

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham



the Parish Matters

Celebrates parish life and reports important items from the most recent Parish Council meeting.
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St Margaret's Anglican Parish Eltham acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship. We commit to working for reconciliation and justice for Aboriginal people. Diversity and inclusivity are important to us at St Margaret's.

**Living God, present in us, around us, beyond us
be present to us now,
breathe in an through our lives,
that we may know you more clearly
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly
every day.
We ask this is the name of Jesus. Amen.**

New Vicar

Dear Parishioners, Your patience has been exceptional and time in this "Archbishop's Choice" has been long and drawn out, it is coming to an end. It has, we know created a huge workload for Linda, who has loyally dedicated herself to St. Margaret's over many many months. She has put her heart and soul into the parish and to many parishioners individually, our gratitude and sincere thanks we will always be truly grateful for. The process has been bogged down by paperwork and hurdles. Our Bishop Brad has been very accessible and helpful along the way, but sometimes others are involved and that's where we get a logjam. However, we are very hopeful the Bishop informs us, to be able to make an announcement on 20th August, if all goes well. After that the plans we have had on the board for many months can be revealed and more firmly set as we proceed with their induction and acquaintance with you all.

Helen Robertson, Sandra Brown-Holt and John Humann

Farewell to Linda:

Well the time has come when we must farewell Linda. Her spiritual leadership and exceptional gifts will be missed. However Linda has left us a legacy of knowing there are always other ways of achieving things that she has shared and we have grown from the doing. We thank her for her wonderful care of the people at St Margaret's from the bottom of our hearts. Linda has given her all; she has been a terrific Associate Priest and later a wonderful Locum. Although Linda will be around for a while, we will have chance to say thank you at lunch on the 19th.November. (see below)

Save the Date:

Future planning includes: Induction on Thursday 16 November,
Sunday 19th November: St Margaret's Day Celebration, followed by a short Annual meeting, then a scrumptious catered for lunch that will give you an opportunity to meet the new Vicar. Parish Council have agreed to subsidise the costs but we are asking for a \$20pp contribution if you are able. We really want everyone to attend and if this is beyond your means please come anyway. This is for the whole Parish and we'd love to share this time together. This will replace the usual Pub Lunch due the following week. Transport will be available for those who need a lift. *More info to come. RSVP will be vital. Organising Committee: Liz Pryor, Linda Mackenzie, Mary Lynton-Moll, Coralie Carew. Any others welcome.*

Rev. Canon A/Prof Glenn Loughrey

Glenn is a Wiradjuri man. He is a leader at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University in Canberra and the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne's Educator and Advocate for the Voice. He is the chairperson of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council, the vicar of St Oswald's in Glen Iris and artist in residence at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Melbourne.



Later this year Australians will be called upon to vote for recognition of First Nations people in the constitution and for the same peoples to have a direct voice to the federal parliament. It is vital that we listen and appreciate the different perspectives of First Nations people, and understand the question confronting us as Australians. Glenn Loughrey is a priest, artist and author and Wiradjuri man and has a special interest in indigenous issues.

Hear his unique viewpoint of the issues informing The Voice debate. There will be a question and answer session at the conclusion of the presentation.

Another note for your diaries:



Unpacking the Statement from the Heart
by
Rev'd. Canon A/Prof. Glenn Loughrey

At St. Margaret's 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham 3095

2pm Sunday August 27th 2023

Light refreshments after the presentation

Enquiries: Please contact: Kathleen Toal. Mobile: 0439 032 977

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham
79-81 Pitt Street Eltham

SEPTEMBER MUSIC CONCERT
3pm Sunday 10th September 2023



Featuring:
The Open Door Singers
Piano, organ and harp solos

\$20.00 per person.
Children Free

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<https://www.trybooking.com/CJQFX>
Phone: 9439 9238. www.stmargaretseltham.org.au

Funds raised will support the annual St. Margaret's music scholarship program

This concert supports the funding of the St. Margaret's music scholarship winners. We offer two scholarships worth \$2000 each to pay for the student's music tuition fees. Once students complete their St. Margaret's scholarship, their experience gained enables them to become paid contracted players for services/events at St. Margaret's. This is a help to them as they continue their studies and musical career. Involvement in this program gives them experience in accompaniment and the different styles of Christian music which is often the basis for modern music. Do you know someone who would enjoy this experience? Donations too are most welcome. What pleasure we all gain from listening to our young musicians.

For more information Contact: Vicar@stmargaretseltham.org.au



Glenn Loughrey Self Portrait.
A priest, artist, author and Wiradjuri man

Country is our name. We carry country in our body. We are known by country despite having individual and personal names.

Glenn Loughrey



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Glenys Collis



Glenys did not want a funeral but members of her family, friends and parishioners joined together on Sunday 16th July to celebrate her life and her contribution to the parish over many years.

Prayers compiled by Linda

Loving God, we give you thanks for the life of Glenys who gave so much to this parish for so many years. Especially do we thank you for her long and faithful service as organist.

We thank you for the myriad ways she contributed to liturgy through reading and even role play. She was ever-willing to try something new!

