



Soup van solution

CRANBOURNE Uniting Church had a burning desire to help the homeless in their area and it turns out that teaming up with the local Fire Brigade has provided the solution.

For Narre Warren Fire Service handed over the keys to one of their support vehicles - for a 'good price' - recently; a vehicle that was formerly used as a mobile food preparation vehicle to feed hungry firefighters out on site.

It seems the scheme has resonated with many other groups too as more and more organisations are lending a hand with the feeding the homeless cause.

Rev Wendy Snook says: "The food van-truck project we are beginning in partnership with Unitingcare Harrison Community Services is working really well.

We are now co-operating with the Cranbourne Salvos and the St Vinnie's food van, Beaconsfield, the City of Casey, other Cranbourne churches and community organisations such as CISS, Rotary, Lions and the Ball Balla Centre.

"We are being wonderfully blessed as volunteers from the community and wider church come forward, and as businesses and clubs donate items to help. For example, the Narre Warren CFA donated a generator, the Good Guys Cranbourne are donating urns, Oxygen for Business has donated a coffee machine and supplies, etc.

"We are so grateful as the needs are great and are growing. Sometimes there are homeless people sleeping near our church. And some are women with children;



Rev Wendy Snook receiving the keys from Narre Warren CFA Captain Paul Hardy

living in cars. We believe God is calling us to this ministry, and we welcome any others who wish to work with us. Anyone wanting to learn more about the soup van and how they can get involved can call Rev Snook on 5995 2755

Door of recognition opens for community champion

KEVIN Nunan has been *Opening Doors* for people for some years and now his service to the community has been recognised by scooping this year's Together-In Service Presbytery Award.

Kevin's talents don't stop at implementing men's depression groups with his cohort Dr Rajitha Perera, he also writes articles for the Bugle and Annual Reports, presents at UCCO events and leads feedback sessions at Participant Committee forums.

Barbara Blakey adds: "Kevin engages in multiple community activities while also caring for his ageing father. His contributions are always performed quietly, without fuss and any thought of acknowledgement. It's time to give him the public recognition he deserves."



Kevin Nunan collects his award from Rev Steve Terrell and John Cranmer



Call to action answered after government pledge to match Horn of Africa donations

THE Presbytery called and congregations answered following Kevin Rudd's announcement that the government will match dollar-for-dollar all monies raised by Uniting World for the Horn of Africa Crisis Appeal - until the end of November.



ST LEONARD'S Brighton Beach came up with a very powerful idea for their fundraiser - every family was asked to contribute the value of ONE MEAL for Somalia and East Africa.

People were asked to:

- Think of what it costs to buy a take away meal from say McDonald's, a Pizza place or fish and chips for all the family;
- Or the value of a main course and dessert at your favourite restaurant;
- Or the cost of providing a 'sit down meal' at home for your family gathering with a few friends...

Rev Kim Cain sent every family a letter outlining the plight of ordinary families living in life threatening circumstances in the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps in Kenya

that receive refugees from famine-stricken Somalia and Sudan. Enclosed with the letter was a serviette as a reminder that ONE MEAL can literally put food on the table of starving families.

Wendy Adams, chair of the church council, says: "One person worked out what it would cost to take all the children and grandchildren to the football and buy them a pie, chips and a drink. Another worked out the cost of a BBQ lunch for the family, another their recent birthday dinner."

Sunday, September 4 was the date of the ONE MEAL Appeal for Somalia and special prayers for Somalia were said in the service.

A staggering \$6330.50 was donated and forwarded to the Uniting Church's UnitingWorld agency to assist the crisis in the Horn of Africa. This will be doubled by the government.

Bethlehem in Brighton

3 DECEMBER 2011

10AM - 1PM

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Find the true meaning of Christmas



Live animals, craft, nativity photos, dramas, sausage sizzle, cake stall & Christmas shop!

Leader of the pack

LEADING the way was St John's Uniting Church whose 'Let's Walk for Africa' on Sunday, September 25 raised a magnificent \$5,480. More than 80 people joined the walk, all different ages. Full story appeared in October Newsbeat.



