

NEWSBEAT



PRESBYTERY OF
PORT PHILLIP EAST

Gold and diamond celebrations for long-service champions

Car Park Christmas motors on for a second year

After the success of the first 'Car Park Parable' DVD - produced by Queensland Uniting Church Minister Paul Clark - which was turned into 5 books, a jigsaw puzzle and an activity book - the second DVD in the series is now available.

Car Park Christmas and other road trips contains 9 stories including David & Goliath, a Wedding story and even a funeral story. Just in time for those Children's Christmas services, it is a great resource for ministry, for children and families. Available from your local Christian bookstore or mosaicresources.com.au/titles/9780980380163



WITH more than 300 years of service between them it was considered a good time to show some appreciation.

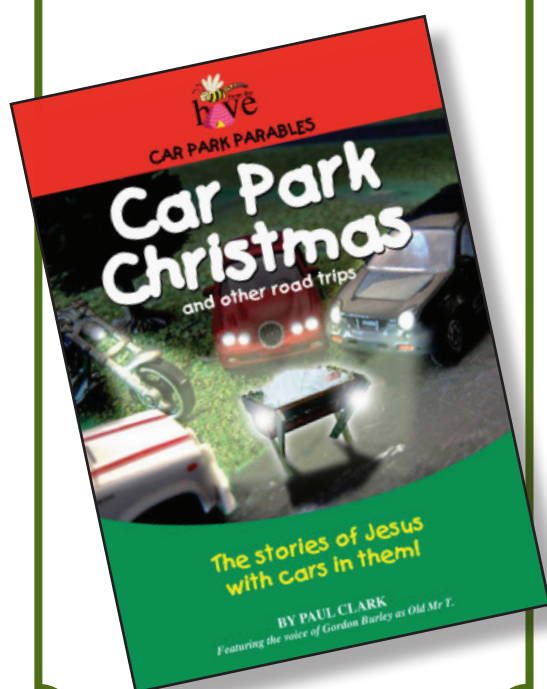
This amazing group, pictured, have clocked up remarkable records of long-service - some dating back as far as 1946 - so it seemed appropriate to lay on a special afternoon tea and present them with certificates of achievement.

Rev. Ian Cayzer says: "The Presbytery took time out on Sunday, November 13 to recognize these ministers and lay preachers who have reached significant milestones regarding the length of their ministry.

"Sadly, not all those who had reached these landmark records of service were able to join us, but a small group gathered at St Martin's Beaumaris Uniting Church and we were able to thank them for serving the church for so long."

Ministers of the Word Bill Morgan and Walter Goff were presented with certificates to mark 65 years and 60 years respectively. Deaconess Dorothy Underwood was presented with a certificate to mark her 50 years service to the church. Lay preachers John Bell and Bill Phillips also received certificates - John for 40 years, Bill with 60 years.

"It was great to be part of this celebration and to hear the stories around a wonderful afternoon tea" Ian concludes.



If you would like to submit a news item for the Presbytery's new monthly newsletter please send all articles and images to secretary@ucappep.org



Past, present and future come together as St David's re-opens its doors

CROWDS came out to celebrate a momentous occasion in Parkdale recently - the unveiling of the newly-renovated St David's Church....



More than 250 people attended the official opening of St. David's Parkdale Uniting Church on Sunday, November 27 and people of all generations gave speeches, played music and joined in the post-service fun.

Members of the former St. David's and Parkdale congregations came together to worship in the newly-named and renovated church in Parkers Road, Parkdale, kicking off with a worship service at 10.15 am.

The celebrations featured screened presentations of the church's past followed by an exciting view of the future. Positive comments were delivered by KUCA children, youth and older members, along with inspiring music and an encouraging message from Rev. Steve Terrell from the Presbytery of Port Phillip East.

Steve challenged us to act on our vision to 'Take the Plunge' and 'Be transformed by oceans of Christ's grace, hope and belonging.' The KUCA children took part in the dedication of all parts of the church, which was led by Steve Terrell. Previous Ministers Malcolm and Suzanne White, Clive Skewes and Colin Knox kindly joined the assembled throng and over a light lunch

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they cheerfully reminisced about past experiences in the church.

Displays in the foyer showed the church's mission outreach, current and future activities and displays of the history of the three churches – Mordialloc Methodist, St. David's Presbyterian and Parkdale Methodist - that were the forerunners of today's St. David's Parkdale UC. During the afternoon the children had great fun bouncing on the jumping castle, face-painting and listening to storytellers, while a youth service in the evening rounded off what was a wonderful day of celebration.

St. David's Parkdale Uniting Church now looks to a positive future, led by the Holy Spirit, as we use our magnificent new suite of buildings, designed by architect David Reid to reach out to our community and beyond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Above and left: the stunning re-design of the church by David Reid.



What a day... face painting, food and a fantastic fanfare from every generation.



Prayer Day

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.

@ 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

Seaford carols by candlelight

Seaford Uniting Church will be raising the roof with a rousing Carol Service on Christmas Eve.

The church, on Railway Parade, Seaford, will be holding the indoor carol service at 8pm and Santa will be paying a visit after the carols.

Contact 9785 2692 for details.



The Armadale Uniting and Baptist Churches

invite you to

Experience Christmas

Sunday December 11th, 12-2pm

Featuring:

- Storyteller Julie Perrin
- The Gospel Project Choir open rehearsal
- Nativity Scene Gallery
- Reflective Spaces
- Children's activities
- BBQ

This free event will be held at 86A and 88 Kooyong Road, Armadale



Give a gift with meaning this festive season

THERE'S still 16 shopping days left to Christmas...

Each December, Australians spend around \$37 billion on Christmas celebrations. About a third of this ends up in landfill.

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:

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St John's Uniting Church Elsternwick

567 Glenhuntly Road - Opposite Hopetoun Gardens

Come and join the Celebration!

Kids' Christmas Service

10am Sunday 11th December

Festival of Carols

7.30pm Sunday 18th December

Christmas Eve Breakfast

8.30am Saturday 24th December

Christmas Day Celebration

9.30am Sunday 25th December

EWING MEMORIAL UNITING CHURCH



Reverend Deacon
Val Humann

Jubilee of
Commissioning
and Ordination
Celebration

Reverend Deacon Val Humann was commissioned as a Presbyterian Deaconess on 8th March 1962 at East Bentleigh and recognized as an ordained Uniting Church Deacon on Sunday, 7th February 1993 at Wesley Church, Melbourne.

The Ewing Congregation cordially invites you to join them in celebrating this Jubilee in the Church at a Service of Worship including Holy Communion followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall.

Date: Sunday, 4th March 2012
Time: 2.30 pm
RSVP: By 22nd February 2012.

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Fond farewell

MARGIE Dahl will be rounding up her placement with the Southern Peninsula Congregation at a special service in her honour.

The Conclusion of Placement Service for Margie Dahl will take place on Sunday, January 29th at 5pm, at the Rosebud Uniting Church, Murray-Anderson Road, Rosebud.

We wish to thank Margie for all her ministry and good work down on the Peninsula and encourage as many people as possible to make the trip down for her Conclusion of Placement Service to what is truly a beautiful part of the world.



Book bonanza

There are some Australian Hymn Books and some Sing Alleluia books that are no longer required at the Karingal Uniting Church.

There are 38 copies of "Australian Hymn Book" and also 27 copies of "Sing Alleluia" and one "Praise and Worship" Chorus Book that can be donated to another worshipping community.

People who wish to enquire should telephone Kieth on (03) 9789 9727