

1st December, 2024

Leader this week: Rev. Viola Leung

Lectionary Readings:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10

Luke 21:25-36

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Eltham Montmorency Uniting Church in Australia



810 Main Road, Eltham

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Worshipping on Sundays @ 9.30am

| | Rosters | 1st December | 8th December |
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| | Worship Leader | Rev. Viola | Rev. Viola |
| | Comm. Assist | Jen | |
| | Vestry Assistant | John W. | Annette |
| | Welcome | Leo | Glenys D |
| | Bible Readings | Natalia | John W |
| | Prayers o/t People | e Theo | Annette |
| | Sound | Paul & Theo | Natalia |
| | Music | Elizabeth | Talei |
| | Morning Tea N | Vatalia & Cathie | May & Leo |
| | Lock Up | Paul | Steve |
| | Flowers | | |
| | Counting | Jim & Bill | Heather & Maree |
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Welcome to our newsletter

Advent Calendar Week 1:

Attached is the week 1 advent reflection from Rev. Viola.

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Morning Tea Notice:

Margaret D has volunteered to keep the supplies of coffee, tea bags and sugar well stocked for Sunday's morning teas. Therefore, those rostered on for morning tea duty need only supply the milk and biscuits each week.

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McCrae SUFM:

Naomi is on team again this year for McCrae SUFM (scripture union family mission). The team are looking for volunteers to make a meal for the team of 28 volunteers! The dates this year are from the 30th December - 8th January 2024, so if you're able to make the trip down the peninsula and cook dinner on one of those days, please let us know. If you want to help out but don't have the time commitment, some money towards a takeout dinner for the team such as pizza is always much appreciated too. Thanks. Please let Fiona or Naomi know.

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Christmas Bowl Appeal:

Thank-you in anticipation for your kind contribution to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Envelopes will be available on Sunday.

Crosslight:

The latest edition of Crosslight is now available. As usual there is some very interesting reading including an article by Mark Zirnsak, plus articles on Sammy Stamp and the UCA archives.

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Working Bee:

A working bee will be held December 7 to plant out the area at the south side of the carpark (next to disabled car spaces). Bring along any plants you may have that would be suitable for that area. (Check with Merilyn).

Thanks to all those who attended Wednesdays working Bee for your hard work. There have been big improvements to all areas.

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<u>A "Trek through Christmas" Musical:</u>

This Saturday afternoon at 2pm will be hosting the Trek musical production. This is a "pay at the door (cash only event)" \$20 (conc \$15) with proceeds shared by Eltham Monty & Diamond Valley Churches. Welcome.

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Formal Opening:

Thank you to those who offered to help plan for our formal opening in the New Year. Please see me should you wish to be a part of this discussion. We will need a preliminary meeting in coming weeks. Annette 0419 326 025

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2025 Rosters:

It is time once again for Jen to renew the rosters. Please see the attached forms and offer help where you can for the 1st quarter, 2025. For further information see Jen.

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ASRC Food Drive:

Attached is information regarding the Christmas food drive for the Asylum Seekers. Donations can also be given to Joc. at church or, left in the basket provided.

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Coming Up in December:

Every Thursday: Reflections: 9.30am @ the church Thursday 5th: Men's Lunch: 12noon @ Miss Pryor's Saturday 7th: Working Bee: All morning @ the church Monday 8th: Birthday Lunch: 12noon @ Monty RSL Tuesday 10th: Church Council: 7.30pm @ the church Tuesday 17th: Reading Group: 1pm @ the church Saturday 21st: Food for Thought: 10.30am @the church

For any

pastoral care concerns please contact Fiona on 0417 164 503

Items for newsletter.....Please send items to Heather by 8pm Thursday. Ph. 94391882 or email heatherjoy20@hotmail.com