Rising stars

HIGH Street Uniting Church, Frankston has a monthly Morning Tea with proceeds going to important and relevant causes. November's had to be for the Horn of Africa and bakers in the congregation whisked, mixed and folded to make and sell enough cakes to raise more than \$1,100 for the Crisis Appeal.

Trek for the rights of women and girls with the North India Challenge

Looking for a challenge that will change people's lives - and your own in the process?

Inspired Adventures with Uniting World is seeking people to take part in a 14-day mission that will fund the entire North India education project for one year. This includes everything from teaching aids to nutritious food to the cost of teachers. Contact Tristanne to learn more:
Phone: 1300 905 188
Email: tristanne@inspiredadventures.com.au



Fast Facts:

- **Dates: 15 - 28 September 2012**
- **Registration Fee: \$700**
- **(please note the registration fee is non-refundable)**
- **Fundraising Target: \$7,000**
- **(including \$3,940 for travel costs)**
- **Trip Duration: 14 days**
- **Physical Challenge: 5 day trek + 3 day project visit**
- **Challenge Grade: 3/5**
- **Accommodation: 3 star hotel accommodation, overnight trains, and comfortable camping**

Highlights:

Reflect on spirituality and the environment as you trek through the Himalayas of N. India: Learn first hand the root causes of poverty via UnitingWorld's Education Program for Disadvantaged Children: Witness inter-faith engagement through the work of Bishop Pradeep Samantaroy: Experience Dharamasala, home of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader: Fund projects that empower women, girls and communities: Experience the grandeur of the Golden Temple at the India/Pakistan border.



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Give a gift with meaning this festive season

At Christmas time, consumer culture goes into overdrive.

Each December, Australians spend around \$37 billion on Christmas celebrations. About a third of this ends up in landfill - including those gifts that didn't quite hit the mark.

This Christmas give sight to the blind, freedom to captives and good news to the poor through the new "Everything In Common" catalogue.

Buying from Everything In Common means:

- Together with our Partners beyond Australia, you are responding practically to poverty and injustice.
- You have a chance to express an alternative lifestyle based on Jesus' example of simplicity, generosity and inclusion.
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- Maybe it's time to think outside the box and, in a uniquely Uniting way, give a gift reflects a simpler, more inclusive Christmas - for everyone.

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Prayer Days

Saturday 3rd December:
Advent Dreaming

Saturday 31st December, 8:15pm
to midnight [including Eucharist]
New Year Dreaming

A quiet New Year's Eve Covenant Meditation

- An opportunity to walk the labyrinth at night. To make the transition to 2012 in quietness and thankfulness to God. No charge; please bring a small plate of supper to share
- Please book by Wednesday 28th December.

October and November events 10am to 4pm, lunch and drinks provided.

Cost: \$18, unwaged \$13 @ 60 Bass Meadows Blvd, St Andrews Beach 3941, Melway map 251 J5
Leaders: Robin & Bronwyn Pryor.
Please book by 8pm the previous Thursday evening. Phone: 03 5988-5257 or email robron@pryor.org.au

Mark... my words

According to Mark exploration evenings two Thursdays left:

- November 17
- November 24

@ 7:30pm, @ Armadale Uniting Church, Kooyong Rd/Clarendon St.
Details and registration with Rev Crabbe on 9509 8958 or armadaleuc@bigpond.com



Seaford carols by candlelight

Where: Seaford Uniting Church

Address: Railway Parade Seaford

When: Christmas Eve
Time: 8pm

Santa will visit after the Carols
Carols are held inside.
Enquiries Ph: 9785 2692

Showtime!

IF you love music from The Shows then you'll love Leighmoor Uniting Church's *Friends* Concert next weekend.

Artists include **soprano Rhonda Yates**, a wonderful soloist singing in shows including *The Music Man*, *Brigadoon*, *The Magic Flute*, *The Desert Song* and *The Merry Widow*. She has also performed many times interstate as well as in Wales, the UK and North Korea. **Roger Bartlett** is a great baritone and has been called a local "Tom Jones" during various concerts - with receptions that include the traditional response for fans of Tom Jones!

