

NEWSBEAT



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NEWSLETTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST



Pooling church resources revives UCA Camp. See the full story on page 8.

Caring about the world's children... Asylum Seeker Prayer Vigil continues to challenge. Read more on page 3



Maxine hits the mark at Prahran Mission

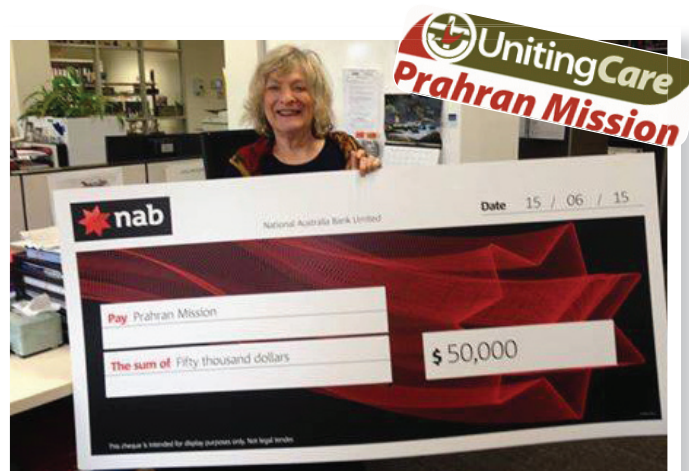
A UNITING Church agency based in Port Phillip East has scooped a massive \$50,000 grant from the National Bank of Australia, NAB.

Maxine Miller, Philanthropic Trusts Manager at Prahran Mission, is pictured receiving the much welcome grant from NAB for their Job Supply Personnel work experience program due to start in July. These Social Enterprise Training and Employment Programs will be run through Prahran Mission's Job Supply Programs. Maxine tells Newsbeat: "These funds, along with those from Portland House Foundation will enable a significant

"We believe that everyone deserves a decent life."

and valuable addition to job readiness and inclusion through our education and training programs." Established in 1946 Prahran Mission, an agency of the Uniting Church in Australia,

provides emergency relief services to those experiencing poverty, homelessness and economic disadvantage as well as rehabilitation services to those experiencing mental illness and psychiatric



disability. Their services include: emergency relief (Monday-Thursday), goodwill shops, mental health services and support, JSP - jobseekers assistance, training & education, diversity & advocacy for the LGBTIQI community and pastoral care. For full details and/or to volunteer visit <http://www.prahranmission.org.au/> or see their Facebook page 'Prahran Mission.'

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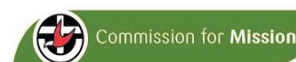
ONE GREAT SUNDAY OF SHARING 2015



Bringing our people together

ONE Great Sunday of Sharing is held each year on the third Sunday in July, or another date best suited to the local setting.

One Great Sunday of Sharing in 2015 also gives us an opportunity for Uniting Church congregations, faith communities and fellowship groups to celebrate 30 years since the church declared in 1985 at the fourth National Assembly 'the Uniting Church in Australia is a Multicultural Church.' For full details of this communal celebration and a fantastic resource for use in your service click on <http://blogs.victas.uca.org.au/crosscultural/>



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





Dates for your diary

- One Great Sunday of Sharing, 20th July, 2015 – across congregations (see front page)
- Release of ties for Rev Dr Robert Johnson - Sunday, July 26, 10am at High Street Uniting Church, 16-18 High Street, Frankston
- Cross Cultural celebration October 10, 6pm, Dandenong UC

Calm before the storm....



SOMERS Camp kicked off yesterday for another round of fabulous, family-friendly fun and frolics for our young people.

This annual five day extravaganza sees children in years 3-9 enjoying exciting outdoor activities, great food and musical celebrations - wrapped up with Christian values and faith exploration.

This Uniting Church camp is run by the Port Phillip East Presbytery and has been operating since 1957, it has grown in size and number to be one of the largest Uniting Church camps in Australia.



*Reunited...
and it feels
so good*



Hampton finds a way to weave a new chapter



MEMBERS of the Hampton congregation were invited to peruse and contribute to a timeline for the congregation; particularly useful as they have been joined by many members of the former Moorabbin-Highett congregation.

