

NEWSBEAT



PRESBYTERY OF
PORT PHILLIP EAST

October 2013

Crafty
goings
on at
Heatherton-
Dingley UC.
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Movie premiere...
an asylum seeker
voyage of discovery.
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screening details.



Plane speaking....

Uniting our Future is
grounded for a week
while Ruling is explored

THERE'S nothing more frustrating than getting to the airport on time, checking in and getting to the gate ready to board when the flight is announced as delayed - for hours!

Well now we are faced with a similar situation with Uniting our Future.

A letter from the Moderator, Dan Wootton, pictured right, explains the delay...

"Greetings,

The announcement regarding the list of properties to be divested as a result of the declaration of special circumstances at the May 2013 Synod has been postponed for a week.



Uniting our future



LEADING THE WAY WITH LOCAL GRANTS

Do you have an idea that you think will make your community a better place to live? Then Leader Local Grants is for you, *writes Rev Steve Terrell*.

In each grant cycle, every local paper will have a grant of \$1,000 available for the idea that gets the most votes. The next cycle opens in Feb 2014 for one month. Now is the time to start planning.

For lots of ideas and the stories of past successful grants, and to register for your own grant, visit <http://leaderlocalgrants.com.au>

Many of these ideas make for great ways to connect with your local community. From there, it's a simple journey towards making a difference, and even creating a fresh expression of church.

I apologise for the anxiety that this might cause across the Synod, however the Synod Standing Committee made the decision last night to delay any announcement relating to property divestment. Following an approach from some members of the

Uniting Church I requested the President, as outlined in the Regulations, to give a Ruling. The Presidential Ruling was not received until well after the Standing Committee had begun meeting last night. As a result the Synod Standing Committee determined that the best course of action was to postpone any decision making by a week, whilst the implications of the Ruling are clarified. The Synod Standing Committee will meet again on Monday 7 October.

If your Church Council had scheduled a special meeting this week as requested, feel free to continue with that meeting, to pray for the Synod Standing Committee in its discernment. Also please arrange to reconvene the Church Council at the same time next week to work on divestment decisions and/or pray for the congregations/agencies affected.

In the interim, please understand that the work of the Uniting our future Project Control Group and the Property Board will continue. Additional meetings will be held this week and updated proposals will be presented to the Synod Standing Committee on Monday, October 7. The communications process will then be resumed from Tuesday, October 8.

Grace and peace,
Dan Wootton
Moderator"

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



Where art meets life

Movie: MARY MEETS MOHAMMAD

Venue: Kino Cinema, 45 Collins Street, Melbourne

THE Asylum Seeker issue is very much in the news in Australia, both pre and post election, and the exploration of this age-old phenomenon has stimulated creativity in the arts as well.



The documentary feature film *Mary Meets Mohammad*, by Hobart filmmaker Heather Kirkpatrick, on this very issue is to be screened at the Kino Cinemas, 45 Collins Street, Melbourne on Sunday, November 3 at 6.30pm (including a question and answer session with Heather) and then from Saturday, November 9 until Wednesday, November 13 at 7.30pm. Matinee sessions are also planned. Tasmania's first detention centre opens and local knitting club member Mary, a

staunchly Christian pensioner, is not welcoming of the 400 male asylum seekers mostly from Afghanistan.

Mohammad is a 26 year old Muslim asylum seeker detained inside the centre and an unlikely friendship develops between Mary and Mohammad after her knitting club donates woollen beanies to the asylum seekers.

Mary finds many of her prior beliefs are challenged as her relationship with Mohammad deepens.

Read the film review by Nigel Tapp in the July issue of Crosslight. Screening details at <http://www.palacecinemas.com.au/movies/>

Cornish College

TWILIGHT MARKET

Friday 15 November

5.00pm to 8.30pm



Over 70 stalls including organic produce, handmade & fair-trade products and a car boot sale. Plus face painting, jumping castle & fun activities for kids of all ages.



65 Riverend Rd BANGHOLME (near Patterson Lakes)
cornishcollege.vic.edu.au



The final Code of Ethics workshops for ministers in the Presbytery of Port Phillip East will be held on:



- Tuesday October 8 - Hampton UCA, 10am - 12pm
- Tim Angus – induction Hampton UCA, November 24, 2013
- James Douglas – induction St. Lukes, Mt Waverley; Jan 2014

History continues to be made at Mentone

THE tale of Mentone's origin as a seaside resort and the birth of its early churches in a temperance coffee palace held the congregation in rapt attention at the recent 130th anniversary of Mentone UC. Lay leader David Johnson, pictured right, commenced proceedings to celebrate 130 years of worship at the Davies Memorial Uniting Church in Mentone.

