

NEWSBEAT



JULY 2019

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST



Has the hungry hippo returned at Sandringham UC? Wallow awhile on page 6 to find out.

Wrap your arms around Mother Earth with



new climate change calls to action across page 6

Vibrant service of welcome lights the way



Pictured above, L-R: Rev Andrew Boyle, Chair of Port Phillip East Presbytery (PPEP), Rev Duncan Macleod, PM Team Leader, Rev Anneke Oppewal, PM Pastoral Care, Dr Craig Mitchell, PM Church Development, Ian Firth, PPEP Secretary, Rev Cameron McAdam, Deputy Chair of PPE Presbytery

gathered. Guests represented dozens of churches, and attendees came along from UCA schools and Uniting agencies. There were even friends from interstate and neighbouring presbyteries who were keen to share and marvel at this exclusive and important event.

The band from Murrumbeena UC sparked the atmosphere with great accompaniments and voices for the worship singing, before Presbytery Chair Rev Andrew Boyle led the service and prayers. The reading *Mark 8: 27-30* was read in Indonesian by Ayub Yahya before Deputy Chair Rev Cameron McAdam preached on Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 - symbolic as a watershed event in the life of Jesus Christ - and also spoke of this pivotal moment of transition, with the arrival of the new PMs, for the church community and the wider life of the Presbytery.

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THEY came from far and wide - across the generations, the church community and from many different lands.

They were there to witness and share in a rare and special event - the Inductions and Welcome of not one, but three, new Presbytery Ministers for Port Phillip East Presbytery.

Nearly 100 people made the journey to St Colomba's, Noble Park Uniting Church on Wednesday, July 17 on what turned out to be a poignant, magical and spiritual evening. Reunions went on from the first moment as the congregation



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



A night to remember

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Andrew, as PPEP chair, conducted the inductions and welcome of the new PMs and a number of attendant ministers presented the three with Symbols of Ministry. Anneke Oppewal then led us into communion with meaningful words on the importance of including the sacraments in their welcoming service. Dotted throughout the evening were video clips of the three PMs on their backgrounds, thoughts and hopes plus visual images from across the life of the Uniting Church; interspersed with rousing hymns and spirit-stirring prayers. Some presbytery business was carried out, when mission grant applicants each spoke for two minutes to their applications. To complete the service lei's were presented to all three PMs before the ministers procession and a line-up for all guests to meet the newcomers. A feast of a supper completed the night. It was a very special evening that made a big impact on all who attended. A fantastic and hope-filled start to the new PMs ministry.

by Helen Beeby

Ministers
and
scholars
shared gifts



Communion
connects us from
the first to the now



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Eseta Waqabaca-

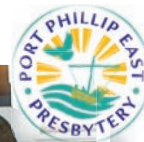
Meneilly made and placed on each of the Presbytery Minister team members, pictured above, the 'garlands' which is a Pacific island custom of 'welcome' to the new guest of honour or visitor. In this case 'welcoming' the new Ministry team.

In Fijian language the garland is called a salusalu, other Pacific languages use the generic term lei. Usually these are made of traditional design and local flowers with beautiful colour and perfume. In this case Eseta used a variety of colourfully wrapped sweets.

by Rev Chris Meneilly

For the full album of photographs taken on the night click on: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/182149587@N07/X93g78>

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Photos by Helen Beeby &
Swee-ann Koh



Further to you taking a photo of Duncan Greensmith and me last night, pictured above, here is a little bit of trivia: When the UCA started and Nepean Presbytery elected their office bearers, the Chair was Mr Duncan Greensmith (the first lay chair of a Presbytery). The Secretary was Rev Bill Morgan. Duncan, aged 96, was present last night and if Bill, aged 104 had been able to make it they would have represented a sterling opening double century partnership. And I didn't realise until later, I was the last secretary of Nepean Presbytery and the first of Port Phillip East. Bill also married new PM Rev Duncan Macleod and Yvonne – a few years ago! A comment I heard last night (and agree with) was that there was a really nice vibe about the place.

Blessings, Faye Sanderson



*Friends
reunite,
words to
reflect
on and
visions
and
hopes
for future
funding.*



A recording of the whole Induction service is available on the NBUC website <http://northbalwynunitingchurch.org.au> (via the Dutch site 'kerkdienstgemist').

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THE Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) is a multi-faith organisation that campaigns for action on Climate Change, *writes Rev Cameron McAdam of Village Church, Mt Eliza*. They are currently running an open letter campaign, writing to the PM and encouraging the new government to moral action on climate change. They are asking Christians, particularly leaders to sign the letter and post pictures of themselves and post to social media, using a hashtag to get some momentum.