The shared histories of all earlier founding congregations dating back as far as 1905 were added with personal contributions via 'Post It' notes. Dates such as baptisms, weddings and birthdays were interwoven into the timeline history of various congregations that have formed the current fellowship. Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian as well as other denominations were represented.

Members from Brighton, Bentleigh, Beaumaris, Black Rock, Sandringham, Hampton, Highett, Moorabbin, and beyond now form the Hampton congregation. *by Ian Menzies*

Peninsula prayer vigil shows solidarity

Peaceable, yet determined for justice, the Asylum Seeker Prayer Vigil brought together people from all walks of life to voice their feelings of despair with current Australian policies on refugee issues and offshore detention centres.

Berlin Guerrero, himself a one-time refugee fleeing religious persecution in the Philippines, told his story to show a truer picture behind asylum seeking. Stating most, like him, would prefer to stay in their own country but have been forced out in terrifying circumstances. Revs Paul Chalson, Cameron McAdam and John Haig addressed the crowd with prayers, reflections and calls for wisdom and righteousness to be shown to those fearful enough to leave their homeland for safer shores.

Jake Doleschal shared the Love Makes a Way philosophy and a haunting musical duet by two young adults paved the way for pictorial projections of media images with many members of the audience compelled to speak

prayers for justice for refugees and their children and for God's love to prevail.



Pictured: Seniors to saplings spoke with one voice over the plight of refugees.

Vigil prayer read by Rev John Haig

Immerse yourself in the love of God
Be patient as God is patient
Be kind as God is kind
Be selfless as God is selfless
Immerse yourself in the love of God
Rejoice in the truth
Endure all that is bad
Hope for all that is good
Immerse yourself in the love of God
Care for your neighbour
Give to the poor
Speak out for justice
Immerse yourself in the love of God
Love is God's heart
Love is God's language
Love never ends
Immerse yourself in the love of God.
Amen *Written by Christine Sine*

St John's Uniting Church Elsternwick

Annual Social Justice Lunch

'Preventing violence against women'

Family violence is the most common cause of homelessness in Victoria.

Sunday 5 July

12 noon for 12:30pm



Speaker: Antoinette Russo
from Justice Connect, Women's Homelessness Prevention Project which provides legal representation and social work support to women and children facing homelessness.

Venue: St John's Uniting Church,
567 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick

Cost: \$25 **RSVP:** by 28 June

BYO wine/beer; soft drink available

Contact: 9530 0684

janeoldfield@netspace.net.au



John and Margaret spread the Word in their spiritual home

JOHN Bottomley and wife Margaret Neith have recently been commissioned as missionaries in Sri Lanka - after a long and fruitful connection with them in Australia.

At a special service on Sunday, May 3, the CMN congregation commissioned John and Marg as missionaries to Sri Lanka.

Barry Mitchell, of Creative Ministries Network UC, says:

"We are pleased to learn of the warm hospitality they have been offered in Jaffna, and the many friendly interactions with local people since their arrival. They are auspiced by UnitingWorld and are working directly with Diocesan Bishop Daniel Thiagarajah." For the full story or to receive future



issues of *Morning Star* - a publication produced by the Church of South India in Sri Lanka - this can be arranged by emailing John Bottomley at johnbottomley@netspace.net.au.

Cranbourne food truck gains musical traction for new tyres

MUSIC lovers will be delighted with the news that The Cranbourne Lions Concert Band is partnering with The Cranbourne Food Truck to help raise money for six new tyres for the truck.

TC Cheapest Tyres will be a major sponsor for the event and 100% of the profits from the concert will go to The Cranbourne Food Truck.

They are also looking for donations of vouchers and goods that will be used in a silent auction on the night.

The concert will feature many well-known American charts as well as a variety of vocalists and instrumentalists.

Bring your family and friends, pack some supper and be prepared to have a fantastic evening! Don't forget to bring some non-perishable cans of food to donate to the cause too! Pictured left is the promotional flier for the night.

