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## SURVIVING THE "ICE AGE"

Workshop for Clergy & Parish Workers

What do you really know about this insidious drug? Forum details on page 6

## 'Love for all. Hatred for none' is the message of peace from Ahmadiyya Muslims to Mornington churches

**MORNINGTON** is rapidly becoming the ground-breaking, ecumenical, social justice capital of the Port Phillip East Presbytery - and strengthening community links in the process. Hot on the heels of scooping an ecumenical award at the 2014 Synod meeting St Mark's UC, Mornington and several local churches then held a forum on domestic violence that included invited speakers the likes of Rosie Batty - recently voted *Australian of the Year* on Australia Day. Without letting the grass grow under their feet this same group hosted 40 guests from the Women's Auxiliary of Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, whose mosque is in Langwarrin, to enjoy the hospitality shown by 40 women from four of the local Christian churches in Mornington – St Peter's Anglican Church, Mornington Church of Christ, St Macartan's Catholic Church, and St Mark's Uniting Church. Leader of the local organising group, Christine Manktelow from St Peter's Anglican Church, said in her introduction: "The women gathered here all share faith in God, though we each practice our faith in different ways. We hope that this gathering will give us the opportunity to grow in our



understanding of each other, to find ways of bridging our differences, and to develop warm and friendly relationships. With goodwill, much can be achieved." Responding to the welcome, Women's Auxiliary President, Kaukab Nasir, provided a short explanation about Ahmadiyya Muslim Association. She spoke about the liberal and tolerant teachings of Islam which they follow. Kaukab very clearly and strongly stated that terrorism and extremist actions have no place in true Islam.

The motto of Ahmadiyya Muslim Association is 'Love for all. Hatred for none'.

All of the women joined hands around the room, in the spirit of shared friendship and love of neighbour. The Muslim women then provided a glimpse of their worship practices, reciting text from the Quran, and singing a religious song. In response, the Christian women joined together singing 3 hymns.

A time for questions was provided, and a panel of Muslim and

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## Dates for your diary



- Release of pastoral ties for Rev John Payne - Sunday 1st February 2014
- Release of pastoral ties for Bertram Mather - Sunday 8th Feb 2014
- Release of pastoral ties for Rev Todd Kim - Sunday 22nd February at KCM.
- Presbytery in Council - Wednesday, 25th February 2015, evening, at Frankston UC
- Ministers Gathering - 23-25th June 2015 at Pallotti College.

## ‘Love for all: Hatred for none’ is message of peace

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Christian women responded to audience queries



and comments. In such a safe and friendly environment, many welcomed the opportunity to increase their knowledge, and even to ask about the beautiful clothing worn by the Muslim women under their modest outer coats and head coverings. Margaret Mitchell from St Mark's was one of many local women who showed the visitors around St Mark's church, explaining various aspects of the building, decorations, and Christian worship traditions. She says: "It was a great privilege to talk about things that are dear to my heart, to a group of women who were hearing these things for the first time."

"Sharing afternoon tea, which was provided by all the women themselves, was an opportunity for the guests to talk freely. The conversations were animated and meaningful as the women made a sincere effort to build connections, understanding and tolerance. The new connections between women from the local Christian churches are sure to grow and develop. As the afternoon tea drew to a close, amid the happy noise of 80 women talking, those who had participated agreed that they



had shared a very special experience. Offering thanks on behalf of the Muslim women guests, Kaukab adds: "We appreciate the work and effort that goes into organising such a program,

but it was the gesture of friendship and hospitality that will have us talking when we return home. We couldn't have spent an afternoon better than this. Many friendships were made, and quite a few phone numbers have been exchanged."

"It is likely that a return visit to the mosque in Langwarrin will be organised", said Christine Manktelow, "and we may arrange another afternoon tea in Mornington".

If you would like to know more about how this event was organised contact the organising group on 0423 109842.



## Camp call out...

Hello Newsbeat Readers

This is Rob here from Somers Camp. With January almost finished, the Somers crew has already launched into action for 2015. After a long deliberation we have reached a consensus on our theme for this year, to be announced at our official launch.

