

NEWSBEAT



FEBRUARY 2019

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST



Years of musical joy for others led to this grand donation. Discover the key to this generous gesture on page 7.

Not La Cucaracha but a blessing from the new guy on the block at Cranbourne UC. Samba down to page 3 for more on this fabulous opening moment.



Emotions run high for Paulo after a six year journey to ministry



THE wonderful ordination of Paulo Jwokdoch Kwajakwan completed a journey begun as far back as 2012 when Paulo undertook a Period of Discernment, *writes Ian Firth*. The service took place at St Columba's UC, Noble Park on Saturday 19 January and included a reading in Chollo, Paulo's native tongue and the Chollo Choir sang two songs acapella. The atmosphere was happy and festive with many people and children present from Paulo's South Sudanese community. Following his ordination, Rev Andrew Boyle presented Paulo with a Bible, suitably inscribed to mark the occasion, and, as Presbytery Secretary, I presented Paulo with a set of liturgical stoles as a gift from the Presbytery. Paulo's placement is at **Mt Martha** where he will be inducted on **Sunday 10 February at 3pm**.



by Ian Firth

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What does 90 x 7 equal....? Why, St David's Oakleigh, of course...



New inductees into the St David's UC Oakleigh Nonagenarian Club celebrate in December

Hindell, Dorothy Jenkin, Edna McCallum and Len Hudson. This doubles the number of nonagenarians in the congregation. Our more senior members include two lay preachers (one took the service the day after his 95th Birthday last year), an organist and more than one member of the Table Tennis Club.

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



FOLLOWING the Assembly decision last year to hold an annual Day of Mourning in the run up to Australia Day to acknowledge the suffering of the Aboriginal community, January 2019 was the first year to mark this new initiative. Different UCA communities reflected on the day in different ways, and the Port Phillip East south community opted to Change the Heart with a Common Grace Prayer Service on Mornington beach.

“What an honour to be welcomed to country tonight and to pray with and for our First Peoples.” wrote Rev Cameron McAdam, of Village Church, Mt Eliza. “A very moving night on the beach in Mornington.”

Rev Jennie Gordon added: “It’s hard to know how to respond to January 26th. The annual Day of Mourning declared by the Assembly and held for the first time last Sunday offered us a collective moment to pause and acknowledge the pain of the past, to lament our part in the invasion of this land and to participate in healing for us all, First and Second Peoples together. Last night I attended the Common Grace Prayer Service on Fisherman’s Beach in Mornington. We were led by Indigenous artist Safina Stewart and welcomed by elders of the Bunurong Land Council. Rev Cameron McAdam from The Village Church in Mt Eliza invited us into a time of remembering and honouring names and stories as he read a difficult and confronting message titled ‘Stolen Lives in 2019 & Aboriginal Deaths in Custody’. We prayed, sang and were blessed on the beach. “If we want to change the heart of this nation, we can commit to learning more of the truth of our history, being present to the pain and living alongside our Indigenous brothers and sisters in the company of Jesus.”



Village news

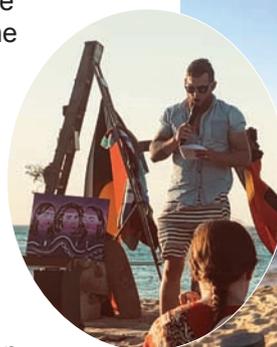
TWO members of Village Church community were awarded the OAM in Australia Day Honours:

- John de Wijn for services to scouting and tax law.
- Ann Margaret Connan for services to children.

A Willum Warrain Community Centre Guided Tour will be held on Wednesday 20 February 1pm. Meet at 10C Pound Road, Hastings.



Shifting the sands of time



UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO CONFLICT

A WORKSHOP FOR MINISTERS AND CHURCH LEADERS

Friday March 1st
2019
9.30am – 1pm

WORKSHOP

Venue: The Centre for Theology and Ministry,
29 College Crescent, Parkville, Melbourne

Cost:
\$45
Includes morning tea

Workshop Facilitators: Terrence Corkin & Julia Kuhn Wallace, authors of "The Church Guide for Making Decisions Together"

Aims

- ▶ Resource leaders to understand the different types of conflict
- ▶ Provide resources that assist a constructive response to conflict
- ▶ Raise awareness to cross-cultural considerations when addressing conflict
- ▶ Help leaders to understand their preferred response to conflict
- ▶ Provide a framework for conflict transformation
- ▶ Offer practical advice on a specific conflict situation that participants face

Outcomes for participants

By the end of the workshop participants will...

