

NEWSBEAT



PRESBYTERY OF
PORT PHILLIP EAST

Hampton courts Easter unity

The Hampton Council of Churches has been enjoying another busy Holy Week program with evening services held at the Baptist, Catholic, Anglican and Uniting Churches.

While tomorrow, Good Friday, features a *Walk of Witness* through the streets that has a short service at each of the churches and one in the main shopping centre.

All invited to join
the Seder Meal
this evening

The week reaches a crescendo on Easter Sunday with a service

incorporating a decorated floral cross, prepared by the younger members of the church, which will be displayed in the church gardens.

Tonight's service will be preceded by a Seder Meal, also attended by members of St John's UCA Elsternwick.

All evening services started at 8 pm and rotated around the various members of the Hampton Council of Churches as follows:

Monday at the Baptist Church

Tuesday at St Mary's Catholic Church

Wednesday at Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

Thursday 6pm **Seder Meal** and 8pm **Footwashing Service** both at Hampton UCA - 17 Service St, Hampton
Friday the 9:30 am Good Friday Service at Hampton UCA is followed by the *Walk of Witness* at 11am.

The *Walk of Witness* commences at the Baptist Church, 136 Thomas Street, then moves to Hampton UCA before heading

off to Holy Trinity Anglican Church and Hampton Village Shopping Centre, at the corner of Hampton and Littlewood Streets. The *Walk of Witness* concludes at St Mary's Catholic Church, 59 Holyrood Street, by 12 noon. All are invited to attend any of these services.

For catering purposes, if you would like to attend the Seder Meal could you please ring Ian Menzies in advance on 9598 3369 or 0403 727 080 so that sufficient places can be provided.



Above: Last year's floral cross and Walk of Witness

'Oasis of peace' garden blessed at Palm Sunday service

THE new garden space at Port Melbourne Uniting Church was officially opened during a moving open air service on Palm Sunday.

The new garden space provides a welcoming



community space for meeting, resting, contemplation and prayer. Flowing around two existing Canary island palms, it features drought

tolerant plants and fruit trees, a curving rainbow-coloured wall, and seating in both shade and sunshine. The pathways incorporate pebble streams flowing towards the Bay and a simple labyrinth for contemplative prayer. Fruit trees planted around the garden complement the community vegetable garden which was developed in 2008.

Moderator, Isabel Thomas-Dobson, dedicated the garden with these spirit-stirring words:

*"Creator God who called the universe into being, and rested when it was done,
Jesus Christ who sought out quiet places for prayer, and the Holy Spirit by whose creativity we are renewed and inspired,
Bless this space and the people who use it.
May it be an oasis of peace, of conversation, of refreshment and joy and a place of welcome for all."*

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



Leadership development course will strengthen UCA direction

APPLICATIONS are now open for the intensive **Uniting Church Studies** course, which offers a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the **Uniting Church, its foundations and its priorities for the future.**

Places now open for intensive study course

The mid-year study course offers an introduction to the theology, history and life of the Uniting

Church in Australia and is open to people involved in church leadership within UCA and might include lay preachers, lay worship leaders, pastors, and candidates for specified lay ministries.

The program will serve as either primary orientation or as continuing education and will be led by Rev Prof Randall Prior, Principal of the Uniting Church Theological College within the CTM.

He says: "The program is resourced by a rich collection of women and men who have given key leadership to the Uniting Church; such as Norman Young, Coralie Ling, Ken Sumner, Lauren Mosso, Swee-Ann Koh, D'Arcy Wood, just to name a few."

Attention will be paid to the Uniting Church's:

- Emergence and roots in Congregationalism, Methodism and Presbyterianism,
- Theology of the Basis of Union,
- Polity and code of ethics,
- Relationship to Australian culture and society,
- Ecumenical commitment and outreach,
- Approach to questions of ministry and mission, and to issues facing the Uniting Church in the future.

The program will be taught as an intensive from **Wednesday 13 June to Friday 22 June, on weekdays 9:15-5:00pm.**

Assessments will include a collaborative **learning project on selected** themes plus two individual short papers arising from the Basis of Union.

Registration cost is only \$100.00 as the Uniting Church Theological College is pleased to offer this intensive at a subsidised rate.

To register visit <https://event.goregister.com.au/ucastudies/individual/> or contact CTM for info (<http://ctm.uca.edu.au/page/contact-us>). On-site accommodation may be available at Maclean House (<http://ctm.uca.edu.au/page/maclean-house>), so get in quick.