The will be at the Cornish College Carnival on February 21st. We'll be there with banners, posters and activities for the kids. We have our own Camp Dad bringing some woodwork activities and other leaders will be face painting and running games. It's sure to be a fun filled day for all and we can't wait to see you there. As we approach camp, leaders are filling out applications for our training weekend in April down at Merricks Camp site. This will be where all the leaders get together and train for Somers, while having a great time bonding and having fun. We're really excited to see what exciting ideas our leaders will bring to camp this year. It should be a massive success like every year.

If you're interested in helping in any way be it; donations, helping in the kitchen, or having us come to your church. Please contact us at [admin@somerscamp.com.au](mailto:admin@somerscamp.com.au) God Bless, Rob Clarke - Somers Leader





# Focus On...

## Rev Andrew Boyle



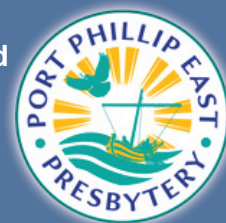
THE Rev Andrew Boyle will be taking up the supply role as Presbytery Minister Mission and Education for the Presbytery from the middle of February, following Rev Steve Terrell's departure.

Andrew has been in ministry for 11 years and spent most of this time as minister at Templestowe which merged into the Manningham congregation. Prior to this he spent seven years studying for a BA at La Trobe University and preparing for ministry at the Uniting Church's Theological College. Before study Andrew spent 15 years running a family importing business.

Andrew is passionate about deepening spirituality in the life of the congregation, adult education and enabling congregations to find a renewed sense of identity, purpose and confidence in these changing times. He is looking forward to the task of supporting congregations as they discern new directions.

His interests include gardening, classical music, photography, cooking/entertaining, art, movies, family history and historic buildings and architecture. He is married to Christina Rowntree, the Artful Faith Coordinator at the Centre for Theology and Ministry. They have three adult children. Andrew can be contacted at the Presbytery Office after February 17 on 9558 4710 or 0409 869 009.

If you need a Presbytery response sooner than this date, please contact Mr Ian Firth, Presbytery Support Officer on Tel: 03 9706 1486 or email [ppe-support@ucappep.org](mailto:ppe-support@ucappep.org)



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# Breaking new ground with Fiji

**A RECENT induction was a first for the Port Phillip East Presbytery - and a truly cross-cultural one.**

The UCA Fijian congregation at Chadstone Church warmly welcomed Rev Inia Mavai and his family, who have come to Australia on secondment from the Fijian Methodist Church. The Presbytery celebrates this as the first time a UCA call process was used in conjunction with the Fijian Methodist Church's own procedures for placement.

The induction took place at the Chadstone Church and a spokesperson says: "This has been a long but rewarding process for both Churches. The congregation has eagerly awaited the Mavai's arrival for quite some months as the governance and other practical details were worked out."

The induction service embraced very moving Fijian singing by the congregation and a wonderful meal together afterwards.

"We wish Inia and his family every success as they learn to embrace Australian as well as UCA ways."

Inia adds: "This will be a lasting memory as a Minister in UCA - Port Phillip East Presbytery's Chair and Secretary's divine moment of empowerment for me as Minister of the Word."



*Above: Current Presbytery Chair, Rev Paul Chalson and PM Secretary & Administration Rev John Mann welcome Rev Inia Mavai at his induction service*



## CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

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You are warmly invited to attend the

### Induction of Rev Dr John Flett

as Co-ordinator of Studies – Missiology

**Thursday, 19 February, 2015  
5pm**

Followed at 6:30pm by

### 2015 Pilgrim Theological College Opening Lecture

"Journey and Rest:  
Theological Education for Pilgrims"

Associate Professor Sean Winter,  
Academic Dean - Pilgrim Theological College  
(conclude at 7.30pm)

Centre for Theology & Ministry  
29 College Crescent, Parkville VIC 3052

Please RSVP by Friday, 13 February, 2015 to  
info@ctm.uca.edu.au; 9340 8800

Light refreshments will follow the induction service.

Please note that parking is not available on site







### Working together makes for more fun

**CHURCHES** across the Peninsula joined forces over the holidays to produce a Free Family Fun Festival for the local and vacationing community.

