



Planting anew at Port Melbourne. See page 4 for the full story and pictures

Mmmm... leap into trying 'hoppers' at Oakleigh UC - a real Tamil treat. find out more on page 7



Presbytery on Show proves a triumph for our community

SOME confessed they had been sceptical about how the Presbytery on Show event was going to pan out - but *all* admitted to being 'knocked out' by its outstanding success.

With more than 30 congregations turning out to display their activities and ministries, alongside agencies such as SHARE, the JIM Unit, Wesley Mission and Act for Peace, the atmosphere was vibrant, joyful and communal.

Witnessing what other churches are doing in their communities was what the event at Cornish College on Sunday, October 26 was all about. Visitors were not disappointed. The displays were exciting and imaginative, the band entertaining, the workshops informative and the sausage sizzle a tasty fundraiser.

Responses and feedback have been very flattering, with everyone agreeing that it should become an event to keep on the PPEP calendar. Here are a couple of comments following the day:

Hi All,

Please forward this to those it may concern, the organisers. I don't know specifically who was responsible but a congratulations on a very successful day for PRESBYTERY ON SHOW.

The displays were interesting and varied, people mixing and inquiring about a lot of things others were involved with, etc. It was a very positive buzz. I don't know how many people passed through the door but 400 would have to be a conservative guesstimate I should think.

Well done,

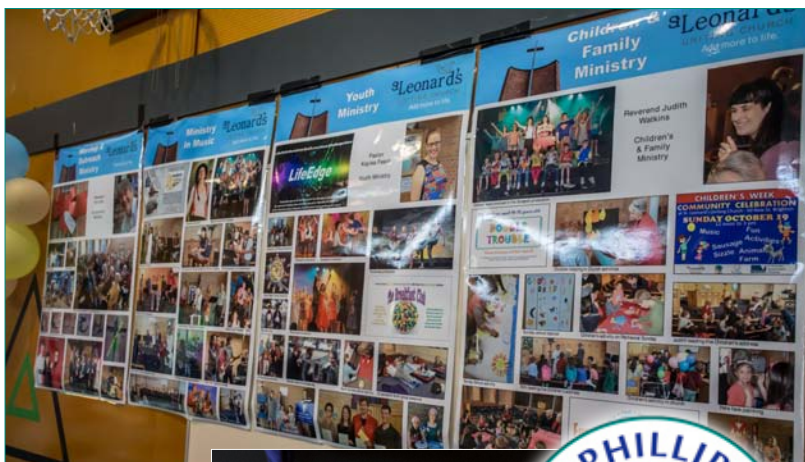
Chris and Eseta Meneilly.

Hampton's display included some brief information about the congregation, including information on the Roof Appeal, our solar arrays

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Sharing our talents...



Clockwise from top: PPEP Chair, Rev Paul Chalson bids a warm welcome to all; St Leonard's showcase their family and youth ministries among others; Rev Jay Robinson shares a joke with the crowd; Rev Steve Terrell, Presbytery Minister, and webmaster Jason Wakely discuss their work, Dandenong UC include their musical talents and it was all smiles from Cornish College's Willeka Cox.



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and the twin manse project; the DVD of our Prayer Walk; a power point display of church events and features; and the 'Celebrating 20 years of Dayspring' flyers. Our display was viewed with much interest by many people, and several contacts have since been followed up to share ideas. Thanks for a great day. Ian Menzies



Photos by Rod Carruthers, member at High Street UCA, Frankston



What a BUZZ!

FORTY congregations, agencies and schools in the Presbytery of Port Phillip East gathered to tell their stories, share their ideas and learn from each other in our first Presbytery On Show, writes Rev Jay Robinson.

The excitement and buzz in the gym at Cornish College on Sunday, 26th October was just great. Presbytery On Show was an opportunity to share all that is going on in our Presbytery. This event was co-ordinated by the Outreach Ministries Task Group - Wendy Adams, Di Paterson, Dorothy Underwood, Michael Downing and Jay Robinson - and it turned out even better than they had imagined.

The Outreach Ministries TG want to say a very big thank you to everyone who took part in the event, for those who came along to see what was going on, and to Cornish College for the use of the venue. You never know, we might just see you again next year or the year after!



