

What's on at St Margaret's

MAY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	12 th	9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	13 th	5.00pm	Property & Finance
TUESDAY	14 th	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	15 th		
THURSDAY	16 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	19 th	9.30am	Sunday Service

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CHURCH BANKING DETAILS.

19th MAY 2019

Reader Rebecca McDonald Ushers: Judy & Noel

Tea Station Nancy & Ann Sound Desk Stephen White

Power Point: Alan Norris Chapel Cleaning Dal & Jenny

Patience

Have patience. Patience is coming to St. Margaret's. A colourful, musical, witty afternoon is promised for Sunday June 2nd at 2:30pm as Singularity present a concert version of Gilbert & Sullivan's famous operetta. Just \$10 per person. Afternoon tea provided. Posters available today. Take to display where you live, work or play.

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.

THE LINK It is time to begin preparing the June copy of our magazine "The Link". I would be grateful for any articles to include. The last day for receiving contributions will be the **15th May**.

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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

BOOK SALE AND DEVONSHIRE TEA

Saturday June 15th from 9.00am until 12 noon. Now is the time to contribute books It helps those sorting and packing the books if you look them out and bring them along as soon as possible. Thanks.

GIVING



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A MOTHER'S INTUITION & GENEROSITY

A terrible crashing sound of breaking china unexpectedly exploded through the house. We were alone in the kitchen; the noise was from the front hall.

My mother knew instantly what had happened and sent me to address the issue. "I don't want to see it," she said, holding back tears. Our normally unadventurous cat had, for the first-and-last time ever, leapt to a windowsill and knocked a beloved china bowl to its doom. It was irreparably smashed to pieces.

I swept the remains up, puzzling the whole while, "How did she know what had happened?" She just did.

It's a strange little memory, perhaps, but I can see her there still: stoic, sad and resigned. As well as that, she was always generously forgiving and loving (of both me and the cat) and many others. **By Ian Menzies**

INFORMATION FOR ALL ON THE READERS ROSTER.

A new book titled "Let us pray" Author Janet Nelson, is located in the office. It is a book of Prayers of the People and is written for the 3 year Lectionary period. This year is year C. This book will be a great help to those who find preparing the prayer a difficult task. Please take a photocopy of the prayer (or ask someone to do this for you) that is for your particular Sunday (dates are at the top of each page) and always leave the book in the office.

Letter writing

Christian Human Rights Defender faces trumped-up murder charges in the Philippines. Use the guidelines in the Social Justice pockets to write a letter in support of Rachel Mariano.

Helping Hand,

Each week the volunteers are so delighted to receive our generous contributions, At present tins of soup, milk, and shampoo are in short supply along with cereal.

Thank you all for your continual generosity. Merle

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

St Margaret's Birthday Book - Needs updating

Would you like to have your birthday recorded in our birthday book and then listed in the Link when the time comes?

YES ?

All you need to do then is to write your name against the date in the Diary that is your birthday.

(No need to add the year of birth unless you wish to.)

Easter Biscuit Bake 2019

Thank you to all the people who contributed so generously to the recent Prison Fellowship Easter Bake. The target of 85.000 biscuits was exceeded. Here is an article sent to the Director of the Victorian Branch, Richard Feeney It was from the Ravenhall Prison.

Quote "After 14 Prison Fellowship volunteers entered the prison, we broke up into 4 teams with each team handing out biscuits in the designated area. The prisoners received them with delight and many expressed thanks for thinking of them in this way."

It was great how the officers also became involved.

After the packs of biscuits were distributed, we all met in the chapel, where we were able to spend some time talking with the inmates.

Before we left, we gathered together in the foyer to commit the prison and the prisoners to the Lord in prayer.

It was Good Friday and it was a Good Friday!

Julie Robinson