High Street UC, Frankston, brought stacks of entertainment and kids activities to add to the jewellery, books and catering stalls provided by Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church Congregation.

Rev Chris Meneilly says: "We are really grateful for the support from Frankston for the festival. There is no doubt the collective input had a great influence to the successful day. The band attracted people and

created atmosphere, the balloons and face-painting were great as children always enjoy those activities.

We raised \$306 via donations, all to be forwarded to *Hands on Health*, our partnership programme. At Sunday morning worship the church was abuzz with the positive comments about the whole event. Many thanks again."





## Quote



of the month...

## Have your say over the future of the church in your community

World Vision is partnering with researchers McCrindle to find out what issues are important to Australian communities – and how local churches can best respond to them.

Tim Costello and Mark McCrindle will be sharing the results of this research at our National Church Leaders Gathering, 25-26 February in Melbourne. For those of you who haven't had a chance to fill in the survey, we would be very appreciative if

you could spend just six minutes today filling out this survey by clicking on this link:

[http://mccrindle.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_dcfgvgwiKnJF1e9](http://mccrindle.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dcfgvgwiKnJF1e9)

*Editor's note: I've just done the survey. It's short, easy and is highly relevant for the issues faced by the 21st century church. So do have your say...*

## SURVIVING THE "ICE AGE"

### Workshop for Clergy & Parish Workers

Presented by South Port & Parks Inter Church Council (SPPICC)



#### Where?

St Silas Church  
99 Bridport Street  
Albert Park  
Melways Ref 2K B6  
Trams 1, 12, 96



#### When?

Thursday 26 February 2015  
10:00am - 4:00pm

#### What is it about?

The drug known as "ice" (crystal methamphetamine) is an increasingly serious problem, and clergy and parish workers can often be in situations where an affected person needs help or presents a threat to others.

We have organised representatives from law enforcement, medicine, mental health and rehabilitation, who will each speak about the effects and consequences on Ice users.

#### Who should attend?

Clergy, parish workers and community volunteers.

#### How much?

\$27.50 (plus booking fee)  
Includes morning tea, lunch and refreshments

#### Enquiries

St Silas Anglican Church  
[office@parishoftheparks.com.au](mailto:office@parishoftheparks.com.au)  
Tel: 9696 5116  
Tues/Wed/Thurs, 9:30am—2:30pm

#### Details & Bookings

[www.trybooking.com/118224](http://www.trybooking.com/118224)

*"The impact of Ice on our youth is one of the great concerns of our time."*

*"I commend the Church's initiative in placing itself at the coal face, and addressing this problem by better education to seek solutions."*

Paul McDonald,  
CEO Anglicare (Vic) Inc.

## prayer

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, your saving power among all peoples. Renew your Church in holiness and help us to serve you with joy. Guide the leaders of all nations, that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Make us instruments of your peace and let your glory be over all the earth. Amen



# History in the making - quilters design wartime masterpiece

**A PATCHWORK and quilting group has produced a Gallipoli triptych that is so spell-binding that it is to tour all the RSL branches in Victoria.**