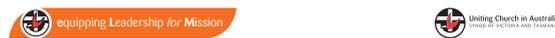
- ▶ understand the different types of conflict and how to make a constructive response in different contexts
- ▶ have increased awareness of cross-cultural considerations when addressing conflict
- ▶ recognise their preferred response to conflict and how it affects their ability to be effectively involved
- ▶ have access to a framework for conflict transformation
- ▶ have worked on a conflict situation that they face

Method

- ▶ Presentation of material on:
 - the drivers of conflict
 - the 7 stages of conflict
 - how to constructively respond in a variety of situations
- ▶ Interactive engagement on real life situations with a particular focus on how leaders can constructively engage with conflict
- ▶ Through use of worksheets, questions, dialogue and workshoping a practical example of conflict, empower leaders to confidently engage with conflict

Please register online at <https://www.trybooking.com/YWCB>
 Or you may pay by direct deposit to:
 Account Name: United Church in Australia BSB: 033 157
 Account Number: 34 41 35 (Use "UCM Core Wiring" as Transaction Reference)
 Or return this flyer with these details completed, to:
 Ann Byrne, Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Crescent,
 Parkville VIC 3052.
 Further details: Ann Byrne at ann.byrne@vic.uca.org.au or 03 9340 8815

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Ray brings new light to Cranbourne



EVERYONE enjoyed Ray McCluskey's induction into the Cranbourne Regional Uniting Church Congregation. The Induction was held on Wednesday, 16th of January and was led by Presbytery Chairperson Rev Andrew Boyle. Rev James Douglas, from St Luke's UC, Mt Waverley, gave the address.



Rev Ray's first service at Cranbourne was on Sunday 20th January and all the congregation looks forward to an exciting future under his leadership and guidance. Photos by: Sharon Start and Rev Jay Robinson



Thank you for the food truck

RAY didn't wait long before he was in the thick of the Cranbourne action. Volunteers and Sponsors of the Cranbourne Food Truck were thanked for their generosity and commitment with a BBQ in the CRUCA grounds. The celebration included a (flamboyant?) blessing of the truck and volunteers by newly appointed Rev Ray McCluskey.



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And not to be outdone, the oldest member of the Cook Islands Congregation at Clayton, Mama Takina, also celebrated her 90th Birthday mid-year. She has been actively involved in her church back home and here in Australia and even led a midweek service for the traditional Week of Prayer in January 2018. If only Sunday attendance could be counted by the number of years on earth instead of feet on the floor!!



JOAN STOTT UCAF BURSARY

ARE YOU:

- committed to or already studying for leadership or theology within the ethos of the Uniting Church
- under 35 years of age

COULD YOU USE FUNDS TO:

- pay fees to your "Place of Study"
- pay for additional courses or resources

Apply now for a Joan Stott Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF) Bursary for study in 20 20

CONTACT:

Lencie Harding for more information and an application form **E: lencie.harding@gmail.com**

Applications closing date is ---- Friday 31st May

When the song of the Angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks...

The work of Christmas begins:

- To find the lost.
- To heal the broken.
- To feed the hungry.
- To release the prisoner.
- To rebuild the nations.
- To bring peace among people.
- To make music in the heart.

From SA Council of Churches e-news



Heavenly Father, You who gives us this new year, and who makes us new every morning, we praise you!
As we face the exciting challenges of another school year,

Bless all teachers as they prepare. Please, give them patience and resourcefulness, as they face the challenges ahead. Bless all students, new and returning, with excitement to learn and commitment to each task. Bless all parents as they support their children through each stage of development with loving care. May the best school report ever written of the Great Teacher be the goal of learning for every child.



“And the child grew, and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.
In your name we pray. AMEN

The Great Teacher
by Bill Pugh

WDP in detail...

The 2019 World Day of Prayer worship service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Slovenia will be held on Friday,

1st March at a nominated church in your area. Republika Slovenija is a Central European country with Italy to the west, Austria to the north, Hungary to the north-east, Croatia to the south and the Adriatic Sea.

This year from Slovenia
Theme: Come – Everything is Ready! (Luke 14: 15-24). By Lencie Harding

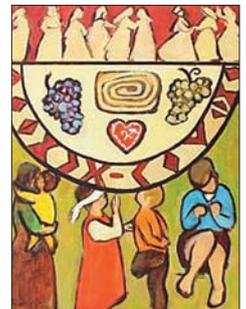
Slovenia has two million inhabitants. Ljubljana, the capital, is the largest city with approximately 280,000 inhabitants. Slovene is the official language, but Hungarian and Italian are co-official languages for those minority communities.

