

NEWSBEAT



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NEWSLETTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST



Always wanted to journey to the Holy Land?
Why not join a tour group next year?
Details on the back page.



Still time to join the story-tellers...
Flip the page to number 5 and see how you can work on your memoirs.



Spirit of calmness pervades Synod meeting

True community shines at Port Melbourne

RE-USING and re-purposing will be the theme of the "Uniting for a Good Cause" garage sale and skillsfest at Port Melbourne Uniting Church on October 21st. As part of the nation-wide Garage Sale Trail, there will be a variety of stalls run by community groups linked to the church in some way – including community garden, playgroup, kindergarten, youth programs and homeless support programs.

There will be fun activities around re-using and re-purposing, a sewing bee to make re-usable bags and a reverse garage sale where items such as plant pots, fabric, thread and wool can be dropped off for use by some of the groups.

Uniting for a Good Cause; Saturday 21st October, 9.30am-12.30pm, Port Melbourne Uniting Church, 144 Bridge St, Port Melbourne.

More information: www.spuc.org.au/skillsfest;
Facebook SkillsFestPortMelb or tel: 9690 1188



LATE on the first day of the recent Synod meeting members first met in working groups to debate issues on the life of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

Working groups are a feature of Synod which allow members to gather and discuss the issues with which Synod is grappling, to respond to questions presented by the Synod facilitation working group and to present questions which arise from the working group's discussion.

Working Groups facilitate a greater level of interaction and opportunity to engage in some of the issues at a deeper level that would normally be possible on the floor of the Synod meeting. For all this, the first meeting of the working groups

was focused on getting to know each other and express our hopes and concerns for the Synod meeting. One question asked of participants was

"how many Synods have you attended?" I found it difficult to respond because, as I said in a short, final speech to Synod several days later, I ran out of fingers and toes. Since the Synods of Victoria and Tasmania amalgamated in 2002 I have only missed one meeting. Prior to this I attended every meeting of the Synod of Tasmania

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Rev Dr Paul Chalson reflects on his many VicTas Synod appearances as he moves to pastures new



Port Phillip East Presbytery's vision & purpose: "Encouraging, resourcing and giving pastoral oversight to communities of faith and ministers entrusted to our pastoral care."





(every minister in placement was automatically a member) since commencing my first placement in 1989.

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Synod meetings are gathered around a theme and often dominated by an issue. Some meetings can be very fiery as members argue passionately for their position and beliefs. This meeting gathered around the theme of Following Christ and we came knowing that matters relating to the ongoing implementation of the proposals of the Major Strategic Review agreed to at

the previous Synod meeting would occupy a fair proportion of the meeting. While members argued fervently and, in the case of some, frequently regarding the matters before the Synod there was, I felt, a sense of greater calmness than has been present at recent Synods.

Most mornings the Synod paused to reflect upon the theme in bible study. This year the study was not offered by a single, respected scholar as is often the case. Rather a variety of speakers helped us as they offered reflection of the theme with the voices of Australia's First Peoples, Earth, the CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) communities and young people. The studies were engaging, challenging and inspiring. On the Sunday Synod paused to pay

tribute to those ministers who had died since the last meeting and those who have achieved milestones of service.

The Synod heard reports from its various boards, committees and working groups and grappled with a number of important proposals over

the course of the five days. Some proposals related to the level of resourcing Synod *Cont. on page 3*



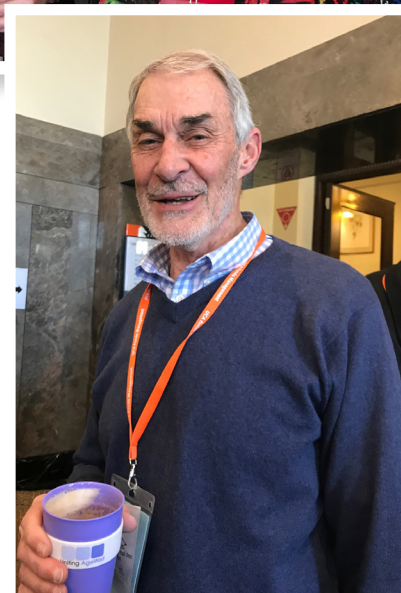
Port Phillip East represents well at Synod 2017... Anti-clockwise from top: Rev Hoon You addresses Synod before the Thanksgiving Service, Rev Ian Turnidge recognised for ordination, Rev Bill Pugh, right of picture, recognised for 60 years since ordination, Hannah Dungan uplifts and entertains and Revs Fiona Morrisson and Hoon You line-up for a well-deserved caffeine hit in the Synod foyer this year.

could sustainably provide into the future as well as how the role of chairperson may be more clearly defined and resourced and how Presbyteries and Synod may more effectively liaise into the future. Other matters related to social justice statements, restructure in the Synod (including a series of minutes of appreciation for retiring office bearers) and the extension of Mark Lawrence as Synod General Secretary for a further five years. Denise Liersch was elected as moderator elect and a number of folk appointed to committees and to represent the Synod at Assembly.