Feel free to contact the Support Worker for the truck Chris Marsh with any questions or queries. Mobile number is 0401 285 635 or email thefoodtruck00@gmail.com

Rev Wendy Snook, of Cranbourne UCA, says: "Cranbourne Lions Band has offered to donate sales from the concert to the CRUCA Food Truck to buy six new tyres. The support act is my band Journey Bound. See our website www.journeyboundmusic.com and our Facebook page for more info.

It will be held at the Balla Balla centre, Sladen St Cranbourne. At 7pm Saturday, 29th August.

We are getting sponsorship from TC Cheapest Tyres, and hope others will donate to our Silent Auction."

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Balla Balla Community Centre
Berwick - Cranbourne Road (next to Cranbourne Library)

7pm Saturday 29th August
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REGIONAL UNITING CHURCH FOOD TRUCK

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Trinity bids a very fond farewell to Ian and Jill

PENTECOST Sunday was a fitting day to say goodbye to Jill and Ian Cayzer at a special service and luncheon at Trinity UCA, Brighton, writes Merrowyn Deacon.

For this particular Sunday marked 11 years of Ian's ministry almost to the day. We also believe that the Spirit of God is with us as a congregation and with Ian and Jill as they undertake their further ministry in His service.

The church was full of people on May 24, 2015, who had come to honour Ian's ministry from the various parishes where he had served, colleagues from the Presbytery of Port Philip East, associates from the Brighton Covenant Churches, family and friends.

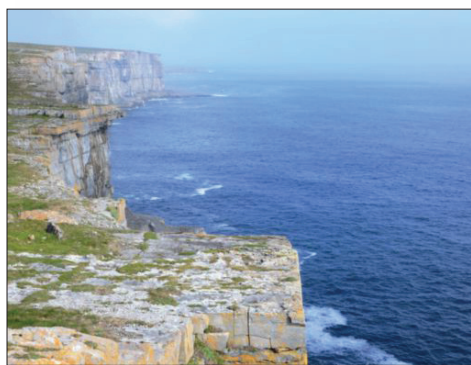
What a wonderful service it was with inspired preaching, uplifting music, rousing hymns - traditional and modern - and the service of Release of the Minister ably taken by Rev. Elizabeth McMillan.

Various Elders of the congregation took part in the Laying on of Hands, including Dorothy, Carolyn, Heather and Mal. It was a very moving moment for everyone and I confess to tears myself at this point.

Later gifts were presented to both Ian and Jill before Glen, as chair of the congregation, spoke eloquently about Ian followed by Dorothy as chair of Church Council, spoke about Jill's contribution.



IMAGES OF IRELAND - ARMCHAIR TRAVELS SUPPER



Never kissed the Blarney Stone but always wanted to?

Love Guinness but never seen the Liffey River? Then join photographer Alan Mathews as he shares his superb images from a trip around Ireland, plus advice on the inspiration and 'eye' for taking the best shots:

On Sunday, July 5, 5pm-6.30pm (with interval)

Followed by a Bring a Plate Shared Supper at High Street Uniting Church, 16-18 High St, Frankston.

Tickets: \$7.50 adults, \$6.50 under 18s

from <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/27266>

or helen.beeby@gmail.com or 9783 3400 & 9775 3619

All proceeds to the Mother & Baby Health Clinics Project in North India

Raffle prize: framed photograph from collection.

Thanks to Helen, Marj, Judy and the team for the catering. Finally thanks to our guest musicians and those who came to help in the choir. It was wonderful that Dorothy had recovered enough from her surgery to conduct the choir. It is indeed the end of an era in the life of the congregation. Ian and Jill will be sorely missed. A hard act to follow! We wish them well in their future endeavours and are thankful for the time they spent with us. We all go forward putting our "hand into the hand of God. That shall be to us better than light and safer than a known way" *

*Adapted from the poem *The Gate of the Year* ('God Knows'; author's title) by Minnie Louise Haskins. 1908.