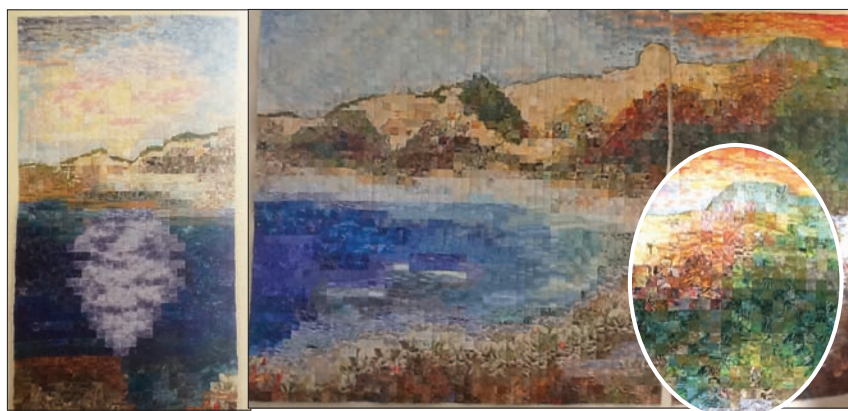
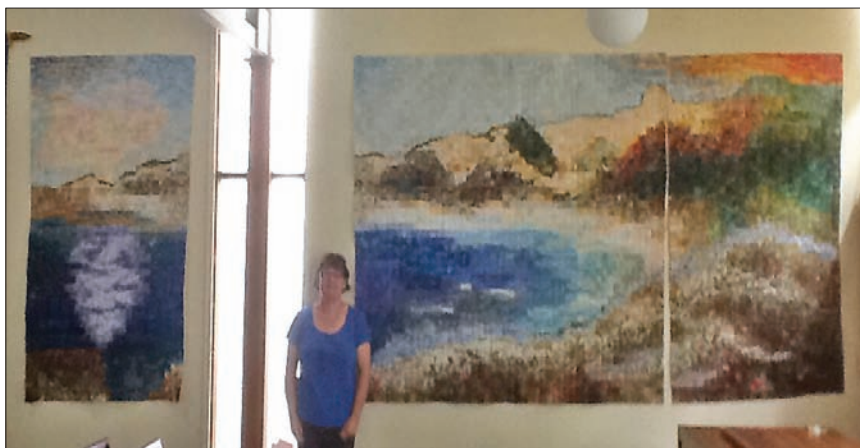
CUPS (Cranbourne Uniting Patchworkers) formed the Combined Cranbourne Quilters with St John's Anglican Church, Cranbourne and the Tooradin Anglican Church Quilters plus some local ladies, to make a large Anzac Centenary 2015 Triptych (3 Quilted banners together finishing about 5 m x 2 1/2m) for display in the Cranbourne RSL building.

Designed by Artistic Director Rev Wendy Snook, pictured, it has taken a team of about 12 ladies five months to complete the backgrounds, which together form the picture of Anzac Cove and the hills of Gallipoli. They are made up of about 4,888 x 2 inch individual cotton fabric squares, placed individually on a fusible base in a watercolour technique, see inset. The method was taught to the team by Rev Wendy. Appliquéd figures of Anzac soldiers, sailors, ships, submarine, small boats and other items will be added. Mr Anthony Byrne MP and the Federal Government of Veterans Affairs have offered us a grant to help pay for the materials. The Dandenong -Cranbourne RSL Social Welfare Committee and the State RSL representative are so pleased with it, they suggested that it will be toured around all the RSL branches in the state during 2015 before it returns to the Cranbourne RSL. Also the quilters would like to display it in a

national quilt show in April prior to Anzac Day, but that is to be confirmed.

All the team, and particularly Rosemary Kreun, Dianne Mitchell, and Lorraine Jacques are to be congratulated for their good work, and we hope

that many people will have an opportunity to see the Anzac Centenary Triptych quilts when they are finished.



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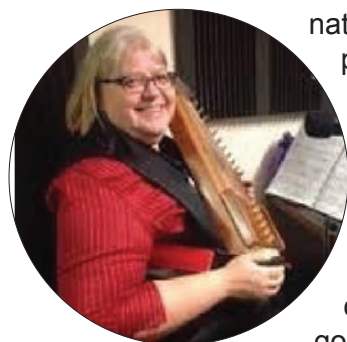
[your presence and a memory; no presents]

**on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

**at High Street Uniting Church, Frankston**

**5.00 for 5.30pm**

To help us organise catering RSVP by 1<sup>st</sup> Feb to Bronwen  
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**HOLOCAUST Memorial Day takes place on 27 January each year.**

It's a time for everyone to pause to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. On HMD we can honour the survivors of these regimes and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today. 27 January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. HMD is a time when we seek to learn the lessons of the past and to recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own, it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented. We're fortunate here; we are not at risk of genocide. However, discrimination has not ended, nor has the use of the language of hatred or exclusion. There is still much to do to create a safer future and HMD is an opportunity to start this process.