As well as engaging in business the Synod working groups devoted a session to discussion marriage equality in response to a series of questions presented by the Assembly. Responses from the working groups will help inform the discussion on marriage to which will be one issue discussed at the meeting of Assembly next year. In response to recommendations of the Creative Design team appointed from the last Synod there were several innovations which formed part of this Synod's meeting including a "Choose your own adventure" reporting process whereby members could choose to hear more detailed presentations from the reporting bodies of their choice. On the Sunday night a café style gathering listened to various stories reflecting upon generational change and what it means for the life and ministry of the church.

This brief report does not adequately cover the full range of matters engaged with by the Synod or everything that went on in the meeting. I haven't mentioned the much appreciated innovation of a pop-up barista in the foyer or that every member was given a Keep Cup by UnitingAgeWell reducing the level of waste as we gathered again and again for cuppas. I should also acknowledge the patient and effective leadership of our moderator, Sharon Hollis as she navigated our way through the course of the meeting and also the small army of workers who did so much to enable the meeting to happen.

Photos by Rev Peter Beale & Helen Beeby



More PPEP folk shine... Clockwise from top Rev Andrew Boyle, Presbytery chair, reflects on presbytery discussions and enjoys a joke during the meeting, REV David Fotheringham and Rev Wendy Snook catch up, Rev Peter Whitaker with his AgeWell keep cup, Rev Dr Julie Hall marks her ordination this year and MSR Guru Jason Talbot shares a smile with Rev Neil Peters.

How intergenerational is your church?

A BRAND new, free, easy-to-use visioning tool which helps churches take a picture of current ministries and their inclusion of multiple ages is now available. It can also create a plan to move toward being an intergenerational church. Details for the process are included. GenOn Ministries is happy to assist with your visioning process by providing consultation throughout. Contact us at info@genonministries.org www.genonministries.org/collections/visioning-tools/products/intergenerational-ministry-visioning-tool



Go out into the world in peace, let nothing dismay you and no fear betray you.

Put your trust in the God who knows your needs even before you ask for aid, and will not allow any good thing which you have vowed and done to finally be pilfered or mislaid.

Amen

From Brief Prayers for Busy People, by Rev Bruce Prewer (who also celebrated 60 years since ordination at Synod 2017.)

Copies available from www.booktopia.com.au

Prayer for strength

Dining out gets Messy

MESSY Church is an intergenerational expression of worship which is led in many different faith communities around the world.



In Australia, we are organized into regional areas so we can meet up as the different denominations and messy teams to share ideas and

encourage each other. My region is a little power house of energy from the Salvos, Anglicans and Uniting Churches which takes in the area of Sorrento up to Parkdale.

To honour the work and commitment of the people already engaged in messy worship, and to encourage others to find out more and have a go, we are hosting a special Messy Meal from 5-7pm on Sunday 15 October at Chelsea Uniting Church, 2-4 Sherwood Avenue. All are welcome to learn and share more about this burgeoning area of discipleship and ministry but RSVP is essential for catering purposes. Please e-mail clairedawe@hotmail.com or call 9772 6010.

**Messy Meal
Sunday,
October 15,
5 - 7pm
A few places
still available**

**by
Rev Claire Dawe**

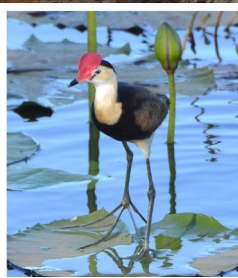
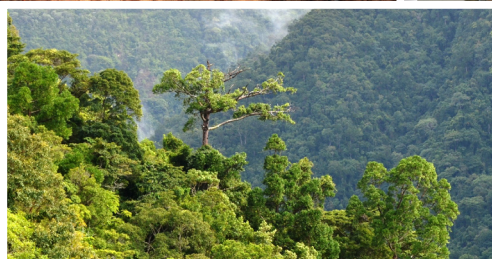
There will be no charge for this event and there will be the opportunity to take home craft materials as well as ideas. The theme will be Messy

Christmas so you can try it yourselves in your own churches. We will start with activities, move into a time of celebration and worship, and then share a very simple

meal. The idea is to show you how simple but effective this expression of church can be.