For more photographs from Presbytery on Show click on:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sc/el29ev2kb423kqw/AABRkdNYFTHG0fsfgzqYKbXja?n=173248016>



Dates for your diary

1. Fijian Minister, Chadstone – induction TBA
2. Presbytery in Council, Wednesday, 26th November – evening meeting KCM , Glendearg Grove, Malvern
3. Carols on the Green - Sunday, December 7, 4-5.30pm, at Cornish College
4. Ministers Gathering 2015, 23-25th June, 2015 at Pallotti
5. Phillip Liebelt's induction - 16 November, at Elsternwick UC



Seeds of love and hope are sewn for Hoon in his new role

GROWTH, connections and diversity were all celebrated in the service of induction for Rev Hoon You as minister of the South Port Parish Mission, Port Melbourne Congregation.

These themes were identified as the congregation gathered in the community garden beside the church recognizing that place as a point of connection between the congregation and the broader community. The garden also reminded us of our connections with Earth and that in the midst of all our diversity we were one within the grace of God who sustains and nurtures

**by
Rev Dr
Paul Chalson**

us all. As we celebrated this new beginning in the ministry in which we all share Hoon, together with representatives of the Presbytery, the congregation and the UnitingCare kindergarten which was located on the property planted a seed in a pot. The congregation then processed into the church building to continue the service, recognizing that the building had recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. The theme of seeds continued through the service with a challenging sermon on the Parable of the Sower delivered by Rev Liz McMillan (Presbytery Minister: Pastoral Care) and the song "Seeds" composed by Allan Hoare, a member of the congregation, sung during the induction prayer and



with seeds being distributed to the congregation during Hoon's response. In his response Hoon reminded the congregation that life and growth only comes as the seed is buried deep in the soil and that in the same way the whole congregation was called to surrender itself to the calling and grace of God's mission to the Port Melbourne area.

As well as members of the congregation and Presbytery the service was supported by members of the Parish Mission, by the South Port Singers who sang during the service, by representatives of Hoon's previous ministry with Monash Uniting Church and Monash University and by many members of the Korean community. A spirit of unity, celebration and hope prevailed throughout the service.



Sharing is caring - especially for those in need at Christmas

Does your congregation run a community Christmas Dinner?

Several of our UCA agencies would like to be able to refer clients to community Christmas Dinners. These are a valuable way of breaking down social isolation and providing space for your congregation to exercise care in the community. If your congregation is planning to run a Community Christmas Dinner this year, please complete the form found on the Community Services page on the Presbytery website. Click on:

<http://www.ucapapp.org/being-presbytery/committees/community-services-task-group/>
We'll pass the info on to our agencies and if they would like to send someone along, they'll be in touch with you.
Merry Christmas!



Quote

"A pat on the back is only a few vertebrae from a kick in the pants, but miles ahead in results."

V. Wilcox

of the month...



The Presbytery of Port Phillip East invite you to join us for Carols on the Green @ Cornish College
65 Riverend Rd Bangholme

**Sunday 7th December commencing at 4pm.
4-5/5:30pm**

Family activities, craft area, music, Nativity Scene to have your photo taken in.

5-6pm

Bring your own picnic meal to have on the lawn, there will be coffee and soft drinks available to purchase.

6-7:30pm

Join in with our Carol time as well as hear items from Cornish College students and other groups in the area.

BETHLEHEM IN BRIGHTON

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH
10 AM TILL 1 PM**

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- Be a perfectionist – never compromise.
- Harbour inflexible idealism.
- Never delegate.
- Be sure to please everyone.
- Always say "YES".
- Never take time for yourself.
- Motto: "Everyone else comes first".
- Get emotionally involved in everything you do.
- Never make mistakes.
- Do not rest until you are done!

Cross-cultural and Ecumenical crackers coming up

COOK ISLANDS Dinner Dance for our upcoming Tour in 2015 should be a good night of fun and culture, writes Faye Sanderson, but seats are limited and selling fast.

Playgroup plea

CARRUM Uniting Church will have a new low cost playgroup starting next year but is in need of toys and equipment.

We are collecting donations from the parish op shop but if you have any items that are suitable for a number of children to play with and love (ie, not fragile!), please contact the parish office on 9772 6010.

Thanks!