Sarah Lynn: Mezzo Soprano is just 16 years old but has been singing and dancing since the age of five. She has performed in school musicals, several Eisteddfods around Melbourne and also Royal South Street Ballarat. **Lorna Ogilvie: piano** emigrated from South Africa in 1970 and taught at the CAE. A teacher at a girls private school, she accompanies a male choir and many soloists at concerts throughout Victoria, interstate and overseas.

The concert includes Afternoon Tea and all proceeds go to Leighmoor Church and Somers camp for teens

Friends

Leighmoor Uniting Church
185 WICKHAM RD. MOORABBIN
3189

SUNDAY, 20 November 2011

TIME: 2-00 pm

TICKETS: \$12-00

Contact 9583 1999 or 9585 6261

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Saturday 3 December 2011
9am – 2pm

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Koornang Uniting Church
Murrumbeena

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Choir of angels to fly in from Fiji

THE excitement is building as the day nears for the arrival of the Yarawa Wesley Methodist Church Choir from the Fiji Islands.

The choir is visiting Melbourne from December 2 to the 14 and has a busy schedule of performances as follows:

- 3rd Dec (Sat) 6.30pm - Concert/Fellowship/relaxing time. Leighmoor Uniting Church Hall, Wickham Road, Moorabbin. Light refreshments/finger food will be available. Donation \$10 each.
- 4th Dec (Sun) 9.30am - worship at St Columba's. Evening – combined churches in Springvale Carol Service
- 5th Dec (Mon) 1.00 am – visit/singing to Leighmoor Adult Day Care Centre/shut ins – Wickham Road, (Moorabbin) stay for lunch. Share fellowship time with residents/shut ins.
- 6th Dec (Tues) 2.30-3.30pm - Parkglen Retirement Village –
- 7th Dec (Wed) 10.45am – say 2pm – Senior Citizens Christmas Concert/light refreshments – Paddy O'Donoghue Ctr, Noble Park.
- 1.30pm -2.30pm – 1 hr concert – Noble Manor N.H
- 8/9th (Thur/Fri) - Bendigo – Concert with churches/nursing homes
- 11th Dec (Sun) 9.30 am - worship with Leighmoor Uniting Church (Moorabbin).
- 11th Dec (Sun) 7.00pm – Combined Carol Service at Koornang Uniting Church – Murrumbeena, followed by refreshments. BYO plate to share.
- 12th/13th (Mon/Tues) - Free time/ sightseeing/shopping, etc
- 14th Dec - Fly back to Fiji

If anyone is able to help with transporting the choir to any venue, or in any other way, or if you wish to invite the choir to visit your church/group, there are some free times available. Bookings must be made no later than Saturday 3rd December in order to fit into their tight schedule for this very short period of time over a very busy Christmas period.

Contact Yvonne Senn, Worship/Choir Convenor, St Columba's Uniting Church, Noble Park. Email: pears_53@hotmail.com, 0400855263 (W) 9549 4403 or (H) 9798 1124.

Park Glen retirement Village – Contact Suzie Ph: 9798 1633

Noble Manor – Gwen Bode or Sam Leighmoor Adult Day Care – Maryann or Margaret (email)

Bendigo trip- Contact Revs. Eseta/Chris Meneilly (email)

Koornang Uniting Church – Rev. Dev or Alison (email)

St Columba's Uniting Church – Yvonne Senn/Una Ledua (email)

Leighmoor Uniting Church – Rev. Peter Whittaker/Margaret Eoe/Sylvia Wan



are invited to

The Official Opening and Dedication of the St. David's Parkdale Uniting Church

cnr. Parkers Road and Blanche Ave, Parkdale
on Sunday, November 27, 2011

- 10:15am Inspiring Worship Service
- 12:00pm Light lunch
- 12:30pm Open House*
- 7:00pm Youth Service – Speaker: Rachel Paul

*Displays of church activities and tours of the new building, stalls, fun for children with jumping castle, face painting, youth band, and much more!

RSVP by November 20

NAME(s) _____

I/WE WILL BE ATTENDING

Worship Service

Lunch

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