For more information or to RSVP, phone Rev Claire Dawe on 0410 827 597. Places are still available but limited so book quickly.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELS EVENING From Cairns to Cape York



Join photographer Rev Alan Mathews on another inspirational journey, this time through Far North Queensland.

On **Sunday, October 22, 5pm-6.30pm** (with interval)

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

Tickets: **only \$10**

Available from **High Street Uniting Church office** or bronwen.alan@bigpond.com - 0488 130747
helen.beeby@gmail.com - 0434 412104

A framed photo from Alan's collection will be raffled on the night. All proceeds to the Woman & Child Mobile Health Clinics Project in North India

Visit www.womandchildhealth.org for more information.

An opportunity to tell tales

Guest speaker and leader of the event will be Angeline M.G. Song - a former newspaper journalist and associate news editor turned biblical scholar, and she is encouraging you to Find Your Voice. She will share significant aspects of her own unusual life story



Finding Your Voice Telling Your Stories

9 to 11 October 2017

Korean Church of Melbourne



and help people to share their stories.

Dr Song's research includes Empathy studies, Post-colonialism, and biblical contextual interpretation.

VENUE: Korean Church of Melbourne

23-27 Glendearg Grove, Malvern, Vic 3144

TIMES: Start: 9:30 am

Monday 9 October

Finish: 1:30 pm

Wednesday 11 October

REGISTRATION

\$135

Includes AM & PM

Tea, Lunches & Dinner

Tuesday

Register online if possible, at:

<http://bit.ly/2vjPZ5T>

Keeping it local

HEATHERTON-Dingley UCA is holding another Home Produce and Craft Market at the church on the corner of Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads,

Heatherton on Saturday, 14th October from 10am to 1pm. There will be lots of stalls, including sausage sizzle, cakes, jewellery and morning tea.

Also wood chip mulch available, free, for anyone who wants to come and collect it from HDUC, crn. Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads, Heatherton.



Quote

"At the end of the day, you are solely responsible for your success and your failure. And the sooner you realize that, you accept that, and integrate that into your work ethic, you will start being successful. As long as you blame others for the reason you aren't where you want to be, you will always be a failure."

Erin Cummings

of the month

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We have casual driving roles available now which could suit people currently working part time / casual positions elsewhere or semi-retired.

To become a valued member of our team you will need:

- A current HR or MR Licence (any heavy vehicle driving experience in trucks, buses or coaches will be highly regarded).
- Drivers Accreditation Certificate. We recommend you already hold a DC or be in the process of obtaining accreditation.
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Palliative Care

What is it? When and where is it provided?

Uniting AgeWell is holding a **FREE** community information session about palliative care and what it is.

Palliative care helps people live their life as fully and as comfortably as possible when living with a life-limiting or terminal illness.

Palliative care identifies and treats symptoms that may be physical, emotional, spiritual or social, and is based on individual needs.

This information session will provide families with information about the palliative care process. Join Uniting AgeWell Palliative Care Specialist Kerry Whitlock, Uniting AgeWell chaplains and specialists from South East Palliative Care.

Palliative Care

What is it? When and where is it provided?

Tuesday 10 October
2pm – 4pm

Uniting AgeWell Noble Park Community
1312 Heatherton Road, Noble Park
Light refreshments provided

For more information or to book a seat, contact the Uniting AgeWell Noble Park Community on 9554 0700.



WALKING ON BONES

An interactive experience exploring your own life-world through the medium of poetry

POETRY IN THE NICK OF TIME

POETRY BY JOHN CRANMER AND DENHAM GRIERSON

Participants will receive a copy of the book *Walking on Bones*

and

an additional free book *Uluru Journey*

by Denham Grierson

THE PAKENHAM UNITING CHURCH

OCTOBER 15



TIME 1.00-2.30

COST \$20.00

Proceeds to the Pakenham Uniting Church



ONE *child* ONE *hour* ONE *church* ONE *school*



GIVING HOPE TO CHILDREN IN NEED

KIDS HOPE AUS provides Churches with an opportunity to connect with a local Primary School and provide one-to-one mentoring to vulnerable children in need.

KIDS HOPE AUS is a proven program that has been transforming the lives of children (and their mentors) throughout Australia for more than a decade. The program is run in over 300 Churches and Schools with over 2000 kids receiving mentoring each week. How exciting!

Volunteer mentors from your church go into their partner primary school and spend one hour per week with a child who needs some extra care and support.

The need is great, with many children dealing with issues such as broken homes, family violence and mental illness, their schools are crying out for support in the area of wellbeing and for assistance with these precious children.

YOU and YOUR CHURCH can make a difference by partnering with a local primary school in your community to provide this valuable mentoring program!

Join with over 50 Uniting Churches around Australia who are already running a Kids Hope program in their church, and experiencing the partnership with their local school and the connection and opportunities that provides.

