

NEWSBEAT



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NEWSLETTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST



Last few tickets to hear parenting whizz, Steve Biddulph. Details on page 3

Hear the Moderator's *Meditations on the Met* at Dayspring. Turn to page 6 to find out where

Scrolls to stay on show through early June at Toorak. See page 7



Special US guest to share discipleship wisdom

INTERNATIONALLY recognised for his work on faith formation and discipleship, John Roberto is coming to Melbourne to share his knowledge.

The Uniting Church has secured this well-known author and Vibrant Faith Learning Exchange coordinator, pictured below, to speak at the Centre for Theology and Ministry on August 26 - 28 and Saturday, August 30.



John has more than 40 years of experience in Christian faith formation and has authored books and program manuals in youth ministry, family ministry, intergenerational learning and lifelong faith formation.

In addition, John is president of Lifelong Faith Associates, where



Click on: <http://www.vibrantfaith.org>

he acts as editor of the Lifelong Faith Journal and coordinator for the Faith Formation 2020 initiative. He was actually the founder and director of the Centre for Ministry Development, where he worked for 28 years, and he continues to serve as a consultant to churches and national organizations; teach courses and conduct workshops in faith formation; and author books. John was also the inspirational creator of the theory and practice of Generations of Faith - an intergenerational, lifelong approach to faith formation.

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Sweet treat for Mother's Day

THE Breast Cancer Network Australia was given a welcome boost at Ewing Memorial on Mother's Day.

For the Malvern East church participated in the annual Bakers Delight 'Pink Bun Campaign' by providing pink finger buns for a delectable morning tea on Mother's Day recently. All proceeds from the sale of the buns are donated by Bakers Delight to the Breast Cancer Network Australia, BCNA. In filling Ewing's order, Bakers Delight, Carnegie supplied a delicious assortment of toppings to choose from. Pink icing with sprinkles or nuts proved popular.

Rev Greg Crowe also told the congregation that the BCNA Office, Camberwell kindly saves any stamped envelopes received for the Ewing ladies to trim for Sammy Stamp.

Dana Crowe, Zoe Reid and Maree Burnett are pictured right preparing the Mother's Day morning tea.



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



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John's most recent publications include: The Spirit and Culture of Youth Ministry; Faith Formation 2020; Living Well: Christian Practices for Everyday Life; Becoming a Church of Lifelong Learners; and four volumes of intergenerational learning programs in the People of Faith series. for more information visit

Aug 26-28 - 21st Century Faith Formation

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Aug 30 - Growing Faith in a Digital World

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English professor shares his creativity at Dayspring

COME along to listen to a former Professor of English at the University of Melbourne speak at a special 'Believer's Dictionary' series in June.

Dr Ian Hansen will lead Dayspring discussions on Wednesdays 11, 18 and 25 June 7:30 – 9:30 pm at Hampton UCA, 17 Service Street Hampton.

Dr Hansen will be presenting a series of three individual evenings on 'A Believer's Dictionary' - opening up selected entries with illustrations from prose and poetry.

Ian is a former Professor of English at the University of Melbourne and has been a popular presenter for Dayspring for many years.

Cost: \$10 or \$7 concessions which includes supper.

For further details: Ph: 9598 3369.