Saturday 5th May 2012

Children and families ministry workshop
Equipping you for ministry with children and families

Kindly hosted by The Anglican Parish of Mount Eliza

ACCESS ministries We Are There
children's ministry network **1 Day P.D for this workshop**

Access Ministries Electives
Puppetry
Engaging Spirituality
Prayer in school & church
Connecting into community
Using Drama
Developing faith in teenagers
Playgroups
Faith
Holiday programs
Online Resources

Marketplace is an opportunity to find out what's new in ministry—programs, ideas and resources will be showcased and explained. Includes Elev8, Kids Hope Oz and Luke 14—Disability Inclusive Christian Communities

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Cost
\$20 per person incl. morning tea
Pay only \$15 if
- Registering before 23rd April
- A group of 5 or more
Special \$5 rate for junior leaders (12-18yrs) attending as part of a group

Registration
Email or post your registration to Dorothy, including payment details
If paying by cheque post to:
Dorothy Hughes,
The Anglican Centre,
209 Flinders Lane,
Melbourne 3000

SOS for SES

The Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) appoints chaplains to care for their staff and the volunteers attached to local VICSES units. These positions are honorary. Would ministers in our presbytery be interested in such a role? If so, please contact Joy Etwell who is the VICSES Chaplaincy Coordinator on joy.etwell@ses.vic.gov.au

Slow down sought for safer streets

IN response to resident concerns about safety on our local rural roads, the Peninsula SaferSpeeds project will be reducing speeds on select rural roads this month.

This is a Shire initiative to reduce the high level of injuries and fatalities from road crashes. In fact, road safety research indicates that by lowering speed limits and getting drivers to travel only slightly slower, the road safety benefits are significant.

The SaferSpeeds project will be trialled and independently assessed initially, with community views sought before and after the speed limit changes.

The changes are planned for late March and will be completed in April 2012. If you wish to find out more about the project there will be an opportunity to talk to Councillors and Shire officers at the **Red Hill Market this Saturday, April 7, 2012** - look out for the Shire's van.

Specialist to speak on managing the behavioural problems of children at home

AUTISM expert Nicole Molloy will be sharing her knowledge at a special event on:

Saturday 14th April, 2012, from 10am
at St. Mark's Uniting Church, Corner Edward and Burton Streets, Chadstone, 3148

Nicole is a representative of Autism Assist and has worked in the

area of Autism for more than 10 years. Autism Assist is 'a line of hope for families of children with Autism, Aspergers and ADHD.' Nicole also teaches at Ashwood School. Glenys Piattella, a member of

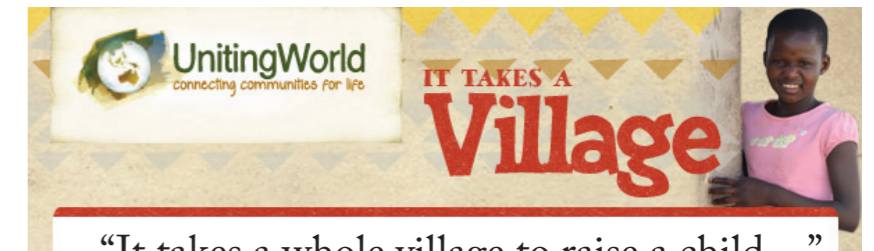


St. Mark's Uniting Church and a teacher at Parkhill Primary, will also give an address at the event. All are welcome, free of charge, Please RSVP to Raj Perera at 9807 4430 or rajithap@optusnet.com.au

Quote...

"God loves us too much to hurt us, and He is too wise to make a mistake. When we can't trace his hand, when we don't understand, we can trust his heart."

Charles Spurgeon
...of the month



"It takes a whole village to raise a child..."

old African proverb

As you may be aware, Zimbabwe has long suffered from political and economic upheaval. Unemployment and poverty are widespread, and an HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to leave a trail of fragmented families in its wake. One in six children in Zimbabwe has been orphaned as a result of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. HIV/AIDS particularly affects communities living in poverty, where opportunities are already restricted. When one parent becomes ill and dies, a family loses its livelihood. When both parents die, children are left to fend for themselves or to

live with relatives struggling to feed their own family. A child's responsibilities become those of an adult and many children cannot attend school. Women and men are gathering together to participate in livelihood generating activities. From beekeeping to sewing to community gardens, these initiatives will create sustainable incomes for families living in poverty as well as provide the funds needed to send orphaned children to school. You can help communities develop business initiatives and education at <http://www.unitingworld.org.au/programs/relief-and-development/ittakesavillage/>