Above:
Ian and
Jill cut
the cake;
and their
ties from
Trinity,
Brighton.
Right:
Ian's last
wedding
service
at Trinity
UCA



**Robert's Release of Ties service is Sunday,
July 26, 10am at HSUC, Frankston**

Parting gift is no secret



LEN Binks, of High Street Uniting Church, Frankston, decided some weeks ago that with the imminent retirement of Robert and Chris Johnson that MSB (Men's Secret Business) has to be the first in a long queue to farewell them, *writes Rod Carruthers*.

Len is no longer able to pursue his life long hobby of working with timber so he arranged for one of his colleagues to manufacture a laminated cutting board/cheese board/serving platter (not sure which, maybe all of the above). There were about 12 of us present when Graeme Horsburgh made the presentation on behalf of the entire group.

Robert has been the glue that has kept this group together over the last several years.

Gaining an experience of God

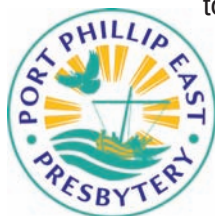
RE-IMAGINING Church is one of the first educational events to come out of the new Mission Development Committee - and it proved to be highly successful and stimulating for those who attended.

It was held at Noble Park at the end of May, *writes Ian Savage, Chaplain at Prahran Mission*.

I was intrigued by the flyer but had other commitments. However after an e-mail from Prahran Mission CEO I rescheduled my commitments and went along. And I am glad I did.

The seminar was led by father and son team Greg and Steve Rose and based on PhD research by Greg - a retired Churches of Christ minister. He asked: "How is it that some churches led by ministers with no theological training thrive and other churches led by theologically educated ministers fail to thrive?"

We began the workshop by entering the world of our own experience and sharing our stories. We were asked to choose



an event that was real for us in our past. We entered the experience: What happened? Where were you? What else was going on in your life at the time? What does this experience say about your values and faith?

Greg and Steve led us through the cultural changes

that have taken place in Australia over the past 60 years and their implications for church life. Until the early 1960s decision making by church members and society in general would have been guided by traditional authority - 'we have always done it this way' or rational legal authority 'what does the rule book say?'

Today we tend to make decisions based on charismatic or experiential authority 'this feels right to me' Worship has changed from a focus on understanding (what does the Bible say? how should we behave?) to a focus on experience (helping people gain an experience of God).

Greg and Steve helped us consider how to shift our models of worship and preaching so that we can reflect this new emphasis in our own worship and preaching.

The new emphasis on experience calls for new forms of guidance and new safeguards - a focus on discernment. The congregation needs to ask: "What is the Spirit saying?" and congregation leaders need to listen to wise, grounded counsel.

In closing, Greg challenged us to affirm our past yet move beyond it. The Spirit is calling us to share the Mission of God!

*A DVD of this seminar is available as an educational resource for church councils, congregations, agencies, interested parties on 03 9558 4710 or pm-me@ucappep.org

Quote

"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

**Christopher
Columbus**

of the month...

I HAD officiated at many funerals.

Thanksgiving in celebration of long lives, words of comfort, where lives were cut tragically short. People expected me to give them something to hold on to. Some hope.

It was my job.

Then there came the turn of close family. Very hard to say goodbye. It was still my job, expected of me. Stiff upper lip!

Next it was Angie's turn. Our little dog - with us all the time in her spot in the van. All over Australia she travelled.

Angie told us when it was time to turn the heater on, and the cooler too. Four o'clock was walk time; at any other time walk was spelt KLAU. Whether we were happy or sad, she knew.

Angie aged with us. One day she could not carry on – crippled, tired, out of breath. The vet said it was time. "Would you like to stay with Angie?"

Unanimous.

So sad, the days passed. Something was wrong. "You'd better talk to someone", said the better half. And I did - to a grief and loss counsellor from the Little Company of Mary.

I began to unwind my long story, till I came to Angie. Suddenly, floods of tears. Silence. Then she said, "Angie has allowed you to grieve." And healing began.

A little dog has allowed me to grieve. Praise God for Angie!

Looking forward

An interesting article on the Patheos website, flagged by the Port Phillip East Children & Families Ministry this month, is <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/whatgodwantsforyourlife/2015/06/6-things-people-need-to-hear-from-churches-but-are-rarely-said/> Have a read - it's short - and there are some interesting neighbouring articles on *Doubt* and *Learning to Disagree*.

