



Pew Sheet 28 July 2024 Pentecost X

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 27th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 28th	8:00 & 10:00am	Pentecost X
Sun 28th	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize prayers
Mon 29th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Wed 31st	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 3rd August	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 4th	8:00 & 10:00am	Pentecost XI
Sun 4th	12:00pm	Pub lunch

Parish Office

The Parish office will be open next week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 2pm.

Hearing Loop

A Hearing Loop is installed in the Church, please use the T switch on your hearing aid.



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 First Peoples. Diversity and inclusivity are important to us at St Margaret's. Everyone is welcome here, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, or ability.

ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

Three miracles in one reading – Jesus feeds the crowds, Jesus walks on water, and a boat turns up immediately at the shore of the land to which the disciples were heading. It's very easy to disparage miracles in our modern day. We like to rationalise much of what happens around us. But despite all that, miraculous things happen around us every day: the birth of a baby, the beauty of a flower, the love of a spouse or friend. Sure, these can be explained rationally, but isn't it better to know, for example, how love feels rather than being given a lecture about testosterone, oestrogen dopamine, norepinephrine, serotonin, oxytocin and vasopressin. Sorry, didn't mean to kill the moment!

- Lord, help us to see the miracles that occur all around us day by day. Help us never to lose our sense of wonder.
- Give thanks for the Church of North India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.



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WORSHIP 28TH JULY 2024— PENTECOST X

SENTENCE

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,' says the Lord. 'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' *John 6.51*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,
you have placed within the hearts of all your children
a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth:
grant that, believing in the one whom you have sent,
we may know him to be the true bread of heaven
and the food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be glory and honour for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11.1-15

TODAY'S PSALM

Psalms 14

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3.14-21

GOSPEL

John 6.1-21

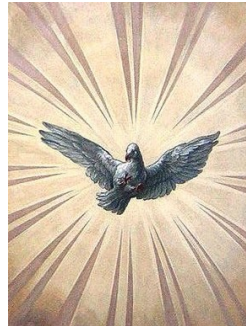
TODAY'S MUSIC

Welcome Hymn: Come as you are TiS 693

Offertory: Guide me o thou great Redeemer TiS 569 (8.00am)

Communion Hymn: Wait for the Lord—Taize 2

Mission Hymn: Let us talents and tongues employ TiS 537



YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRsIRq70IA6MUIg/live>

Prayer of the Week

O God,
the protector of all that trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we finally lose not the things eternal.
Grant this, O heavenly Father,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Vicar's leave



Please note Rev Yvette will be taking leave:-

- Mon 29th July to Sun 4th August
- Mon 12th August to Sun 18th August

Rev Joy Sandefur will be presiding and preaching at our Sunday services on 4th August and 18th August. Rev Robert Street will preside and preach at the Wednesday services.

Dendy House works

Work continues slowly but steadily. Still investigating water in corner of meeting room but thanks to the engineer, a way forward. Skirting board replaced. Carpet ordered.

Sally Petty.

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION

All parishioners and friends are invited to Faith Issues Discussion on Monday 5 August in the church at 7.30pm. The topic is **Good News** and will be led by Harry Watson. Good news is something none of use can get enough of. Not to be missed. Refreshments follow the discussion.

Grace and peace

Geoff Sandy MOB:04344222768

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 4th	8:00 & 10:00am	Pentecost XI
Sun 4th	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 5th	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Faith Issues Discussion
Tue 6th	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 7th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 7th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care team meeting
Sat 10th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 11th	8:00 & 10:00am	Mary Mother of our Lord
Mon 12th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Wed 14th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 17th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 18th	8:00 & 10:00am	Pentecost XIII
Sun 18th	4:30pm	FaithFull Women

Preventing Violence Against Women

Love does no harm.

No one should live in fear of violence

St Margarets Church is signed up to Preventing violence against women program(PVAW)

If you have any concerns related to any form of abuse or controlling behaviour exhibited towards yourself or , someone you know –
in an emergency call **000**

24 hr information hotline 1800 Respect- **1800 737 732**

Orange door – our local family violence service – **1800 319 355**

You can also speak with Mandy Stevens who is our church family safety champion or Revd. Yvette Daniel

Remember – You are not alone

Taize Service

The next Taize monthly service will be on Sunday 28th July. A simple meal will be provided at 5:30pm followed by Taizé prayer at 6:30pm.

All welcome.



