

What's on at St Margaret's

MAY Diary Dates

SUNDAY	5 th	9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	6 th	1.30pm	U.C.A.F.
TUESDAY	7 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Dad's Army Bowls
WEDNESDAY	8 th		
THURSDAY	9 th	9.45am–10.45am 10.30am	Music Together Baradine AC Communion
SUNDAY	12 th	9.30am	Sunday Service

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CHURCH BANKING DETAILS.

BENDIGO BANK BSB 633 000 ACCOUNT NUMBER 157 319 310
ST. MARGARET'S UNITING CHURCH

12th MAY 2019

<u>Reader</u>	Michael Down	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jean & Lynette
<u>Tea Station</u>	Karen & Stephen	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Clive Hamilton
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Merle & Graeme

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.

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. Editor Marj 9726

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

Church Council at its meeting on Wednesday evening set the date for this fund raising event as 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.



OUR CARE OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS

Tucked in behind the Brunswick Uniting Church, you will find the UCA Asylum Seeker **Welcome Centre**. Recently members of Asylum Seeker support groups met at the centre to learn of its work and share experience of housing and support.

Over one month, about 270 people visit the **Welcome Centre** for some of its many activities - driving instruction; sewing; gardening; art program; women's group that is a leadership program. Volunteers help with providing meals with donations of food from Food Bank & Second Bite. Every month, the Women's Group brings together over 60 women to be creative, share stories and create new friendships.

The Asylum Seeker Program currently houses 60 people in properties scattered across Melbourne. Each person has a Case Worker who assists with finding support that is needed eg. negotiating Government requirements, legal advice etc. The Support Groups, such as Outer Eastern Asylum Seekers Support Network, try to assist with day to day living issues.

With the cuts being made to the Status Resolution Support Service, 5,000 people in Victoria until recently receiving support through providers such as Red Cross - may lose support. The cut in the support could mean greater demand for services of the **Welcome Centre** as well as **the Asylum Seeker Program**.

Continued financial support is needed to fund the housing service that as well as providing somewhere to live - provides a Basic Living Allowance, some MIKI costs, cost of house utilities – gas, electricity, water and maintenance, and Case Management.

***St.Margaret's congregation continues to generously support this work through a major contribution from the proceeds of our Annual Fete in November.**

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

WHAT'S OFFERING

Our thanks to all who give regularly by direct debit, using envelopes or through the open plates. At the end of the March we are slightly below the budget set for this year. Actual figures at March 31st were \$17,827 for Planned Giving \$673 or 3.6% below budget.

\$1,152 for Open Plate \$329 or 22.2% below budget

\$18,979 Total Offerings \$1,002 or 5% below budget.

Your continuing generous support of ministry and mission at St Margaret's is greatly appreciated.

Robert O'Shea Planned Giving Elder

FAMILY GATHERING

At Family Gathering last Sunday we enjoyed a trip through outback South Australia and flew over Lake Eyre. Photos from Robert and Marilyn assisted by Michael's technical support.

Mark Sunday 26th May in your diary and join with us at 5:30 in the Chapel for our next Family Gathering. An interesting evening and good fellowship is assured. Robert O'Shea

UCAF

Bead Making is the activity for the next meeting of Uniting Church Adult Fellowship. All materials will be supplied. *It is to be held in the hall, being a place for easier shifting of the tables by the office bearers.* 1.30 is the time on Monday 6th May. All are most welcome.