Last call for Steve's visit



RENOWNED author Steve Biddulph is coming to Trinity Uniting Church at 17 Black Street, Brighton for 2 nights only.

Wednesday 5th

November, Raising

Girls [7pm for 7.30pm]

Thursday 6th November,

Raising Boys [7pm for 7.30pm]

All tickets are \$30 (+30c Booking Fee) from www.trybooking.com/101528

Light supper provided. For further information please contact 0409 860 427 or trinity.brighton@uniting.com.au

Tamil Hopper Night, see page 7, is an opportunity to experience the fascinating chance to watch them cooked in front of you and not spicy unless you add the wrong topping!! The Cook Islanders celebrate the arrival of the Gospel in the Cook Islands at Chandler Secondary

College starting 9am (or coconut time!)

The 2015 Carols in the Park will be held again at Oakleigh on Friday, December 5th. It was an initiative of the Parish and won an ecumenical award a few years ago. Contact faye.sanderson@bigpond.com



Cook Islands Dinner Dance and Cultural Night



Saturday 29th November 2014

7.00 pm start

Clayton Town Hall,
Clayton Road Clayton
[Melway 79 C2]

Tickets just \$50 per person

This fabulous night will feature a Cook Islands smorgasbord,

Live Music and Cultural Entertainment

A good night is assured

Funds raised will assist the 2015 Tahiti / Cook Islands Tour Group

For Catering purposes, tickets must be pre-purchased

Further details and tickets available from

Elizabeth Topetai

0408 920 032 e.tepania@hotmail.com

Faye Sanderson (Mama Paeru)

0418 579 057 faye.sanderson@bigpond.com

Or any member of the Tour Group



WHEN: Saturday 8th November

TIME: 7.00pm

WHERE: Oakleigh Church Hall

COST: \$15.00 per ticket

Hoppers are crispy, bowl-shaped pancakes made with rice flour. They aren't easy to make as they need a special hopper pan to create them. This is an almost circular bowl and they are cooked on a gas jet. They are, however, one of the great traditions of Sri Lankan food.

They can be:

- Savoury – plain and add your choice of curries (mild or milder??)
- Savoury – with an egg poached in the bottom
- Sweet – with a delicate sweet lining in the base

It is fascinating to see them made “whilst you wait” so come and see the hoppers being cooked in front of you – they are delicious and highly recommended.



...of community

Heavenly Father, you
gather us together in our
faith journey.
Trusting in you, we
join one another as a
community.
A community of faith on a
journey,
A journey to grow ever
deeper in our faith...
Along the way, remind us
of your Love
Of your sacrifice for us
Of your ever mindful
presence.
Let us never lose hope
Help us to be strong...
Strong in Faith...
Strong in Love...
For it is in your strength
and Love and the Graces
you bestow upon us, that
we can go out and share
your Love and Faith with
those in our community.
It is in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord who lives
and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit one God For
ever and ever.
Amen

Advent lecture

The Beginning of the Gospel: Mark and Christian Faith Today

The Gospel of Mark opens dramatically by stating that the story of Jesus is ‘the beginning of the Gospel’ (Mark 1:1).

What does this mean and how does this Gospel and its beginning inform us about Christian faith and discipleship today.

To answer this Rev Dr Sean Winter will look at two important texts from the first chapter of Mark, explore the ways in which these texts re-interpret texts from the Old Testament, and unpack the aim and purpose of the gospel of Mark as a whole.



Rev Dr Sean Winter

This annual ecumenical lecture is sponsored by the Covenant Churches of Brighton.

It is a lecture for anyone wishing to deepen their knowledge of the Gospel of Mark.

Rev Dr Sean Winter is Professor of New Testament at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, Parkville.

Wednesday 12th November at 7pm

St Leonard's Uniting Church

Cnr New St and Wolseley Grove

Brighton 3186.

www.stleonards.org.au

Enquiries: 9592 9333

Baby boomer backlash

THE Social Justice Group and the Afternoon Fellowship at Sandringham recently arranged for a public forum to learn about the changes to Aged Care in Australia.

A speaker from COTA (Council on the Ageing), Judith Gregurke, provided information and distributed useful handouts. Questions raised indicated the concern that the 'baby boomer' generation may be seeking changes that add further complications to an already mystifying topic!