Or E-mail: dayspringcontact@hotmail.com

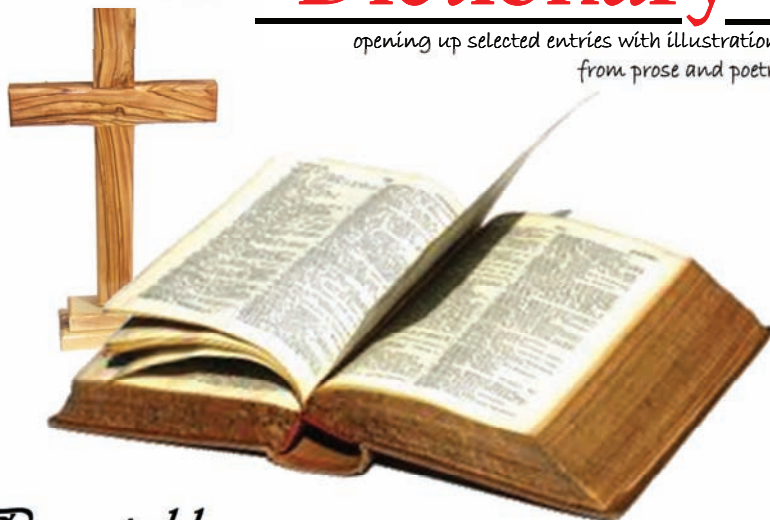
All welcome.

The event will be held at:
Centre for Theology and Ministry
29 College Crescent
The University of Melbourne, Parkville
VIC, 3052, Australia
CONTACT: Chris Barnett 03 9340 8806



A Believer's Dictionary

opening up selected entries with illustrations from prose and poetry



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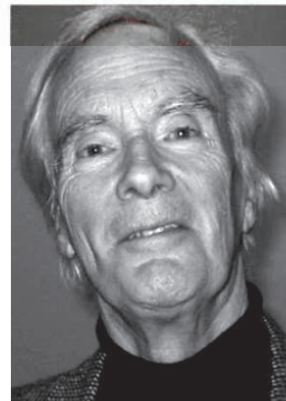
Dr Ian Hansen

Wednesdays
11th, 18th and 25th June 2014

7:30 pm in the Parish Centre
Hampton Uniting Church
17 Service Street Hampton 3188

\$10 or \$7 concession
includes supper

Enquiries - please phone 9598 3369 or email
dayspringcontact@hotmail.com



Ian is a former Professor of English at the University of Melbourne and has been a favourite presenter on literature and religion for Dayspring over many years.

Last chance to book tickets for international parenting expert

STEVE BIDDULPH COMES BACK TO HIGH ST UNITING CHURCH

SECRETS OF HAPPY CHILDREN - MONDAY 26TH MAY
RAISING GIRLS - TUESDAY 27TH MAY

Steve is back for two special evenings for all parents to enjoy. Only \$30 per evening plus \$1.16 booking fee, includes light supper. We regret babies & children cannot be admitted. For more information or to book please visit www.ticketebo.com.au/stevebiddulph

parenting expert

AUSTRALIA'S best known family psychologist has given talks worldwide to over 130,000 people.

He is about to embark on an epic world tour once again, but is gracing his hometown of Frankston for his farewell gig. So if you miss this one, who knows when he'll be back?

Night 1: SECRETS OF HAPPY CHILDREN – what's really happening inside kids' minds; how to be a stronger, more loving, more relaxed parent; how to help toddlers and children feel secure and settled; discipline methods that work; making sure your love gets through; the childcare dilemma

Night 2: ON RAISING GIRLS –Raising Girls to be wise, warm and strong ... What's happening to our girls? At all ages, they need our help to believe in themselves. They are growing up too fast, stressed and unhappy. Come and hear what we have to do to raise our daughters well. From toddlerhood right through to teens, there are specific things you can do to make them strong.

Facebook faith-look

The Presbytery of Port Phillip East Facebook page is attracting heaps of Likes and Shares and has some fascinating information and images that can be utilised for your congregations. Click on <https://www.facebook.com/ucappeg.org> now and take a look - and hit Like if you're a FB member yourself to receive regular updates on the PPEP page from your Home page/News Feed.