Understanding Grief & Loss Workshop

"Understanding & responding to grief & loss in the church – preventing grief becoming destructive."
9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 1 June 2012
CTM
29 College Crescent
Parkville 3052
Book early, limited numbers
\$50 (includes lunch)
Phone: 9859 8700

Facilitated by Rosslyn Chandler (D Soc Stud MAASW VAPP) Associate Educator - Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement. *This information was circulated by the Bethel Centre. Have you seen their website? www.victas.uca.org.au/bethel-pastoral-centre Flyers for many workshops are posted on the site. If you have questions or comments or would like to request a workshop, email at: bethel@victas.uca.org.au Or speak to a staff member on: Phone/Fax: (03) 9859 8700

Leadership Matters!

FOUR-session intensive designed for lay and ordained leadership. Held in conjunction with Jenny Byrnes from CTM Program includes ... Discovering leadership practices, deepening leadership resilience, identifying leadership strengths, exploring the theology of leadership and developing our capacity to lead.
 Cost is \$100 for all sessions & includes program materials & meals. Four Sundays 22 April, 29 April, 6 May, 13 May 2012.
Register - Steve Terrell, Tel: (03) 9005 7774; Mob: 0417 146 196

MURRUMBEENA COMMUNITY MARKET



Saturday 14 April 2012

9am – 2pm

117 Murrumbeena Road (Melways 69 A5)

For the first time - Tools from the Hand Tool Preservation Association of Australia. In commemoration of ANZAC Day, ANZAC biscuits will be provided with purchases of tea or coffee at the Market Café, and Mother's Day gifts will be available ... plus ... Art Books, Cards, Confectionery, Cosmetics, Eco- products, Fresh Produce, Gourmet Foods, Honey, Jewellery, Crafts and Quilts, Plants etc. ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION



St John's Uniting Church Elsternwick celebrates 125 years of being church in October 2012

St John's Uniting Church Elsternwick celebrates 125 years of being church in Elsternwick on 31st October 2012. The anniversary service will take place on Sunday 28th October at 10am and other celebrations are being planned. We would love to hear from you if you or your family have had any connection with the church over the last 125 years - with the worshipping community, the scouts, the girl guides, the tennis, cricket, football clubs, the dances....

Please contact us by phone - Audrey 9523 8413 or the Pastor, Christine Clinch, by email stjohns.elsternwick@ucappp.net or by letter PO Box 4069, Hopetoun Gardens, VIC 3162. We look forward to hearing from you!

Final call to hear international leader, Darrel Guder, during his 'once in a lifetime' speaking tour in Victoria... don't get left behind



Darrell Guder: Princeton Theological Seminary Professor of Missional and Ecumenical Theology

Darrell's dates and times

FOR Presbytery members, Church Council, ministers and other leaders:

Sat May 26
1pm – 5pm

Session 1 (members and visitors.)
Approx 1pm

- What is happening to the church in our time, and where is it leading?
- Does the church have a future and what might that be like?
- The shape of the church in a post-Christian culture

Session 2. (members) post afternoon tea
Conversation starters include:

- Missional Church when the church buildings are tired
- Missional church when we feel old and tired
- Missional church when we've got no money
- Missional-church when there's no existing church community
- What are the essential ingredients of the church?
- What form and content for Christian Worship in a missional context?

Registration for above events - Steve Terrell
on Tel: (03) 9005 7774; Mob: 0417 146 196



Founder of Inspired Adventures, Justine Curtis, urges people to join September's Trek in the Himalayas for the Rights of Women and Girls

Dear Friend,
 My name is Justine Curtis and I work as Director of Inspired Adventures. I would like to encourage you to become part of the Inspired Adventures community this September by joining the 'Trek for the Rights of Women and Girls' to North India. It will change your life!
 This challenge will take you on a journey from Delhi to Amritsar to Dharamsala and beyond, viewing the mighty Himalayan peaks as you go. After experiencing first-hand UnitingWorld's project among women and girls in Amritsar and meeting inter-faith leaders, the trip will become a trek and you will visit Dharamsala. It is a bustling hub for the Tibetan community and life here revolves around the spiritual teachings of its most famous resident – His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

This place is particularly special to me and led to the beginning of Inspired Adventures. For it was here 10 years ago that a spiritual leader said 'do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way, and for the right reason.' I returned knowing I wanted to do good work for the community and within 2 years I had set up what is now Inspired Adventures. The Inspired Adventure trek will take you on a five-day journey into the mountains to picturesque villages, beautiful forests and an alpine meadow on the top of a ridge, where the views are unbelievable. Caves and pastures dot the mountain creating a dynamic layered landscape unique to this area. Sound amazing? It was for me and I hope by sharing this story that you will be inspired to join UnitingWorld for this incredible Trek for the Rights of Women and Girls." With the help of the team, and providing you are of reasonable health, you will be able to complete the trip. To register or ask questions call now on 1300 905 188 or visit the trip webpage <http://www.inspiredadventures.com.au/unitingworld/india/>.