The congregation of about 70 people received greetings from the wider church, brought by Presbytery Minister – Mission & Education, Rev Steve Terrell, who also commended them as "good and faithful servants" with encouragement to continue living the vision of 'lives changed by the power of Christ's message.' The Call to Worship by Margaret Shilton who herself has been a member of the congregation for 50 years, Mentone Uniting Church triggered an excellent service and time

Mentone Uniting Church celebrates 130 years of worship and mission

of remembering what is certainly one of the great stories of old Melbourne. The historical narrative of the building, tracing its Presbyterian roots to its namesake Mary Davies, wife of land developer

Joseph, a significant player in opening up the area in the mid-1800s provided the backdrop for a rich tapestry of innovation, enterprise, vision and adventurous generosity. Doug Eales shared more of the mission across the years including the pre-Union merge with Mentone Methodist. Missional pursuits included property purchases for migrants, halls built for youth, fruit and veg harvested for the community, and a number of social enterprises such as op shops and catering clubs.

David Johnson, also an excellent organist, was back for a Children's Address with a difference. The "Parable of the organ pipe" held the whole congregation enthralled as they heard about the history of the Mentone organ, how its pipes are only painted gold on the front, and in fact the side pipes, whilst functional, are purely decorative! The important thing is that the pipes all play their part - and it helps that they are also connected.

Rev Siotame Paletu'a, current minister in a string of more than 10 over the years, preached about being rich toward God, in the context of the pending impact of property sales against the backdrop of 130 years of faithful witness and service.

The service referred to the opening lines of a hymn used to be painted on the front wall, 'Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,' but in a sign of the times, the wall is now painted white and hymn words come via a data projector.

Jemmy Bartholomeusz led prayers for the world before a rousing rendition of 'My eyes have seen the glory' with some moved to tears by the stirring organ accompaniment. Outside a Billy Tea feast awaited, with funds raised for Frontier Services.

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Pictured top: [on screen] Mary Davies after whom the Mentone building is named. Above: Zinc organ pipes, sound just as good when painted gold Left: Anniversary cake made by Jo-Ann Stenton and served with Billy Tea

Enhancing humanity through the presence of God

MY background is in nursing and I have a Graduate Diploma in Theology, writes Tricia Graham.

I did my first CPE unit in 2004 after retiring from palliative care nursing and I have to say, I was a reluctant starter! I thought I knew how to be with people in crisis, people facing challenge, deterioration and death. I couldn't have been more wrong.

Sure, I was an empathetic nurse, sure I had practical help-aids up my 'nursing sleeve', sure I could fix things as nurses do.

What I have learned through CPE is how to 'be with' someone in crisis and know that the 'fixing' is not in my hands. Someone said to me once not so long ago: 'Trish, there's only one saviour and it's not you.' Valuable words and I keep them firmly in front of me. CPE has taught me how to be with someone in need as they slowly speak their own wisdom in their own voice and hear their wisdom with their own ears. I just need to be there with my deep listening presence creating the fertile God space between us. It is from that space, that space of love and compassion that the help arises.

This has been a tough learning. I have done 3 CPE units culminating in an Advanced Level. I am now engaged in the pilot program of EcoMinistry CPE at the John Paver Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education at the CTM. The action/reflection model

calls on participants to reflect deeply on pastoral encounters and then to share their reflections (personal and

theological) with peers and with supervisors. It invites participants to focus on the heart as well as using the head. It teaches participants about hearing their own story within an encounter but how to put that aside and so be fully present to the other and their story. For me it is an essential learning for ministry.

My favourite definition of pastoral care came from the late Graeme Griffin. He said: "Pastoral Care is when two people come together in the presence of God and the humanity of both is enhanced."

In believe that in my own training and practice of pastoral care, I have learned much about what it is to be human. I continue my learning through the Grace of God.



ST JOHN OF GOD
Health Care

Are you ready for the next level of pastoral education?

The St John of God Healthcare Victorian Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Centre is seeking new participants in their CPE programmes for level 1, Advanced and Supervisory Training Levels.