At the core of the theme is an invitation, Come. And to enable the response, Everything is ready. The invitation is based on the parable that Jesus told about a great dinner which was attended by the ones called off the streets, as those invited had left. The community formed around the table is not

enough to fill the house – there is still room. Who is missing from the table in your community?

The artist, Rezka Arnuš, wanted to present two topics with her artwork, Slovenia and the biblical story of the worship service. At the top there are women dressed in national costumes. The semicircular ornament with Slovenian folk embroidery represents a plate or a table with their best known national dish cake – potica - and grapes from wine producing vineyards. The table is decorated with a licitar (colourful biscuit) heart made with the honey of native Carniola bees and decorated with a carnation, the national flower. Partly under the table, one can see the children from the margins. They heard the invitation to the feast. The red and white colours used reflect Slovenian folk embroidery. The green background colour emphasises the Slovenia fields and forests.

For World Day of Prayer Services near you visit: www.world-dayofprayeraustralia.org and click on Worship Services. Or simply call your church.



ARMCHAIR TRAVELS EVENING
Broken Hill, Menindee Lakes & Vietnam



What: via Alan Mathews' photography, we will travel to Vietnam and the beautiful outback around Broken Hill and Menindee Lakes.

When: Sunday, 3rd February, 2019 from 5.00-6.30pm
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
alan.mathews47@bigpond.com - 0488 130747
helen.beeby@gmail.com - 0434 412104

A framed photo from Alan's collection will be raffled.
Why: Proceeds to the Woman & Child Health Clinics Project in North India

Visit www.womanandchildhealth.org for more information.

Lessons from a duck, an echidna, a caterpillar and a tree



ANDREW McDONOUGH, BEST KNOWN AS THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR OF THE LOST SHEEP BOOKS, IS COMING TO VICTORIA!

Drawing on his wide experience in ministry, including working as a pastor amongst the homeless, supporting people struggling with addictions and advocating for refugees, Andrew will be facilitating a series of workshops entitled Thriving Ministry Leadership: lessons from a duck, an echidna, a caterpillar and a tree.

Focused on those in ministry leadership, such as ministers, deacons, pastors, chaplains, lay preachers, church council members and those with specific responsibility for children, young people and families, these sessions will be immensely inspiring, encouraging and practical.

Thursday February 28 10am Murrumbena

Cost: \$20

Duration: 2.5 hours

Register and pay on-line:
<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/thrivingministryleadership>

Registrations appreciated by Friday February 22
More information or off-line registration:
03 9340 8800 or ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au

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Spotted on



CRUCA teen Vanessa has just returned from a ten day Youth Arts Development Camp, thanks to Connections who sponsored her. Vanessa and the team gave three performances at the Yarragon Public Hall over the weekend to showcase their learning. Well done, Vanessa.

Prayer Corner proves popular at Parkdale



St David's, Parkdale, Uniting Kids Christmas Service was a hit with the Christmas Story told from the perspective of the innkeeper. The kids did a great job.



We were blessed with an awesome night at St David's, Parkdale, Carols by Candlelight - with perfect weather and lots of attendees, writes *Amelia Smit*.

There was also Community Christmas Fun before the carols, including a petting zoo, jumping castle, glow products, BBQ and more. Pictured top is our worship team performing the Little Drummer Boy during the carol concert. Above left are Heidi Gilmour, Sue Davis and Anne Bergen, who were volunteers at our Prayer Corner. They were just amazing and everyone had such a great night!

Across the ages

Scripture Union has produced an All-Age Lectionary Services Year C e-book (small fee) which contains 60 all-age service outlines that make full use of the Lectionary Bible readings in Common Worship and Revised Common Lectionary. Visit <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/all-age-lectionary-year-c-pdf>

Alpha runs here.



Join us for Dinner and an introduction to the upcoming Alpha course.