Memory Café dates

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

AUGUST 6, 20

SEPTEMBER 3, 17



ROSTER	28 July 2024 Pentecost X 8:00am	28 July 2024 Pentecost X 10:00am	31 July 2024 Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Yvette Daniel	Rev. Robert Street
Preacher Gospel	Rev. Yvette Daniel <i>John 6.1-21</i>	Rev. Yvette Daniel <i>John 6.1-21</i>	Rev. Robert Street <i>Matthew 13.44-46</i>
Sacristan Assistant	Sally Petty	Diana Warrell	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Sally Petty	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion Assistants	Catherine Pearson	Angela Langan David Pryor	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Jo Norman	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell	Jennifer Constantine
First Reading	Peter Wiltshire <i>2 Samuel 11.1-15</i>	David & Mitzi Tuke <i>2 Samuel 11.1-15</i>	Michael Tucker Jeremiah 15.10-21
Second Reading	Barbara Speed <i>Ephesians 3.14-21</i>	David Pryor <i>Ephesians 3.14-21</i>	
Psalm	<i>Psalm 14</i>	<i>Psalm 14</i>	<i>Psalm 59.1-5, 18-20</i>
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Robert Street	N/A
Morning Tea	Helen Coutts	Mitzi Tuke David Tuke	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Felicity Wiltshire	Mandy Stevens Rob Mackenzie	
Flowers	Angela Langan		

ROSTER	4 August 2024 Pentecost XI 8:00am	4 August 2024 Pentecost XI 10:00am	7 August 2024 Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev. Joy Sandefur	Rev. Joy Sandefur	Rev. Yvette Daniel
Preacher Gospel	Rev. Joy Sandefur <i>John 6.24-35</i>	Rev. Joy Sandefur <i>John 6.24-35</i>	Rev. Yvette Daniel <i>Matthew 15.21-28</i>
Sacristan Assistant	Barbara Speed	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	N/A
Liturgical Assistant	Christine Winkett	Mitzi Tuke	N/A
Communion Assistants	Coralie Carew	Adrienne Watson Mabs Jones	N/A
Greeters & Sides People	Catherine Pearson	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate	Jenny Disney
First Reading	John Winkett <i>2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a</i>	Mabs Jones <i>2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a</i>	Barbara Alexander <i>Jeremiah 31.1-7</i>
Second Reading	Clive Noble <i>Ephesians 4.1-16</i>	David Tuke <i>Ephesians 4.1-16</i>	
Psalm	<i>Psalms 51.1-12</i>	<i>Psalms 51.1-12</i>	<i>Psalms 72.15-21</i>
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Geoff Sandy	N/A
Morning Tea	Coralie Carew	Anna Mott Sheila Cheary	Margaret Charles & Margaret Alexander
Banking	John Humann		
Zoom/Ppt Cameras	Felicity Wiltshire	Liz Pryor Rob Mackenzie	
Flowers	Liz Pryor		

Acknowledgement of Country ...

Dear Church

On behalf of the Parish Council and myself – I wish to thank you for all your time given to responding to the emotive exploration as to where and how the saying of the Acknowledgment of Country sits within our worship and liturgy (Sunday 8am and 10am and Wednesday 10.30am services).

Before a decision is made, I wish to have discussions with people in our Diocese whose input and firsthand knowledge of First Nations and Anglican liturgy is needed.

Be assured I will keep you updated.

Peace and all good

Revd. Yvette



Image : Charlie Mackesy



'I can be
better than
this'

It takes strength to reach out for help. If your behaviour is causing a problem for those you love, call the **Men's Referral Service** for free, confidential, 24/7 advice and support.

1300 766 491
Interpreter services available

 **Men's Referral Service**
Operated by No to Violence

A huge thank you!

As you all know, our church hall and kitchen are a wonderful resource for the community of Eltham and beyond, but most importantly our own church community.

What I have noticed since I have been serving alongside you is the amount of unnoticed work that happens to enable our church to function well.

Last week, an environmental health officer attended St Margarets to carry out our Food Safety Assessment.

The kitchen needed to be in excellent order; and thanks to Isobel and Coralie (and anyone else who contributed) we passed with flying colours.

Let us give them a round of applause!!!

With gratitude Revd. Yvette

What a team.....

I wish to say thank you to everyone who was able to attend the awareness raising sessions held this month. I liked that it was an opportunity for me to learn more about your ministries and practices but most importantly it was a way by which we could all ask questions and share good practice.

I ask that you share your understandings with those members who could not attend.

Lastly, thank you to Geoff Sandy, Adrienne and Harry Watson for enabling this to be done .

Every blessing, Revd. Yvette

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

SEPTEMBER MUSIC CONCERT

3PM SUNDAY 8TH 2024 79-81 PITT ST. ELTHAM

followed by refreshments

FEATURING:

OPEN DOOR SINGERS

ORGAN SOLO

PIANO SOLO & DUET

HARP SOLO

Funds raised will be used to support
St.Margaret's Music Scholarship fund.
\$20 per person. Children Free

Use the QR Code (active 12/7/24)
or follow the link

<https://www.trybooking.com/CSPPB>



To Book:

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21st July 2024

Feast of Mary Magdalene John 20.1-18

St Margarets Church 8am 10am

Theme: Deaths are part of our Christian discipleship

On this day that we are to honour Mary Magdalene - our gospel reading is one that we often hear during our liturgical year - especially at an easter dawn service or easter day celebration.