Reflections on Faith

by
Bill Pugh



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ABDI ADEN IN CONVERSATION

Abdi Aden's world fell apart when he was only fifteen and Somalia's vicious civil war hit Mogadishu.

Unable to find his family and effectively an orphan, Abdi survived daily violence, death squads and starvation. After almost four months he reached Kenya.

He was just seventeen years old when he arrived in Melbourne after journeying through Romania and Germany. He had no English, no family or friends, no money, no home. Yet, Abdi went on to complete postgraduate qualifications in adolescent mental health and was acknowledged with the 2007 Victorian Refugee Recognition Award. Abdi also featured in the SBS second series of *Go Back to Where You Came From*.

Come along and hear this truly amazing story of survival and learn a little of the horrors faced in Somali during this turbulent period.

Date: Sunday 26th July 2015

Time: 2pm for live music prelude
2.30pm start time

Venue: Studio@PCT, Wilson's Road, Mornington

Cost: \$10

Somali Afternoon tea will be served.

To register:

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Or call 5975 5034

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As one church door closes...

WHEN Flinders Church was sold, much of the furniture went to the new chapel at Merricks Camp - with pews finding a home in the chapel and the much-used lectern in their hall.

So, on Sunday May 24 about 40 members from Southern Mornington Peninsula UC met at the current church to car-pool across to Merricks North to visit the UCA camp facilities at Merricks Lodge. Church Council had also given \$30,000 to the camp to further meet their needs, and this was put towards a hydraulic lift to enable people with mobility difficulties to access the swimming pool for a fuller and more complete camping experience.

As we drove up the driveway into the property there were ooh's and aah's from within our car-pool at the green and spacious surrounds which greeted us. A large well prepared oval, basketball court, a three swimming pool complex and lake, outdoor recreational and BBQ facilities all among bush and wetland walks. Idyllic!

We were met by Tiffany Jukes, Campsite Manager, who greeted us warmly and outlined the camp layout, programmes and activities. Tiffany introduced team members, Justin Ballingal, Operations Manager, and Colin Austin, Catering Manager who we have to thank for the delicious afternoon tea we later enjoyed.

After a tour of the camp; with dormitory style sleeping, dining, recreation facilities and outdoor areas, we gathered around the pool. Justin called for a volunteer to help him demonstrate the new hoist. Jill Fearon bravely stepped forward, with Charnize holding her hand for support! Together they sat on the seat as Justin worked the controls and swung them out across the expanse of water to loud calls from onlookers for Justin to press the "down, down, down" button. However Jill and Charnize were safely returned to dry ground.

We then quietly gathered around the plaque as



Chris outlined the history of the Flinders Church and acknowledgment of the facilities, staff and volunteers in providing such a place of recreation and renewal

He then introduced Mary Broughton. Mary, pictured below, is a very young 99 year old founder member of the Flinders Church who joined us with her son Tony, and Kevin Woods, who spoke warmly of his time at Flinders UC.

by
Maureen Marshall

Mary assisted with the Bible reading and continued with thanks for the generosity and commitment of those who enabled the donation towards this equipment for a more inclusive and accessible experience for all. The plaque was then unveiled.

We quietly moved across to the chapel with comments on how 'at home' the Flinders pews and furniture looked there. Afternoon tea gave us the opportunity to chat and reflect on the afternoon's

experience. For me the occasion had a personal impact as it was 12 months since the death of my son Stuart. I warmly pictured him being lifted from his wheelchair, transferred to the hoist and lowered into the soothing water to be free for a short time from the restrictions his condition imposed. His face would have exploded with an enormous grin and exclamations of sheer delight, his eyes bright with the sparkle for which he was known.

This highlighted for me the magnitude of the legacy from Flinders Church and Church Council in providing such a gift. It is a wonderful practical commitment to our mission and will give enormous pleasure and expand many young people's experiences of feeling included and accepted. On behalf of the SMPUC and past Flinders UC, thank you to the team of dedicated workers at Merricks Lodge who strive to make this possible. I felt we all gained personally from the experience.