WHEN: Thursday, February 7, 2019 @ 7pm

WHERE: St David's Parkdale Uniting Church

128 Parkers Rd, Parkdale

CONTACT: office@parkdaleuniting.com.au

PHONE: (03) 9580 2889

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring some of life's big questions. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge. alpha.org.au





This developing country has survived 500 years of neglect and more recent destruction *writes Jill Forsyth*. Even with my own limited resources, it is not hard to make a difference to many lives in a land where a family can

Outreach stretches in different ways at Frankston

SUPPORT for people in East Timor comes in many forms at High Street Uniting Church but they're coming together for this special fundraiser

JOHN and Marion Coulson have been installing water systems, and now building toilets for East Timor: "After providing seven villages with water supplies now, when we offered to help to fix the road, the reply was "Now we have water, what we need is toilets". John (pictured above) had a long career in the sanitation and water industry and the couple has transformed many villages in East Timor.

be fed for \$1 a day. My method is to train, up-skill and resource women and vulnerable youth to develop small enterprises. This can develop into a sustainable regular income.



TIM Lake first went to East Timor through his school's partnership. He and his wife, friends and the church then helped to provide a living allowance and laptop for a family with



no parents. One of them has become a police officer and is now independent. They provided equipment to Teresinha who heads up an English Language Study Centre, and also supported Cornelio, director of 4 schools, with a laptop and seed funding for an English scholarship program. They are now supporting Minda, above, with a laptop as she studies biological science.

Music to our ears from these three groups

Cadence

Cadence is a group of six friends, most of who reside on the Mornington Peninsula. Their wide repertoire is based around the songs of the 60's and 70's and some present day ballads, sensitively accompanied by guitars, bass, violin, ukelele, keyboard and gentle percussion. They specialise in multi-part harmony.

Mike and the Stands

Mike and the Stands have been together in various forms for around 15 years. Now with a solid line up of 3 singers, drums, bass, lead and 2 rhythm guitars, they play a wide variety of covers with great lead breaks and harmonies.

Liminality

Our Music dwells on the Celtic threshold and exists in the space of the in-between. We have developed both our traditional Celtic and European influences and brought the tunes to life with the addition of Keyboard and vocals by Jules Vines to the seasoned music of Greg Hunt on 5-string Violin, Mandolin and Cello and Cath Connelly on the Celtic harp.

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH PRESENTS

EAST TIMOR FUNDRAISER CONCERT

Supporting Individuals. Families & Fair Trade

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 2019
2PM – AFTERNOON TEA INCLUDED
16-18 HIGH ST, FRANKSTON



Featuring "Liminality"

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With Support Acts



Mike & The Stands



Cadence

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 Concession & Children over 14
 Tickets for purchase at High Street Uniting Church Office or at the door on the day of the Concert.
 Fair Trade goods will be on sale on the day.

Walking together in faith

World Interfaith Harmony Week is observed annually on the first week of February, and encourages tolerance, respect and peace between people of different faiths.

The initiative was adopted by the UN in 2010 and calls on faith communities to engage in dialogue based on two fundamental commandments: love of God, and love of neighbour. These two lie at the heart of the three major monotheistic religions – Christianity, Judaism and Islam. The Jewish Christian Muslim Association in Australia has created a guide outlining the basic differences and similarities between the three monotheistic religions. Download it at http://jcma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/NEW-REVISED-9pt-JCMA-Guide-Book-2012-FINAL_LOWRES.pdf



Grand gesture from the Shilton's by Jen Verwoert

TRINITY Uniting Church, Brighton was delighted and humbled to receive a Kawai KG-2D Grand Piano at the beginning of January.

Mrs Margaret Shilton very generously donated the piano to Trinity in remembrance of her husband Neil, who was an amazing organist whose energy and skill contributed greatly to the music life of the John Knox Church, Brighton.

In the past two weeks Trinity has been fortunate to enjoy performances by Merrowyn Deacon and Sungpil Lee, clarinet player, accompanied by Shinjuku Kwoun.

Trinity Brighton is looking forward to a very musical future.



If you're always trying to be **normal** you will **never know** how **amazing** you can be.

- Maya Angelou



Musical musings

Hymns, songs, hymnbooks, screens, online music – much has happened in the world of church music over the past 20 to 30 years. So how do we

navigate through the possibilities and find the best for our worshipping communities?

This day program is designed for those who sing, play, plan or lead music within the church to help you do just that.

Looking at new repertoire, where to find it, how to

introduce it, and how to obtain it legally. We'll also go over how you can evaluate new repertoire, share it with colleagues, and think about your worship music for Lent and Easter.

The seminar will include the launch at 2pm of Songs of Grace, a supplement to Together in Song, by D'Arcy Wood, as part of a short act of worship in the Chapel of Trinity College.

