



Eltham Montmorency Uniting Church in Australia



810 Main Road, Eltham

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Worshipping on Sundays at 9.30am

Welcome to our Newsletter

20th September, 2026

Leader:

SALT & Jill

Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 16:2-15
& Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Jonah 3:10- 4:11
& Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

	20 th September	27 th September
Worship Leader	SALT + Jill McConnell	Di Wookey
Vestry Assist	Annette	Fiona
Welcome	Glenys	Jen
Bible Readings	Ken	Natalia
Prayers o/t People	Annette	Fiona
Sound/Projector	May	Steve
Music	Elizabeth	Elizabeth
Morning Tea	May & Lesley	Lesley
Lock Up	Annette	Steve
Flowers	Glenys	Margaret
Counting	Stan	Bill

Soul Food - Saturday:

Saturday 19th September - 9.30-11am. Theme - enjoying nature.

Join us at 9.30am to walk the labyrinth at Diamond Creek (Watkins Street, Diamond Creek, Diamond Creek Reserve off Watkins Street, near the Diamond Creek Regional Playspace).

If you are not able to participate in the labyrinth, please meet us at around 10.15 for a cuppa in a nearby cafe. Please see Marilyn for further details.

Combined Nillumbik Network Service: Today:

Join us this Sunday for a combined Nillumbik Network service with friends from Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge. Contributions to our shared morning tea are warmly appreciated. Regional Council members will meet after the service.

A special retiring offering will be collected after the service to help fund needed medications and fluids for Jamie's upcoming medical trip to Nepal.

AGM - Sunday, 27th September:

The AGM will be held next Sunday morning, after the service. Please find attached copies of the reports that will be presented.

There is a lot of reading, but as Jen says *"only once a year!!!"*

Rosters:

Please let Jen know if you want to begin something new on the roster, or if you'd like to change your roster tasks.

ALSO, please let Jen know if there are dates when you will NOT be available to help.

Jen Pretty 0417 524 635 or jen_pretty@hotmail.com

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Sad News:

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Rev. Alastair Pritchard. Alastair was a former minister of the Eltham Montmorency congregation and has retained links with many current members.

Our condolences to Gail and the family.

A service to celebrate Alastair's life will take place on Thursday 24th September at 11am, at Manningham Uniting Church. 109 Wood St, Templestowe.

See Bethel Funerals' website for live streaming link.

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Church Council Update — September:

At last week's meeting, the Church Council welcomed the continued success of the Op Shop and property rentals and noted that building maintenance is ongoing.

The Council also reviewed church finances and discussed nominations and reports for the AGM on 27 September.

Upcoming community events include the Pet Blessing Service on 4 October, the Textile-Recycling event on 5 November, a screening of The Narrow Bridge, and the Trek musical.

More details will follow. We are also preparing to welcome our new minister in 2027

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Pet Blessing Service: 4th October:

You are invited to the Pet Blessing at 10.00 am on Sunday, 4 October, in St Margaret's Church Hall.

Eltham Monty UC be open and will hold a short Communion service at 9.30 am for those wishing to attend before the blessing service.

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News from the Harts:

Alan Hart spoke to Ron last week. Alan is now legally blind and his enjoyment comes from audio books and walks with Cheryl. They are looking at moving back to Melbourne sometime in the future.

Alan and Cheryl were long time members of the Eltham church before moving to Maldon several years ago.

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What's On:

Every Sunday: Worship: 9.30am @ the church

Every Wednesday: Craft / Knitting Group: 10.30am @ the church

Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: Op Shop: 10am-4pm

Every Thursday: Reflections: 9.30am @ the church

Every Thursday: Community Cuppa: 10.30am

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September:

Saturday 19th: Soul Food: 9.30am @ Diamond Creek.

Sunday 20th: Combined Service with Nillumbik Network

Sunday 27th: AGM: after church

Finance -Bank

Details:

If you would like to make donations, payments or direct debits, the church account information is as follows.

Bank – Westpac. BSB 033091. Account No. 121959.

Account Name. Eltham Montmorency Uniting Church.

Don't forget to put a reference name and what the payment is for.

For any pastoral care concerns please contact: - Fiona on 0417164503 or Jill on 0421504749 or email Jill at infulife@iprimus.com.au

Items for newsletter.....Please send items to Heather by 8pm on Thursday.
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