Chances is a fine thing

New scheme for those who may fall through the cracks

Could you imagine being told as an impressionable teenager that your dream of becoming a doctor might not come true because you cannot afford a simple lab coat? This was the reality facing Amir*.

Bookmarked art

In 2014 Redcliffe Uniting ran a national Creative Art competition based on the Gospel of Mark. The amazing results have been collected and published through MediaCom. Over 70 pages of art, drama, poetry, prose, etc to inspire worship and devotions based on Mark's Gospel. For further details and to order visit www.mediacom.org.

Connections' South Eastern Chances is changing such stories with an innovative scholarship program that provides financial support to young people, like Amir, living in Melbourne's south-east, to obtain educational, cultural and social opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable to them.

Amir, arrived in Australia five years ago and dreamed of being a doctor. So sure of

what his future looked like, Amir completed three year 12 subjects in year 11 with limited English. However, as the years went on, he became uncertain about his future as he soon realised he could not afford a number of essential items. Unfortunately, for many young people who face significant hardship, this is their reality. Many young people in our local community are unable to reach

their full potential because their financial situation is causing them to fall through the cracks.

It is important that every young person can imagine what their future might look like to develop their self-esteem and sense of hope. It is also important they feel supported and have the right networks that believe in them, networks that will help them reach these dreams. Never is this more important than for a young person who has experienced significant disadvantage in their early years.

Thanks to Connections, Amir has enrolled in an extension course at Monash University (Biomedical Science), purchased a laptop and much needed lab coat, reinstating his confidence in his future.

"I really appreciate Connections' support and kindness. It truly proves that there are people who care for disadvantaged individuals," says Amir (*name has been changed.)

Do you know a young person who...

*Is unable to reach their full potential because they do not have the financial means to do so?

*Dreams of being a doctor but cannot sit the UMAT exam?

*Has been accepted into their TAFE course but needs a new computer?

Applications now open for South Eastern Chances Scholarships. For more details visit connections.org.au/chances



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Redcliffe Uniting Church
At the heart of the Peninsula



Steve serves up more words of wisdom in OPMA

IT was a wonderful week of learning and sharing when Steve Biddulph came to the Officer Pakenham Mission Area.

From Sunday, June 21 to Thursday, June 25, well-known author and presenter on raising children, Steve Biddulph embarked on a tour of South East Gippsland. He did talks in Pakenham, Warragul, Traralgon and Leongatha. Belinda Clear, Youth and Families Pastor Officer Pakenham Mission Area, is pictured above with Steve and other local church leaders. Belinda says: “For this event, Officer Pakenham Mission Area teamed up with the Uniting Churches at Warragul, Traralgon and Leongatha and Lakeside Lutheran College. “Steve presented a most engaging talk in Pakenham on *Raising Girls* to more than 100 people. It was an afternoon of many laughs and a lot of interesting information on some of the issues about raising girls, particularly around body image and self esteem, highlighting the need for girls to have female mentors in their lives.” To maintain momentum, following on from this event , will be a series of six parenting workshops during terms three and four.

WHAT'S THE REAL STORY WITH ICE

Free Community Forum. All Welcome.

4th August 2015 6.30pm - 9pm
Peninsula Community Theatre,
Wilsons Road, Mornington

Forum Speakers



Stephen Fontana
Victorian Police Assistant



Stephen Bright
Peninsula Health Alcohol & Other Drugs Manager



Julie Rae
Australian Drug Foundation,
Head of Information & Research

Please register for event online at <http://www.fmpmi.org.au/event/family-violence-public-forum> or contact Mornington Community Information and Support Centre Ph. 5975 1644. For more information please contact - morningtonchurch@bigpond.com

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Protecting our planet - together

WOULD you like to be able to animate meaningful action in your community to address climate change, but there are various hurdles and blocks?

Would you like to meet with others in the ARRCC and other faith-based networks who are interested in making a difference?