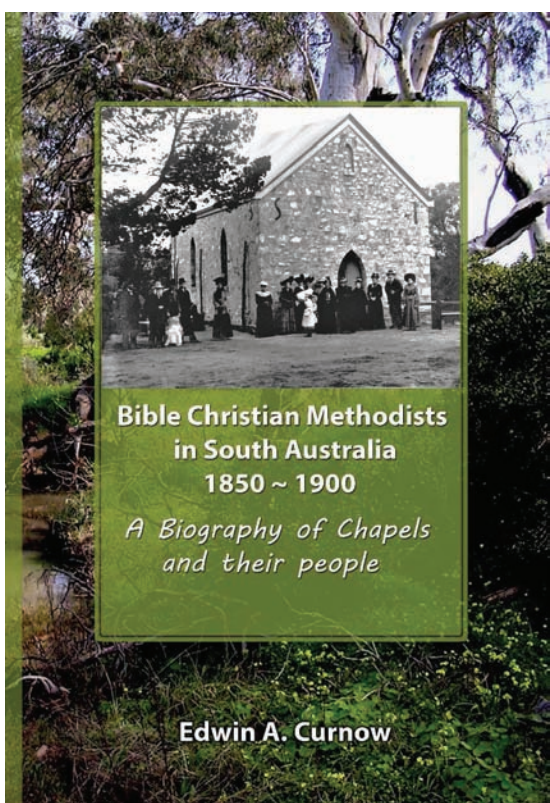
The aims of HMD are laid out in the statement of commitment. HMD activity organisers bring together the diverse strands of their communities to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day in their neighbourhoods. This is a real demonstration of how the lessons of the past can inform our lives today and ensure that everyone works together to create a safer, better future.

Taken from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust website at <http://hmd.org.uk/>

# Reflections on Faith

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# Embracing our agencies and schools with a special celebration service

PORT Phillip East Presbytery is inviting congregations, agencies and schools to a Celebration Service to recognise those providing the vital services within our Presbytery.

**It will be held at Noble Park Uniting Church, Joy Street, Noble Park on Thursday, 5 March, commencing at 7.30 pm.**

Our aim is to encourage our Agencies and Schools to see themselves as, and be seen as integral parts of, the Uniting Church. Our goal is to develop closer relationships between agencies and schools and presbytery and its congregations, and to demonstrate Presbytery's support for their activities and services in all their diversity. We want to recognise through worship that God and Jesus Christ are the source and inspiration of all we do.

We particularly wish to invite Board members, CEO's and Principals, and senior staff; and any people involved in your Agency or School will be very welcome. Could ministry agents receiving this email please pass it on to their board members and executive officers, as I do not have convenient access to a data base of all relevant persons.

We also invite Chaplains and Ministry Agents to participate in planning the service. Presbytery Chair, Rev. Dr. Apwee Ting will be participating and a Reflection will be led by Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson, Minister at High

Street U.C. Frankston and Chair of Cornish College Council.

Following worship we will invite everyone to share in supper, and to mix and share stories of the work in which they are involved.

Please confirm your support by return email on [mkhindle@iprimus.com.au](mailto:mkhindle@iprimus.com.au) by Friday 27 February, please advise names and numbers attending for preparation of name tags and catering purposes.

We look forward to your participation in this special celebration.

Yours in Christ's service

Bob Hindle  
Convener, Community Services Task Group



## SOCIAL MEDIA DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A MINEFIELD



**DOES your church, or one of its groups, have a Facebook page or other social media outlet? Then we'd like to hear from you.**

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If you don't have a website or Facebook page, but would like help setting one up please contact the Presbytery office on Tel: 03 9558 4710 or E-mail: [secretary@ucappep.org](mailto:secretary@ucappep.org)

### Future Synod Meetings Task Group



Uniting Church in Australia  
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Are you a person known for your **lateral, creative and strategic abilities**? Would you be interested in joining the Future Synod Meetings Task Group to look at the **structure, content, length and timing of the Synod meeting**, and report to the 2016 Synod meeting?

**Expressions of interest for membership of the Task Group are now invited.**

Contact Robyn Hansen ([robyn.hansen@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:robyn.hansen@victas.uca.org.au), 03 9251 5215) for further information, including the Task Group's Terms of Reference. Expressions of interest should be sent to Robyn Hansen by **6 March 2015**.

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