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PROFILE—MAGGIE FREEMAN

Margaret, or Maggie as she prefers, was born in Ayr, Scotland. Her father was a fire officer at the Prestwick Airport and her mother looked after the home. She has one brother and one sister. She attended Ayr Grammar and then Belmont High in Scotland before the family moved to Melbourne in 1967 straight after school finished. They settled in Brighton. Maggie wanted to be nurse and was sent to Hamilton Base Hospital. She found this very difficult being away from family in a new country and only stayed for one year. She then worked at Myer before taking a data processing position with the PMG (now Telstra). She met her first husband through Scouting and they moved to Wollongong before returning to Noble Park. There are three children—Avril (who is a Uniting Church minister), Samantha and Murray. Maggie had been raised a Presbyterian in Scotland and in Melbourne and then joined the Noble Park UC at Union; Samantha was their first baptism. Maggie completed a bookkeeping course and then a Diploma of Teacher Training. Divorce followed and later she married John. After a while they moved to Adelaide and then to Gisborne where they ran a motel. John died in 2006. Maggie now has one grandson and three granddaughters. She moved to Clifton Springs in 2012 and joined our church but took a break after a while and returned to us earlier this year. Maggie attends church because it gives her a sense of community as she looks to God for forgiveness of sin. In Scotland she enjoyed riding her bicycle especially with her father and was a member of the Brownies and Guides. In Australia she served as a Cub Scout Leader for nearly 15 years. Now she enjoys reading, knitting, talking and being a member of Probus and the Op Shop.

VALE — BARBARA BATTERS

Barbara was a member of our congregation since moving to Clifton Springs in 1986 and was farewelled last month with a lovely service. Her love of gardening saw her join the CS Garden Club where she won many awards and was made a life member. Her service reflected this love with lots of flowers. We remember her son and daughter and their families in our prayers.

LOOSE CHANGE

Our September year to date loose change offering is $520. This money will go to UnitingWorld and be used for disability support work in Sri Lanka.

CONGRATULATIONS

Corinna George has become a grandmother to Edward George, son for Lisset and Steve.

This months' services

6 Oct —10.30 am Rev Deacon Peter Batten
HC & Loose change
13 Oct —10.30 am Denise's Team
20 Oct —10.30 am Rev Karen
27 Oct — 10.30 am Rev Karen

CHURCH PRE-CHRISTMAS STALL

Saturday 2 November is the day for our pre-Christmas stall to be held on the front forecourt from 9.00 am—12.30 pm. We hope that you will support us with cakes, slices, jams, relishes, craft items, plants and books, as well helping on the stall. We would like to include a sausage sizzle if we can get some volunteers for that.

VALE — SIMON UNDERWOOD

Simon passed away suddenly last month with a memorial service to be held on Monday 7 October at the church. Simon joined our congregation about 25 years ago and was a member of one of the Worship @ 9 lay teams. He is remembered as having a fun approach to planning meetings. He was a helper at church working bees but very much preferred to be in the background. We remember Margaret and the extended family in our prayers.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Bob Stevenson who celebrates his 90th birthday this month. We wish him God's blessings and many more.

BANKING DETAILS

BSB: 083-623
ACC: 035333892
REF: Surname Purpose

Happy birthday!

OCTOBER
Bob Stevenson
Susan Duncan
Heather Scott
Carol Lee
Nathan Polley
Huyen Polley
Marie Harris
Rhonda Lyons
Archer Colley
Judy Dodd

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	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
OCT 6	Susan & Win	Lynda	Claire	Marie	Claire	Ian	Andrea	Denise & Claire
13	Rhonda & Andrea	Melva	Lynda	Denise's Team		Colleen	Val	
20	Belinda & Darren	Claire	Ian	Andrea	Val	Jonnie	Melva	
27	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Denise	Kelvin	Margo	Denise	-	

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