And because of this we know the story well

The gospel according to John presents us with the narrative that lies at the heart of the Gospel.

....Jesus, who was crucified, has been raised from the dead and we watch in our minds eye as Mary, Simon Peter, and the unnamed disciple whom Jesus loves discover that Jesus' tomb is now empty ..a sign that Jesus has conquered death for everyone and that a new creation has begun

We are witnesses to the moment when Mary meets her Rabbouni . Her sorrow and despair turns to joyful amazement, and she brings to us disciples today the hope of the good news -that has been shared throughout the ages: "I have seen the Lord.

So outside of the Easter season how can our gospel reading speak to our hearts, minds, spirits and lives today

"Richard Rohr is an American Franciscan friar and Priest and ecumenical teacher who has written many books on spirituality, Father Richard Rohr bears witness to the deep wisdom of Christian mysticism and traditions of action and contemplation. He is founder of the Centre for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, new Mexico and teaches how God's grace guides us to our birthright as beings made of Divine Love."

I am going to share with you a piece written by Father Richard on how we can receive the miracle of new life by embracing our own difficulties and “deaths” as Jesus did.

So Richard Rohr says

“Death is not only physical dying. Death also means going to the full depths of things, hitting the bottom, going beyond where we’re in control.

In that sense, we all go through many deaths in our lives, tipping points when we have to ask, **“What am I going to do?”** Many people turn bitter, look for someone to blame, and close down. Their “death” is indeed death for them because there is no room for growth after that.

But when we go into the full depths and death of anything—even, ironically, the depths of our own sin—we can come out the other side transformed, more alive, more open, more forgiving of ourselves and others.

And when we come out the other side, we know that we’ve been led there. We’re not holding on; we’re being held by a larger force, by a larger source that is not our own. That’s what it means to be saved! It means that we’ve walked through the mystery of transformation.

The miracle of it all—if we are to speak of miracles—is that God has found the most ingenious way to transform the human soul. God uses the very thing that would normally destroy us—the tragic, the sorrowful, the painful, the unjust deaths that lead us all to the bottom of our lives—to transform us. There it is, in one sentence. Are we prepared to trust that?

Jesus' death and resurrection is a statement of how reality works all the time and everywhere. He teaches us that there's a different way to live with our pain, our sadness, and our suffering. We can say, "**Woe is me,**" and feel sorry for ourselves, or we can say, "**God -is - even- in -this.**" And that's what Jesus did on Good Friday.

None of us crosses over this gap from death to new life by our own effort, our own merit, our own purity, or our own perfection. Each of us—from pope to president, from princess to peasant—is carried across by unearned grace.

Worthiness is never the ticket, only deep desire. With that desire the tomb is always, finally empty, as Mary Magdalene discovered on Easter morning. **Death -cannot -win.**

We're finally indestructible when we recognize that the thing which could destroy us is the very thing that could enlighten us.

Fr Richard goes onto say

...Friends, this feast is a reminder to all of us to open our eyes and our ears and to witness what is happening all around us, all the time, everywhere.

God's one and only job description is to turn death into life. That's what God does with every new springtime, every new life, every new season, every new anything. God is the one who always turns death into life, and everyone who trusts in this God will come to know as psalm 63 tells us this morning - that when our soul clings to you Lord – your right hand uphold us".

Amen

If you didn't get a chance to try this in July, we encourage you to give it a go in August!

Read the Gospels in one month.

✓	Day	Passages to Read
	Day 1	Matthew 1-3
	Day 2	Matthew 4-6
	Day 3	Matthew 7-9
	Day 4	Matthew 10-12
	Day 5	Matthew 13-15
	Day 6	Matthew 16-18
	Day 7	Matthew 19-21
	Day 8	Matthew 22-24
	Day 9	Matthew 25-27
	Day 10	Matthew 28, Mark 1-2
	Day 11	Mark 3-5
	Day 12	Mark 6-8
	Day 13	Mark 9-11
	Day 14	Mark 12-14
	Day 15	Mark 15-16, Luke 1
	Day 16	Luke 2-4
	Day 17	Luke 5-7
	Day 18	Luke 8-10
	Day 19	Luke 11-13
	Day 20	Luke 14-16
	Day 21	Luke 17-19
	Day 22	Luke 20-22
	Day 23	Luke 23-24, John 1
	Day 24	John 2-4
	Day 25	John 5-7
	Day 26	John 8-10
	Day 27	John 11-13
	Day 28	John 14-16
	Day 29	John 17-19
	Day 30	John 20-21



Grace

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings
with your most gracious favour,
and assist us with your continual help;
that in all works, begun, continued and ended in
you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy
obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Prayer Chain

For any prayer
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