on Thursday mornings telephone number 9723 7323 Notices can be emailed to [stmargarets@netspace.net.au](mailto:stmargarets@netspace.net.au) by 10.30a.m. each Thursday

## **August UCAF**

UCAF speaker for the day was Margaret Pedler who was immediate Past President of Australia wide Uniting Church Adult Fellowship for three years.

Margaret spoke of what she did in that role. She visited all states and went to many groups, all doing many activities which were quite diverse from doing weekly hospitality to raising money for needy causes with Spring Flower shows to learning new things. There were also major meetings.

Margaret, as well, was the person chosen to vote out of our region section of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting church Women. This body met in Texas US in 2016 along with the Men's world body. There were 800 women there (anyone was welcome to go) so lots of international Christians were met. The Fiji meeting, which Margaret also attended, was regarding our section of the world body mentioned above, namely South Pacific, one of 9 sections.

The talk was accompanied by an interesting set of slides. Margaret amongst many comments was surprised to find that aboriginal Australian she met had similar problems as anyone else.

Rev Arnie Wierenga announced that he and Jenni would be moving to Gippsland to take up responsibilities for the Presbytery there. Prayers were also offered for folk connected with Walmsley village where those in the Hostel and Nursing Home sections needed to move soon, as rebuilding would commence lasting about three years.

### **.WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD.**

Available now in the church foyer. Please take one today.

### **THE LINK**

Please help provide some copy for the September Link .

Wednesday 15th will be the very last day .

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Marj Hookey Editor



## Wind and Spirit

It's a winter's day. My phone beeps at me, and I note with slight alarm a message from Vic Emergency. "Damaging winds" are forecast for my "watch area" later in the day.

I look outside, where indeed it is gusty, but it is also sunny, warmish for winter, and the air is filled with children's playtime voices during morning recess at the nearby primary school.

As a child, I used to love windy days. They seemed somehow more exciting, invigorating. Even a storm, rolling in on the wind from a distance, can seem majestic, awesome.

There are times, however, when apprehension can strike. Sitting in a plane that was rocking noticeably in heavy winds whilst still at its terminal awaiting departure; observing basin water ominously sloshing by itself in a buffeted high rise tower; being tossed by huge, storm-raised waves at sea, are amongst my quite minor but scarier wind experiences and contrast dramatically with far worse ones experienced by others.

In John 3:8 we read, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

I can identify with this linking of wind and Spirit. I breathe deeply, resolving not to over-stress over my SMS warning, and instead enjoy the energizing movement of the Spirit around me.

*"Breathe on me, breath of God"*

**Ian Menzies**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Have you noticed a number of lost property items in various parts of the foyer? Several umbrellas are among them. I have asked the Chin Church to look at the clothing. If you have lost anything recently please check, garments make the place look very untidy.

**BOOKS** Yes, additional books will be welcomed in preparation for the Fete in November **BUT only novels**, hardback or paperback please.

Let me know if you would like me to come to pick them up or bring them on a Sunday or leave them in the Chapel. Many thanks  
Robert O'Shea 9735 2393

### **FOOD FOR WESLEY**

No more single use plastic bags BUT please keep on with your food donations to Wesley. They need and greatly value our support. I pack all the items into shopping bags for ease of transport so it's not a problem if you leave items loose in the trolley. Thankyou for your continuing support. 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.

**TERRA CYCLE - RECYCLING PROGRAM** – toothpaste tubes boxes, brushes etc plus any make up containers now have a new container – **THE PURPLE BIN** - Jorja and Chloe now have over 2000 items to send away (worth \$20 which they are donating to RYDA) Please continue to save these items – put them in the one bin.