Key changes include:

1. removal of the distinction between high/low care in residential accommodation;
2. increased community care now called Home Care;
3. a website for further information: www.myagedcare.gov.au



Are you in need of a Friendly Visitor?

SOMETIMES older people living in their home or in aged care homes have decreased mobility and difficulties communicating.

This is a barrier to them getting actively involved in their local community. This can lead to them feeling isolated or lonely.

Inclusion Melbourne's Community Visiting Service is available for residents with government subsidised aged care packages living in their homes.

Friends, family members and providers of aged care packages are able to make referrals to the Community Visiting Service in their local area.

What does a friendly visitor do?

A Friendly Visitor makes regular visits to the people they are matched with. The older person and the friendly visitor might like to:

- Have a chat
- Have morning tea or afternoon tea
- Listen to music
- Watch TV or a DVD
- Go for a short walk
- Do some craft
- Read a book
- Go for a short outing to a cafe, park, gallery or local shops.

Friendly visitors are not able to assist with personal care or housework.

If you would like to know more about this program, are interested in being a Friendly Visitor or if you know someone who might enjoy having a Community Friendly Visitor, please contact the Friendly Visiting Coordinator on:

T. 03 9509 4266
E. friendlyvisitors@im.org.au
W. inclusionmelbourne.org.au
M. PO Box 8093 Armadale VIC 3143

Saturday 29th

Time: 9 am to 1.

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- * Toys
- * Craft & Christmas
- * Books
- * Trash & Treasures

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- * Soft Drinks/

Kids

Entertainment

- Giant Games
- Jumping Castle
- Pet Parade
- Magician
- Animal Farm
- Woodwork



Reflections on Faith

Taking his cue from the day's gospel where Jesus asked the Pharisees whether it was lawful to heal a sick person on the Sabbath, Pope Francis reflected on love and justice being the path to Christ rather than an excessive attachment to the laws.

"This way of living attached to the laws, distanced them from love and justice. They followed the laws and neglected justice. They followed the laws and neglected love. And for these people Jesus had only one word: hypocrites. Closed-minded men, who are so attached to the letter of the law that they were always closing the doorway to hope, love and salvation... Men who only knew how to close (doors)."

Quoting from St Paul, Pope Francis said the path towards being faithful to the laws, without neglecting justice and love is the opposite: from love to integrity, from love to discernment, from love to the laws. "This is the path that Jesus teaches us, totally opposite to that of the doctors of law. And it's this path from love and justice that leads to God. Instead, the other path, of being attached only to the laws, to the letter of the laws, leads to closure, leads to egoism, the arrogance

of considering oneself to be in the right, to that so-called holiness of appearances, right? Jesus said to these people: You like to be seen by the people as men of prayer and of fasting....' To be seen, right? The Pope said these are the two different paths and Jesus shows us the right one.

"Jesus draws close to us: his closeness is the real proof that we are proceeding along the true path. That's because it's the path which God has chosen to save us: through his closeness. God was made man like one of us and we must make ourselves like the others, the needy, those who need our help."

He concluded, Jesus' flesh is the bridge that brings us closer to God and not the letter of the law. I hope that these examples of Jesus's love and closeness can help us from sliding into hypocrisy because a hypocritical Christian is a bad thing.



THE yarn art project is going well in the Chelsea Parish with the blue offerings being installed at each of the three churches – Carrum, Edithvale and Chelsea, writes Rev Claire Dawe.

Unfortunately Edithvale suffered a setback when their banner was stolen after two days but plans are afoot for a more secure one. The idea is to have a public witness in the local area to show we stand beside those seeking refuge and asylum.



Practical prayers for those seeking shelter



Beautiful banners in support of the needy looking for safe haven on our shores. The one above was so impressive it was taken for use by someone else, but the congregation is undeterred and is planning to make another to erect in its place - more securely.

Check if telecom changes could affect your congregation

CHANGES to the Telecommunications Act mean you will not be able to use a radio mic, instrument transmitter or in ear monitoring system that operates between 695 and 820MHz after January 1st 2015.

Why the change?

- The spectrum between 694 and 820MHz has been allocated for use by the telecommunications section.
- It becomes illegal in less than 90 days and strict penalties can be applied by the Australian

Communication and Media Authority for breaches.
What you need to do?