Saturday 2 March 2019 | 10AM–4.30PM

Trinity College, Old Warden's Lodge, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville

\$40 adult | \$30 concession Tickets from <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=340836&>

Phone: 0393487127 | Email: theologyevents@trinity.edu.au



Ballot outcome

This message is to advise that the email decision initiated Sunday 20th January, seeking support for the appointment of two Presbytery Ministers, was unsuccessful. Under the requirements of the Manual for Meetings the ballot required a 100% affirmative response which we did not achieve. The proposal will revert to the next normal meeting of the presbytery on 20th February. At this meeting the Joint Nominating Committee will recommend three people for three positions as Presbytery Ministers. Grace and peace Andrew Boyle, Chair

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Clockwise from above: the Chollo Choir, prayers during the laying on of hands and the serving of communion

Photos by Revs Robert Johnson and Jay Robinson



GENERATE 2019 FRIDAY

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: FOUNDATIONS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22 @ PARKVILLE

GENERATE 2019
Feb 22,23

Despite much talk in recent years around intergenerational ministry, a present and pressing challenge for churches and their leaders is to develop effective intergenerational practice that encourages discipleship across all ages.

Focused on those with strategic leadership responsibility in the life of a church – including ministers, pastors, ministry leaders and key volunteers - Generate 2019: Intergenerational Ministry Foundations will explore a theological foundation of intergenerational ministry, the place of intergenerational ministry in a church's strategy and issues around the implementation of intergenerational ministry.

Come along and be inspired and equipped for more effective ministry in your local context!

Presenters:



Andrew McDonough
Best known as the author and illustrator of the *Lost Sheep* books (excellent resources for intergenerational engagement and learning), Andrew is also well-known as a presenter across Australia and beyond (most recently presenting at *The Conversation* in the UK). Andrew draws on a wide experience in pastoral ministry leadership that includes ministry amongst the homeless, supporting people struggling with addictions, advocating for refugees and 25 years as a Spiritual Director. Andrew has been instrumental in developing the Fly Bird Fly Studio and his most recent book is *Jesus was a Refugee*.



Claire Dawe
Claire is a minister in the Uniting Church, currently at Manlyringham Uniting Church. Claire has been involved in intergenerational worship and church community by simply having a go, trying new ideas, failing at times, and having another go. Claire is a committed worker for social justice, and believes in empowering and equipping people to try something and see where it takes them. Claire, along with other leaders in her community, is working hard to develop an intergenerational culture that embraces everyone – not just children, young people and their families!



Chris Barnett
Based at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, Chris has extensive experience in congregational, regional and denominational ministry. His current role includes a strong emphasis on intergenerational engagement, with a focus on consultancy, advocacy, resourcing and training in relation to intergenerational ministry. Chris is a keen participant and resourcer across a variety of networks, including the Australian Intergenerational Roundtable.

Register for either day or ideally both!

WHERE:
Centre for Theology & Ministry
29 College Cres, Parkville 3052

WHEN:
Friday 22 February 2019
10am to 3pm

Cost:
\$40 per person
\$35 per person (if registered by 11 February)
\$30 per person - a group of 3 or more (if registered by 11 February)

REGISTER ONLINE:
ucavt.goregister.com.au/generate2019

Registrations appreciated by
Tuesday February 11

MORE INFORMATION:
ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au
03 9340 8815



Diary dates

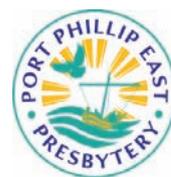
It is important that as many members of Presbytery as possible participate in this important occasion and process and sit together during the service.

Inductions in February

- Induction of Nigel McBrien @ Hastings on Sunday 3 February @ 2.30 pm
- Induction of Paulo Kwajkwan @ Mt Martha of Sunday 10 February @ 3 pm

Presbytery in Council meeting dates for 2019

- 20 February,
- 10 April,
- 19 June,
- 21 August,
- 16 October
- 11 December



ALL meetings will be held at Noble Park Uniting Church, jct of Joy Parade and Allan Street and will commence at 7.30pm.

All ministers and presbytery reps are asked to attend regularly. Thank you.

To see who represents Port Phillip East Presbytery on the current Standing Committee visit:
<http://www.ucappeg.org/about-ppeg/key-people/>

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



The Port Phillip East Presbytery website is an exciting additional resource tool for communication across our churches, agencies, schools and communities. We welcome submissions to the website, Newsbeat and Facebook, but should advise that photographs may be used across all, unless instructed otherwise when submitted.

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