Secrets of Happy Children - Monday 26 May, 7:30-9:15pm
 Raising Girls - Tuesday 27 May, 7:30-9:15pm
 Tickets only \$30 (plus booking fee if booked online) includes light supper afterwards.
 Information and bookings: www.frankstonuniting.org.au

St John's Elsternwick
 invites you to
 An afternoon of
 "Hymns *Olde* and New"

SUNDAY JUNE 1
2.30 - 4.30

567 Glen Huntly Road,
 Elsternwick

Enjoy music, history or singing?
 Come and hear the organ play.
 Join in singing some old hymns and new.
 "If you can breathe, you can sing."
 Feel your body and soul energised.
 Afternoon tea included
THE 1916 ENGLISH ROMANTIC STYLE ORGAN
 played by Mr Ken Wallis
DONATIONS TOWARD THE ORGAN REFURBISHMENT

Wisdom's Feast is back with more delicacies

HAVE your say to more than 200 people from around Victoria in this exhibition to be shown as part of **Wisdom's Feast** at Warragul over the weekend of June

13 - 15, 2014.

Claiming Our Voice is a free-to-enter exhibition offering visual artists the chance to speak to the community through their creative talents: to raise their voices through brush on canvas, the chisel on stone, the pixels on paper. You are invited to enter up to two works of art and you can sell.

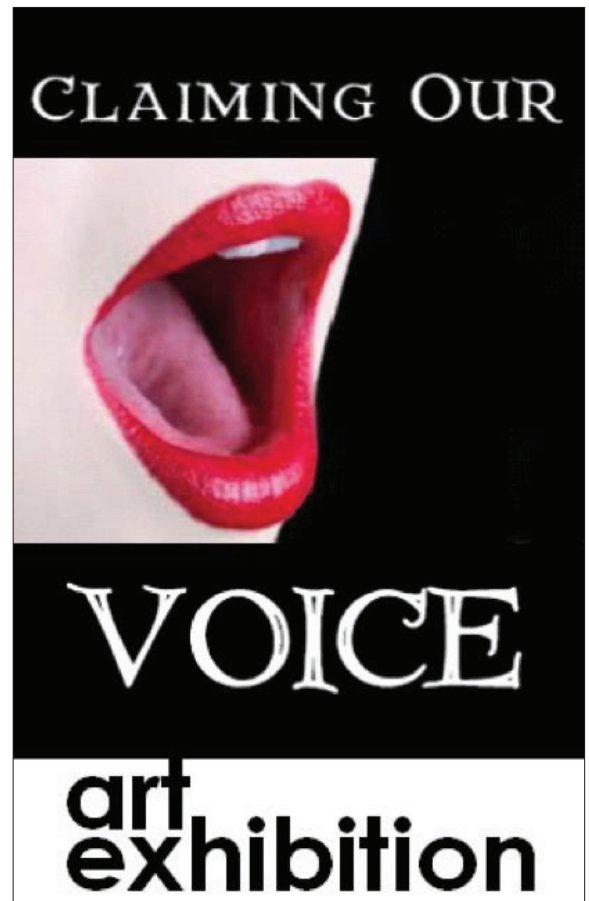
Information or entry form, from Alan Mathews on 0417 344 247 or alanm@aanet.com.au or Roberta Adams on bertiebeetle@dcsi.net.au Entries close 30th May.

Tuck in...

Join with the Centre for Theology & Ministry staff and the Presbytery of Gippsland in a time of theological reflection, study and activities.

Renowned singer, songwriter Fay White will lead the feast. Claiming Our Voice art exhibition will also be part of the occasion.

Participation is open to people (lay and ordained) from across the Synod.



Details and register @: <https://event.goregister.com.au/wisdomsfeast2014>

Visit the Presbytery website at www.ucappeg.org and www.facebook.com/ucappeg.org for news, events and more....

Dates for your diary

Claire Dawe ordination - Mt Eliza UC, Saturday, May 24 at 3.30pm.

Kharis Susilowati Valedictory Service at CTM to be held on Friday, May 30 at 4pm at the CTM for our next ordinand.

Next Presbytery in Council meeting, Saturday, July 5, 9.30am. Cornish College, Riverend Road, Bangholme

Treasurers In-Service Day, Sunday 24th August 12:30 - 3:30pm, venue TBC.



Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to
do your work.
I give you my feet to go
your way.
I give you my eyes to
see as you do.
I give you my tongue to
speak your words.
I give you my mind that
you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that
you may pray in me.
Above all,
I give you my heart that
you may love in me
your Father and all
mankind.
I give you my whole self
that you may grow in
me,
so that it is you, Lord
Jesus,
who lives and works and
prays in me.
Amen

Last places remaining at Jerusalem Conference

National Ministers' Conference: Jerusalem **22 September 2014**

Jerusalem offers a context within which to attend to the foundations of faith and ministry in Biblical history and geography, the challenges of witnessing to Christ among people of other faiths, and the UCA's continuing commitment to fellowship and solidarity with the Palestinian Christian community. Two "add-on" exposure trips are being planned

– one to visit key Biblical sites, the other to visit Palestinian Christian communities. Resourced by Uniting Faith and Discipleship and the Jerusalem Inter-Church Centre, the conference will enable participants to discern the "fresh words and deeds" demanded of those who would confess Christ in the presence of other faiths and in the midst of conflict.

For more information about the conferences please click on:
<http://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/1418-fresh-words-and-deed>

Quote

I saw that.

-God

of the month...

The Victorian Chapter of the **Australian Church Library Association**

is meeting on **Saturday, 31st May, 2014**
from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

in the library of the
Melbourne School of Theology
5 Burwood Highway, Wantirna
(Melway 63 C8/9)
(detailed instructions on reverse side of flyer)

The program will include

- looking at the library;
- a speaker, Gillian Asquith, on "How to choose a Bible translation";
- news from our National Biennial General Meeting being held on 17th May in Adelaide;
- a session on poster making;
- a swap table - bring along books, videos, cassettes, CDs and other resources that you no longer need;
- and more!!

Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch

For more information please ring Rachel -
phone: 9850 4828 or email: alanrachelh1@bigpond.com

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the Victorian Chapter of the Australian Church Library Association for 2014 will be held on Saturday, 31st May (see over for program details) at the Melbourne School of Theology in Wantirna.

Entry is from Mountain Highway. People coming from the east along Burwood Highway can turn right into Mountain Highway at the traffic lights, then use the right hand turning lane into MST.

Once in the MST grounds, follow the carpark round to the right (even though the sign says Library to the left) and park on the Burwood Road side of the carpark. There is a long stretch of floor to ceiling windows which belong to the library. At the end of these, before the hanging bike-racks, there is a side door which will be unlocked. This is the door to use.

Our second meeting this year will also be held on a Saturday, this time in the latter part of October.

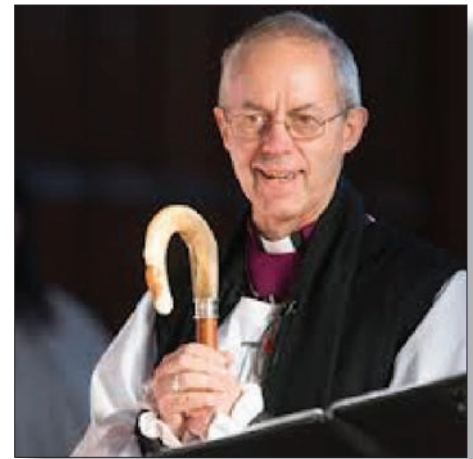
Reflections on Faith

I URGE “a trust in a God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and can therefore – if we co-operate with him – raise the Church to new and fresh life.”

Whatever one believes when it comes to theology, those words are inspiring. The world is full of troubles and, like the Archbishop, it can sometimes feel as though we have reduced control over things. Conflict rages in Ukraine, disaster strikes in the seas of South Korea, Syrian struggles continue. Yet individual crises should not detract from the good things that enrich everyday life: thoughtfulness, compassion, courage. This year we commemorate the start of the First World War. It was most certainly a terrible tragedy, but also one marked by selfless sacrifice – and from that springs hope. Moreover, considering the awful challenges that people

faced at the beginning of the last century, life at the start of the 21st is full of infinitely greater comfort and possibility.