Participation in the CPE programme will provide opportunities to:

- Grow in knowledge and understanding of your pastoral role.
- Develop skills that will enable you to become a more effective Pastoral Practitioner.
- Deepen your awareness of each person's spiritual needs, hopes and resources.
- Become more aware of your values, attitudes and assumptions.

A unit of CPE will be undertaken part time (22 weeks) and the next Part-time Unit is from **October 15, 2013 to March 19, 2014.**

CPE interns will participate in group work, two days a fortnight, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and undertake one day of clinical based placement at a St. John of God Hospitals or within a placement that is mutually agreed upon. CPE is worth 30 credit points towards a Bachelor of Theology Degree through the Melbourne College of Divinity.

Who may apply? Pastoral Practitioners, Chaplains, Parish Workers, Health professional, others from a diverse context who are interested in providing spiritual care.

How much will it cost? A fee of \$1200 per unit is payable on commencement of the programme. The fee does not cover parking or meals at St John of God Hospitals.

How to apply? An application form and information package is available from the St John of God CPE Centre Victoria, PO Box 316 Warrnambool 3280 VIC.

For information contact: Bernadette Wurlod on (03) 8793 9424 Email: Bernadette.Wurlod@sjog.org.au or Andrew Somerville (03) 5563 4588, Andrew.Somerville@sjog.org.au

Glen Waverley's favourite daughter hits 100

THE Presbytery celebrated its second centenarian in as many months recently - in the sprightly form of Irene Marriott.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church celebrated the 100th birthday of Irene Marriott on September 3, 2013 although Irene's actual birthday was on September, 13. Irene and her husband Fred were well-known market gardeners in the Glen Waverley area and there is even a street in the area named after the family. "Irene is a very devoted and loyal supporter of our church," says Diana Coles "firstly the Methodist Church and now the Uniting Church." Irene used to teach Sunday school, was a very accomplished pianist, sang in the choir and was President of the Ladies Guild (now UCAF.) Irene was also a very community-minded woman, a Councillor of the Shire of Mulgrave for two terms, and only the second woman to be elected to the Shire. Irene was also a Justice of the Peace for 30 years and a Probation Officer of the Children's Court, President of the Waverley Historical Society and a member of the CWA.

Irene is still an extremely active woman who hasn't lost her interest in people or the community. Well done Irene, and congratulations on your wonderful achievements and all that you have done to help improve the community in which you have lived for many years.



by Diana Coles.
Photo by
Geraldine
Fleming

National eConference brings church communities together

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay's website is now live and people can register at <http://john.vivlive.com> for a program to look intently at the Gospel of John - with two teachers who are passionate about their subject.

Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 10:30am - 2:30pm

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| 10.30am | Opening Prayer & introduction of host and educators |
| 10.35am | Session 1: Fr Francis Moloney sdb
Understanding the World and Message of John's Gospel.
A reflection upon the essential background, both historical and literary, for an understanding of the Gospel of John. |
| 11.00am | Local facilitated discussion |
| 11.20am | Session 2: Dr Dorothy Lee
Understanding John's Theology - An outline of the core themes and perspective of John's Gospel |
| 11.45am | Local facilitated discussion |
| 12.05pm | Session 3: Dr Dorothy Lee - 'I am the Resurrection and the Life': The Witness of Martha and Mary. A reading of the Lazarus story that focusses on faith today, shown in word and action. |
| 12.30pm | Break for Lunch |
| 1.10pm | Session 4: Fr Francis Moloney sdb - "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe": A Reading Jesus does for the Christian believer. |
| 1.35pm | Local facilitated discussion |
| 1.55pm | Session 5: Panel Discussion
Fr Francis Moloney and Dr Dorothy Lee, facilitated by Mike Bailey. |
| 2.20pm | Closing Prayer |

While you can watch this event at home on your own computer it is going to be put up on the large screen at Trinity House, 15 Black Street, Brighton, through a data projector. All people who are interested are invited to come on the day and will be able to participate in the 'Local facilitated discussion.'

Speaker Fr Francis Moloney sdb has read, taught and meditated on John all his long academic life. Rev Dr Dorothy Lee, now Director of Studies at the Trinity Theological College of the Anglican Church in the University of Melbourne, is also an experienced New Testament

exegete with a passion for John. Please bring your lunch. Drinks will be supplied.

Please reply to this invitation to iancayzer@hotmail.com or ring 9592 4716 so appropriate preparations are made.