ARRCC is offering a half-day workshop in Melbourne on Sunday, July 26th. The aim is to have you feeling more empowered, clearer on how to be effective and more connected with other ARRCC members and friends. Thea will guide the day, part of which will be taking you through the steps used by professional organisers to achieve their chosen goals. There are some basic "tricks of the trade" which can be learned so that the work you do actually pays off. These can't be passed on in a single workshop, but you'll be left with a clearer idea of what has worked for others.

Here's some of the feedback from participants in the Sydney workshop: "The best aspect of the workshop was the mixture of strategies – all new ideas that can be practically implemented at the community level." and "The best part was meeting with others from such diverse backgrounds, but like-minded."

Facilitators: Thea Ormerod
ARRCC

Where: Multicultural hub, cnr Therry & Elizabeth Streets, near Queen Victoria Market.

When: 12 noon to 5pm,
Sunday, July 26th

Cost: \$20 or concession rate \$10 (includes lunch & light refreshments)

Consider coming by tram, train, bus or bike if you can. There's parking across the road at the Queen Victoria Market, but not on the site.

Places limited, RSVP essential: info@arrcc.org.au
Please RSVP by July 20th.

God our Father, you created the world and sent your own Son to live among us, made of the same stuff, breathing the same air, marvelling at sunrise and sunset

just as we do. Help us to participate in life around and within us as your life, as you living in us, and we living in you and in each other. God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through your power and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home. **Amen**

The Earth Community: In Christ through the Integrity of Creation

prayer

Community organising workshop hosted by ARRCC (which now includes GreenFaith/ARRCC)



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The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (which includes GreenFaith/ARRCC) is a multi-faith, member-based organisation of people from around Australia. While celebrating the uniqueness of our different traditions, we stand together in working for an ecologically and socially sustainable future.

We recognise that climate change is not only a scientific, environmental, economic and political issue – it is also a profoundly moral and spiritual one.

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Lvl 15, 179 Elizabeth St, Sydney NSW 2000

Are you interested in free training?

DANDENONG Uniting Church is conducting free pastoral care training next month for any interested congregations, writes Rev John Clarke.

It is based on the training offered for people who volunteer to be pastoral visitors with Uniting AgeWell, but also useful for anyone who visits people as a congregation member or elder.

When we ran it at Burwood Uniting earlier this year, 15 people came from four congregations and the feedback was very positive, saying it was interactive, effective and equipped people well.

See the poster below for further information and contact details.

Pastoral Care Volunteer Training

1.00pm – 4.00pm Tuesday 14th and 28th July 2015

Dandenong Uniting Church

Cnr Scott & Robinson Streets Dandenong



As part of Uniting AgeWell's ListenWell project, volunteers are trained to be effective pastoral visitors. Two afternoons of training are available to anyone interested.

The knowledge and skills gained would benefit those wishing to support people pastorally and spiritually, particularly older people. The training is being conducted by Cathy Beaton, Chaplain at Uniting AgeWell Noble Park and Rev John Clarke, Director of Mission, Uniting AgeWell.

The two 3 hour sessions cover:

Session 1

1. Pastoral Care with older people
2. Active listening
3. Boundaries

Session 2

4. Grief and loss
5. Conflict
6. Referral and confidentiality
7. Self-care
8. Case studies
9. Becoming part of a Pastoral Care Volunteer team

The first session is being offered:

- [Tuesday 14th July 2015,
- [12.45 pm for a 1.00 pm start. Finish at 4.00 pm
- [Open to anyone from the community
- [Afternoon tea and session notes provided
- [There is no charge for this training
- [Anyone interested in developing their pastoral care skills is welcome even if they are not interested in volunteering under the chaplain's oversight to offer pastoral care to residents in our aged care communities.

If you have any questions about this or wish to RSVP, please contact:

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Future Services?

PASTOR: "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13.

And switch on Bluetooth to download the sermon."

P-a-u-s-e.....

"Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands.

Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God"

S-i-l-e-n-c-e

"As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready."

"You can log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password 'Lord909887.'

The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshippers:

Closing Announcements:

This week's ministry meetings will be held on the various Facebook pages for the usual group chatting. Please log in and don't miss out Thursday's Bible study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss out.

You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counselling and prayers. God bless and have a nice day.

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