The Archbishop reminds us that the Church has faced many trials before. He is determined that it will survive through effort and innovation. Faith and resilience have seen us all through some hard times and we will doubtless have to draw upon those resources again in the future.




Adapted from The Telegraph’s response to the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby’s Easter message.

Celebrating 20 years
DAYSPRING
 A MISSION TO SPIRITUALITY

DAYSPRING DINNER


6:30 pm Wednesday 23rd July 2014

Special guest speaker, Uniting Church Moderator

Dan Wootton 

will present

‘Meditations on the Met’



6:30 pm in the Parish Centre at Hampton Uniting Church
 17 Service Street Hampton 3188
 \$25 per person, BYO wine if desired, soft drinks provided.
 RSVP: BOOKINGS NEED TO BE MADE FOR CATERING PURPOSES BY 20 JULY
 [Please let us know of any dietary requirements you might have.]
 Phone 9598 3369, mail to 17 Service St Hampton 3188
 or email dayspringcontact@hotmail.com

Moderator Meditates on the Met

COME along to hear Dan Wootton share his musings while on his Metro journeys at the Dayspring group’s 20th anniversary.

Held on Wednesday 23 July, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
at Hampton UCA, 17 Service Street Hampton.

UCA Moderator Dan Wootton will be the special guest speaker at Dayspring’s ‘Celebrating 20 Years Dinner’ with his topic ‘Meditations on the Met’.

Bookings are essential for catering purposes.

Cost \$25 pp. BYO if desired.

Editor’s note:

Due to an extended visit to the UK for a wedding this is a smaller issue of Newsbeat for June. If you have anything you would like to promote for the months of July onwards then please send it through to helen.beeby@gmail.com marking Newsbeat in the Subject line, by June 25.

We will then have a bumper issue in July to catch up on all the news and activities that have happened while I was away.

Scrolls exhibition extends into June

THE beautiful bluestone church in Toorak is the venue for an exhibition of beautiful Chinese scrolls for another few weeks - so do pop in for a visit.

The scrolls were recently brought back from Hefei Church in China - where the congregation set up an art group specializing in scroll painting both calligraphy and pictorial.

Patricia Begg explains: "Toorak Congregation through our Uniting Arts complex had been negotiating through Uniting World to have some scrolls come to Australia for an exhibition. This project has succeeded beyond our wildest expectations.

"I travelled back with 60 scrolls, exquisitely mounted on silk, that are hanging in Toorak UC and neighbouring Kinross Arts & Spirituality Centre. They trace people's Christian journey through the medium of Chinese art. A mixture of calligraphy of varying ancient types expressing aspects of Christ's sayings from the Gospels. With scrolls depicting scenery, floral, flower and bird life as well as biblical scenes."

The exhibition in Kinross House ends on May 31st but those in the church will be there longer.

Toorak UC is at 603 Toorak Rd, Toorak Victoria, Australia, 3142

(03) 9829 0300



Frankincense from the East *Christian Art and Calligraphy from China*

May 2 - 30 2014



This exhibition features contemporary calligraphy scrolls by community artists living in Hefei City and who are associated with Hefei City Christian Church based in Anhui Province, China.

Kinross Arts & Spirituality Centre
603 Toorak Road
Toorak, Victoria, 3142

Enquiries: 03 98290340
Email: uat@toorak.unitingchurch.org.au
www.facebook.com/KinrossArtsCentre

Generously supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commission and Toorak Uniting Church - Elspeth White Bequest

Above: the stunning Toorak UC. Right and below: two of the many scrolls displayed at the current exhibition echoing differing artistic styles and genres



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