Feel free to pass this email and invitation on to whoever you wish. Ian Cayzer (Rev.) Trinity UCA, Brighton.

String of pearls

There will be a **Pleasant Sunday Afternoon of beautiful classical music with**

- **Priscilla Taylor - harpsichord**
- **Andrew Weiss - cello**
- **Anne Shirley-Peel - violin**
- **Ingrid Austen - piano, organ**

**at Bentleigh Uniting church
497 Centre Rd, Bentleigh
on 27th October at 2.30 pm.**

Entry donation of \$10 will go to the SHARE Appeal. Call Mary 9557 0321 or the church office on 9557 4780

Reflections on Faith

“Faith is the basic orientation and commitment of our whole being - a matter of heart and soul. Christian faith is grounding our lives in the living God as revealed especially in Jesus Christ. It’s both a gift we receive within the Christian community and a choice we make. It’s trusting in God and relying on God as the source and destiny of our lives. Faith is believing in God, giving God our devoted loyalty and allegiance. Faith is following Jesus, answering the call to be his disciples in the world. Faith is hoping for God’s future, leaning into the coming kingdom that God has promised. Faith-as-belief is active; it involves trusting, believing, following, hoping.”



Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together cannot handle.

Amen

Road Trauma Support Services Victoria warmly invites you to the 13th Annual

Time for Remembering

12 noon

Sunday 17 November 2013

**Queens Hall
Parliament House
Melbourne**

(Melways ref. 2F K2)

To remember those who have died, acknowledge those who have been injured and recognise the impact of road trauma on our community.

You are invited to bring a small framed photo of your loved one or other symbol of remembrance.

Refreshments will follow the ceremony

RSVP Friday 8 November 2013

Please advise us if you have any mobility or dietary requirements and for further information contact 8877 6900 or reception@rtssv.org.au

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Quote

“The most important lesson that I have learned is to trust God in every circumstance. Lots of times we go through different trials and following God’s plan seems like it doesn’t make any sense at all. God is always in control and he will never leave us.”

Allyson Felix

of the month...

New market at 'the little white church'

A CRAFT and Home Produce Market looks set to showcase local talents later this month.

On Saturday, 26th October, between 10am and 2pm a special new community venture is happening at the Heatherton-Dingley Uniting

Church, cnr. Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads, Heatherton.

This market is designed to give people who do beautiful craft work or produce bottled fruit, jams or relishes, or who propagate their own plants, an outlet for their handiwork.

There will be no stalls selling second-hand goods or commercially produced items, as this market is being run as an encouragement to locals to allow their work to be appreciated and sold.

The Dingley CWA will be providing Devonshire teas and a sausage sizzle will be held. It will be a great time to share with others, admire and purchase some lovely home-made goodies not found in our big commercial shopping centres.

Parking is available on the grounds surrounding the church – the one often referred to as “the little white church on the corner.”

If anyone has hand or home-made items to sell and would like to book a stall space (you will only pay for the space used, not a percentage of profits) they can contact Margaret on 9551 9494 or Chris on 9551 6349 or duguidct@optusnet.com.au.



Season's greetings from Food for Families

JOIN celebrity MC John Deeks, and special guest speaker The Right Honourable Lord Mayor Robert Doyle at the breakfast launch of the annual Wesley Mission campaign to feed struggling families at Christmas and beyond.

Enjoy cooking demonstrations by celebrity Masterchef All Star and Food For Families Ambassador, Callum Hann, and live auctions that include KitchenAid appliances, Scanpan cookware, and Global knives and much more!

When: 7:00am, Friday, 8th November 2013

Where: William Angliss Institute

The Angliss Restaurant, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

RSVP 31st October

Tickets: \$60 per ticket

Call: (03) 9662 2355 **Visit:** www.foodforfamilies.com.au/

100% of funds raised will go directly towards helping people in crisis.

The Wesley Food for Families Appeal has been running since 1991.

The aim of the appeal is to collect food and toiletries for families in the lead up to Christmas.

The need for support for families in crisis is greatest during the Christmas period, when stories and images of people celebrating with family and friends surrounds us, making life even more difficult to those in need.

Each year Wesley Mission services support more than 55,000 people. Non-perishable food items and toiletries collected through Food For Families assist them to continue supporting families and homeless people throughout the coming year. The appeal is run every year for the 6 weeks prior to Christmas.



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