Please contact Tim Smith for more information on the details below.
Tim Smith – Program Development Manager
Mob: 0488 991 215 or Email: tim@kidshopeaus.org.au
Website: www.kidshopeaus.org.au

ONE *child* ONE *hour* ONE *church* ONE *school*


The Victorian Chapter

of the

Australian Church Library Association

is meeting on

Saturday, 14th October, 2017 at
Manningham Uniting Church
152 Andersons Creek Road
Doncaster East (Melway 34 E6)



The program will include

- A speaker, David Lepore, from the Bible Society, which is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the beginning of its work in Australia, (in the morning);
- In the afternoon a session on biographies and autobiographies with members bringing and speaking about some examples from their libraries which they can recommend.
- our Biennial General Meeting
- a swap table - bring along books, videos, cassettes, CDs and other resources that you no longer need;

Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch

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

Bidding a fond farewell to one of the Presbytery's heroes



THE Rev Dr Paul Chalson, a past chairperson of the Presbytery and minister at Mount Martha is leaving to take up a placement at Canberra City UC and the Toe Talatalano (Tongan) Congregation.

Paul has been a member of the Presbytery since he commenced his placement at Mount Martha in February, 2010. His last service, including the Release of

Ties will be held at Mount Martha on Sunday 29 October at 10 am. Paul has been a faithful servant of the Presbytery having served as Deputy Chairperson 2011 – 2012, as Chairperson 2013 – 2014 and again for a period in 2015 when the newly elected Chairperson, Rev Dr Apwee Ting, accepted a placement with Assembly. Paul would probably agree that the issue which occupied much of his time was dealing with the fallout following decisions made under the Uniting our Future process. Paul is widely respected around the Presbytery for his wise words and caring nature (and his musical abilities). Following the completion of his time as Chairperson in 2015, Paul continued to serve on the Presbytery Standing Committee (PSC) where his memory of past events has greatly assisted the work of PSC. Paul and his wife, Betty, will also be greatly missed at Mount Martha where he has exercised an innovative and thought provoking ministry. Paul has a great passion for eco theology in which he has a doctorate. So it will be with much sadness that the Presbytery says farewell to Paul. We wish him and Betty God's richest blessings as they embark on a new journey in ministry. **by Ian Firth**

Journey through the Holy Land

THE Cook Islands congregation at Clayton is planning a tour to the Holy Lands in Nov/Dec 2018. Some places they plan to visit:

1. Mount Nebo where Moses saw the Holy Land
2. The Baptism site of Jesus
3. The Citadel of Amman
4. The Roman city of Jerash
5. Mount of Beatitudes
6. Capernaum and other parts of Galilee Coast
7. Trip on the Sea of Galilee
8. Mount Tabor (transfiguration) Cana and Nazareth
9. Visit Kursi, Caesarea Philippi and Chorazim
10. Visit Jericho and into Jerusalem
11. Visit the site of the Crucifixion and Resurrection
12. Mount of Olives, the church of the Ascension of Jesus
13. The Garden of Gethsemane and the Kedron Valley
14. The tomb of King David
15. Bethlehem and the hill country of Judah

This is a unique opportunity to tour the land on which our Saviour travelled 2,000 years ago. The cost includes transport, accommodation, meals, entry fees, tipping etc. Accommodation will be at resorts and similar facilities. Costs, no more than \$7,000 (plus travel insurance) with deposit of \$500 to secure your place and final payment by May, 2018. Led by an experienced Tour Leader from South Australia. Further details from Rev Uru Tairea (urutairea@gmail.com) or Faye Sanderson (faye.sanderson@bigpond.com).

Presbytery in Council meeting dates for 2017

18 October
29 November
All meetings start at 7.30pm and are at Noble Park UCA, Joy Parade. To know more



about being a Pres Rep contact Ian

Firth on 03 9558 4710 or e-mail secretary@ucappep.org

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2:00PM - 4:00PM

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

OCTOBER 14 - What is a Parent

OCTOBER 21 - Know your Pre-schooler

OCTOBER 28 - Bringing Kids on Board through Rules, Routines, Structure and Charm

NO SESSION

Melbourne Cup Weekend

NOVEMBER 11 - Expressing our Love Through Discipline

NOVEMBER 18 - Creating a childhood to Remember

NOVEMBER 25 - Putting it all Together

COST

\$100 PER PERSON

10% DISCOUNT PER COUPLE

COST INCLUDES // 6 WEEK COURSE · ALL COURSE MATERIAL
PARENTING MANUAL · AFTERNOON TEA

RSVP

Sunday, October 10, 5:00pm

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South Eastern Hub

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