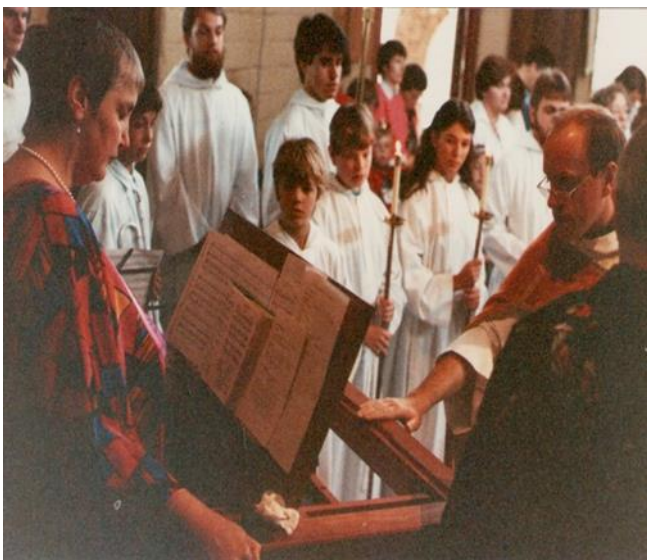
We thank you for her skills as a gifted teacher. She was always mindful of her pupils, eager to foster learning and nurture knowledge. Her ability to teach went beyond school children. We are grateful for her wisdom that touched adults as well.

We give you thanks for Glen's determination and strength in the face of adversity. While facing ill health herself she supported Ian in his declining health.

We give you thanks that Glenys was a championed Women's Ordination and that she was an encourager of women priests in this place.

Loving God, we give you thanks for Glen's deep love of family and ask your healing presence with those who mourn especially Alisdair and Andrea and Darcey, Hamish and Liam, and Fiona and Yaw, Aseidu, Okoe, and Asanti. May they be surrounded by your care and comforted by the fact that Gleny's held firm to her faith till her life's end. We also ask your healing guidance with close friends who are deeply saddened by her passing.

Lastly if there was anything left unsaid, we offer those things to your perfecting grace. AMEN



Screenshot from zoom (Catherine Pearson) 3. Blessing of the new organ 1986 (Catherine Pearson)

Parishioners Reflection

Below you will read a beautiful reflection of a much loved and valued parishioner Angela. Angela's care and devotion will have touched many of you and whilst some may not know of her many participation contributions, most weeks you may have noticed her floral contributions made in our church. Angela we thank you for all you do.

Helen Robertson

When I moved to Eltham in 1995 I began looking for a new church and was welcomed by Harry and Adrienne at morning tea and felt like I could belong here. Some of my fondest memories centered around bringing my girls to church and feeling like part of a big family, they were loved and cared for at church too. When my girls were little, I began being involved in children's time as a helper and eventually began telling the stories and planning the activities.

Charlie the Church mouse was my special friend at story time and together we shared bible stories and learned about God's unconditional love for us. This definitely helped me grow as a member of God's family and also become a more confident adult and try doing things outside my comfort zone.

I love how I always feel supported and valued at St Margaret's and try to follow Harry and Adrienne's example and be welcoming to others.

Angela Langham

PLEASE BRING SUUPLIES FOR THE TWO FOOD BASKETS IN THE FOYER

Ed this edition: Sally. Pic: Kathleen, Catherine, Sally, Diana. Next ed. Material due 4/9 due out 10/9.

PARISH COUNCIL

July meeting of Parish Council was held by zoom on Monday 24 July.

- Correspondence received from Trinity College re Governance seminar; Anglican Overseas Aid thanks for donation; Bible League; Invitation to the Archbishops Dinner
- Vicar reported on her ongoing work. Well appreciated by all.
- Contact made to with a new IT support company.
- Financial report received. Vote of thanks to David, John and Kathleen for their financial management.
- All subcommittees have received the pro-forma for them to complete and outline their purpose, objectives and complete by the end of August.
- Kathleen to review the contact of the Event Planning Sheet.
- Sub Committee reports received from: Finance, Marketing and Communications and Do Justice.
- Report received from Property with final design for the notice board. (see separate article)
- Plans for Parish Concert underway. Flyer to be circulated.
- Review of AV systems. Thanks to Rob, Mary and Sally.
- Labyrinth: requests from other groups to use the Labyrinth.
- Several groups have lodged Terms of Reference as requested. Still more to come.
- November St Margaret's Day lunch to be subsidised. See separate notice.
- Induction: save the date.
- Child safe standards compliance reviewed.
- Vote of thanks to Carolyn for preparing papers for Parish Council.

TAIZE



Reasons to Celebrate

We at St. Margaret's have once again been able to experience the joy of Music, Song and Prayer beautifully celebrated in a service of devotion on Sunday 30th July. This soft and beautiful service concluded with lovely music from our musician Christian Green playing her electric ukulele.

If for some reason you have not yet been able to share this service, please chat to a friend and both of you come along and have that experience.

You may like to join in our 5:30 light meal before the service at 6:30. Either way sharing this celebration is a joy and well worth making the effort if not regularly once a month, then at least every now and again. We look forward to seeing you in our midst. "Welcome".

Helen Robertson



New large Taize cross is nearly ready and will be blessed at the Taize service 27/8/23

Memory Care Cafe

The café witnessed mixed fortunes during the very cold month of June in Melbourne, when attendance of regulars was reduced owing to illness or just preferring to stay warm at home. Nevertheless, the cafes on 16 May, 6 June and 20 June were opened by our resolute volunteers who braved the weather to greet those who ventured out.

On 18 July numbers increased to 10 and a very lively discussion was held with carers regarding the pros and cons of Home Care Packages and Residential Care.

The café on 8 August was just as lively and we also greeted two new customers with their carers to grow numbers on that day to 12. The emotional support dog Jip was in attendance providing as always smiles, comfort and pleasure to all.

The café flyer with dates for Sept–December has been released and we will celebrate Senior's week in the café during November.

Very best wishes to all **Sheila Clearyt**



Mandy presenting to the seminar on domestic violence at St Margaret's . 14 attended. Very interesting.