- Check to see if your existing devices operate between 520 - 694MHz or 1790 - 1800MHz. If so, you can continue to use these devices. You will find this information on the device or in the owners manual.
- If your product operates between 695-820MHz you need to decommission them and replace with compliant products

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ACETA, which runs the Australian Wireless Audio Group, will be running a webinar for members on 12 November to outline all the changes. To learn more or apply to become a member of ACETA please go to www.aceta.org.au

Community development at its best

SKILLSFEST is a day of sharing and celebrating skills for living more sustainably in the inner city. Free hands-on activities include: building nest boxes for local wildlife, make your own healthy snacks, up-cycling jewellery, Op Shop fashion parade, Strum club, climate conversations, handcrafts. There will also be entertainment by local community groups, low cost stalls and free food. Janet Hoare South Port Uniting Church Parish Mission

Time to try out a Time Bank in PPEP

HAVE you heard of Time Banks?

They're a kind of bartering system for services, skills and talents that people in the community can trade with.

You may be good at painting fences but terrible at fixing computers, or great at cutting hair but struggle to cut the grass on your lawn. If you're prepared to offer an hour or two of your talents to someone else then you can utilise the services of someone else who has banked their skills. We'll be setting up a page on the website for people to register their skills in the Time Bank, so if you have a talent to share with others in the Presbytery and gain a service in return then call 9558 4710 or write to secretary@ucapnep.org telling us your skill and what you need help with. Please include a phone number or e-mail address for contact.

In the meantime, we're looking for people who can help with contributions to the Project Wish List that we set up at Presbytery on Show recently, see right. Cornish College is looking for people to contribute to a new Community Service and Leadership Program for Girls, Wesley Mission needs more carers for young children and Southern Mornington Peninsula

PROJECT WISH LIST	
CONGREGATION & PROJECT	GIFTS & SKILLS TO HELP
eg COMMUNITY GARDEN @ ST LUKE'S	Can you help? Use POST IT Note
CORNISH COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR GIRLS Wesley Mission More carers for young children	Can you help?
SOUTHERN MORNINGTON PENINSULA VOLUNTEERS/HELP WITH OP SHOP, PLAYGROUPS, HEALTH CLINICS (CALL HELEN 5987 0740)	Can you help?

would love some help with their health clinics and playgroups. Contact the numbers and e-mail above if you know of a way to help achieve their goals.

We are all God's children

A seminary professor was on holiday with his wife in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

One morning, they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting, they noticed a distinguished, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting guests. The professor leaned over and whispered, 'I hope he doesn't come over here.' But sure enough, he did. 'Where are you folks from?' he asked in a friendly voice. 'Oklahoma,' they answered.

'Great to have you here in Tennessee,' the stranger said. 'What do you do for a living?' 'I teach at a seminary,' he replied.

'Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach? I've got a great story for you.' With that he pulled up a chair and sat down. The professor groaned inwardly. The man started: 'See that mountain? Not far from the base, a boy was born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was asked: 'Hey boy, who's your daddy?' Whether at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people round here would ask that question.' He would hide at school from other students. He would avoid going in to stores because that question hurt. 'When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to church. But he would always go in late and slip out early to avoid the question.

One day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast he caught the boy before he got out. The new preacher, not knowing him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked, 'Son, who's your daddy?' The church went deathly quiet.

This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following: 'Wait a minute! I know who you are! I see the family resemblance now, you are a child of God.' With that he patted the boy's shoulder and said, 'Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it.' With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out a changed person. Whenever anybody asked him, 'Who's your daddy?' he'd just tell them, 'I'm a Child of God.' The distinguished gentleman got up and said, 'Isn't that a great story?' The professor nodded. As he turned to leave, he said, 'If that preacher hadn't said I was one of God's children, I may not have amounted to anything!' The seminary professor and his wife were stunned, called the waitress over and asked, 'Do you know who he is?' The waitress grinned and said, 'Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper - Governor of Tennessee!'



You can do this with all sorts of documents and websites etc. Have a play with the concept at <http://www.wordle.net/> or <http://worditout.com/> or ask Rev Steve Terrell to show you:)

A Cold Christmas

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Saturday 6th December 2014
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