Justine Curtis
Director Inspired Adventures

Step up to help Helen



NEWSBEAT sub-editor, Helen Beeby, is taking part in the North India Challenge, see left, and is currently the only Victorian involved. Other states have several trekkers each... so come on Victorians - step up to meet the challenge... Watch this space for Helen's fundraising events in the coming months, too - including the one below... Spread the word!

Looking for things to do during the holidays?

Check out the: Indonesian Puppet Show and Craft Activity Morning



@ The Village Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza on Friday, April 13, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Advance tickets: \$8 per child or \$15 for two (includes refreshments and drink)

On the day: \$10 per child

Bookings and details on 0434 412104

All in aid of the North India Challenge (funds women and girls' education in Northern India for a whole year)
Details on 8774 4939



Mann of the people

Hi! I am the new Presbytery Minister for administration in the Presbytery of Port Phillip East. What a mouthful...

I have to be very clear and concise about this. My induction at the first Presbytery meeting for the year at the wonderful newly renovated church at Parkdale was a very moving and humbling experience for me. I was elected Presbytery Secretary at that meeting as well. I think I have enough to keep me busy. My name is John Mann. I am a Minister of the Word, from most recently the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra - that lot from the north-east of Melbourne. I have been in ordained ministry for 16 years, serving in congregations of Maffra and Heathmont. I have also served in the old Presbytery of Maroondah as a Regional Development Worker. Some people from Maroondah and even parts of Western Port might remember me. I was in the Synod

Rally to Make the NDIS Real in 2012

On Monday, April 30 Australia is hosting the biggest rally of people with disabilities this country has ever seen so that the National Disability Insurance Scheme becomes a reality.

We need you to be there on April 30...

The disability system is in crisis....
We need the NDIS now.

**MAKE IT
REAL
NDIS 2012**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme will make sure people with disabilities get the essential care, support, therapy, equipment and early intervention they need.
It's time to make Every Australian Count.

RALLY
30TH APRIL

**Melbourne: Federation Square
Corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets
12 noon**

* All times local times.



www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au



Office for a time with the Mission & Resource Development Unit (MRDU). I have worked in wide variety of mission resource functions - mission consultant, and property and finances, and at various times was a member of PART and BOMAR. Most recently I was the chair of the Property & Finance Committee of Yarra Yarra Presbytery. Presently I am a member of the Synod Property Board and Property Trusts of Victoria and Tasmania. You could say that I have been around the administration of the church in various forms for quite a while. Prior to ministry I worked in the fields of Technical support and Management in the field of material science and manufacturing. I studied for my Bachelor of Theology as a part-time private student, and candidated for ministry after this. I was a lay preacher for 15 years prior to my ordination. Since my ordination I have added a Master of Ministry focusing on Church management and leadership. I have lived most of my life on the "other side of the Yarra River", but I find the call of ministry and of the church takes you to surprising places.

I am married to Glenda and we have three grown-up children Simeon, Adrian and Davina who still live at home with us, as well as two dogs, Bud and Dizzy. Our boys are in the workforce and Davina expects to complete her degree this year.

It's nice to share life in my new Presbytery with quite a number of familiar faces that I have known through other places of my life and ministry. It has been good to be so warmly greeted by so many new faces too. I feel among friends.

I have always liked the metaphor of faith as journey. So in great expectation we are becoming a part of each other's journey, with all its joys, accomplishments, and potential trials. May we nourish each other in faith and may our service to God, God's Church, the community and each other rise to meet the needs of our world and our place in it. May we always find hope in our seeking to be a missional church and a missional Presbytery. I look forward to meeting with everyone in the context of the many congregations, agencies and schools of this Presbytery.

I invite your prayers for me as I seek to undertake all that is asked in this new role. I offer my prayers to you and your communities as we forge new relationships together.

John