Be part of our social media campaign. This is a major chance to make a difference on the climate crisis. Here is what you need you to do:

1. Get someone to take a photo of you. A head-and-shoulders shot; a simple photo using a phone. We'd like as many faith leaders and possible to take this photo and send it to us immediately.
2. Dress for the photo in formal religious attire - or wearing something that makes it clear that you are a person of faith.
3. For the photo, print one of the signs found at www.ucappep.org.au/events and hold it up for the camera. Please just choose the one that suits you the best and print it.
4. Post the photo on Facebook (and crucially also on Twitter, if you're on that, as journalists will see it there) along with a short statement about why you've signed the letter to the Prime Minister.
5. Include the hashtag #NoFaithInCoal in your post.



Looking after Mother Earth



We want to get this hashtag trending. Journalists will be able to search by the hashtag so if a lot of people use it they will see that there is momentum.

6. Include a link to the letter online.

This is live at https://www.arrcc.org.au/no_faith_in_coal

Please include this link in your post so that people know where to go to see the letter.

7. Also, please email me a copy of your photo I will then post it on ARRCC's Facebook page and Twitter feed. My email address is tejopala@arrcc.org.au Many thanks, Tejopala Rawls, Community Organiser, +61 498 475 056, www.arrcc.org.au

Cadence Concert & new CD launch

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High Street Uniting Church, Frankston on
Saturday, August 10, 2-3pm
In aid of the JBKS Woman & Child Health
Clinics Project, North India



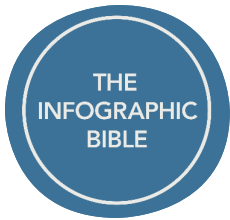
"Cadence" is a five piece vocal and instrumental music group. Their material is selected from a wide range of styles, the sound is very much based around the vocal harmonies, presented in a "folk" style, and including many a cappella items.

Entry only \$15 (Conc. \$10) which includes afternoon tea.
Proceeds to JBKS. *Time Sweetened Sounds* CDs available for purchase on day.

Tickets/RSVP bronwen.alan@bigpond.com - 0434 412104
Visit www.womanandchildhealth.org to learn more about the JBKS

Taking action on Climate Change

A delegation from local community groups is being formed to meet jointly with Bayside's Federal member Tim Wilson MP on 16 July to advocate strongly for adequate climate change action. The hope is to demonstrate the breadth of concern in our community on this matter. The organisers are looking to get 'local' representation from various community sectors including environmental groups, religious communities, emergency services and health providers. Consequently, representatives from the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, local Uniting Church Leaders or other community leaders that are passionate about the climate emergency are invited to participate by either attending the meeting or providing a supporting letter. Further information is available from Bayside Climate Change Action Group member Sarah Lawson on 0432 815 300 or slawgy4@gmail.com



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HOW cool is this...! The Infographic Bible's aim is to create a visual image, and then support that

graphic with text that can be understood by anyone who picks up the book. Each of the designs started with producing data from experts' knowledge and information, then analysed and wire framed before the creative process even began. Achieved over a period of five years hard work by the author Karen Sawrey. <https://www.theinfographicbible.com/>

Bulldog spirit to prevent homelessness

The Best of British

Piano & Song

Saturday 27 July

2pm & 8pm

High Street Road Uniting Church
482 High Street Road Mt Waverley

<https://www.trybooking.com/BCSMS>

Enquiries: 9569 9178 Sponsor: **BerniesMusicLand!**

There is to be a series of special concerts featuring talented singers and musicians playing a grand piano at High Street Road UC on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 of July. On Saturday at 2pm repeated at 8pm the Theme is "The best of British". Booking can be made at www.trybooking.com/BCSMS. The following day, Sunday at 2pm, the program Theremin and Three B's will feature Piano, Theremin with the Sinusoids. Bookings can be made at www.trybooking.com/BCSNI. Cost \$25 each. These concerts will support [Uniting Homelessness Services](#) activities to inspire and build skills for young people leaving care to prevent them from falling into homelessness.

Theremin & Three B's

Piano & Theremin with the Sinusoids

Sunday 28 July

2pm

High Street Road Uniting Church
482 High Street Road Mt Waverley

<https://www.trybooking.com/BCSNI>

Enquiries: 9569 9178 Sponsor: **BerniesMusicLand!**

Ten nights on John - live or online

Explore the Gospel of John with this series of 10 creative and dynamic workshops. Hosted by Murrumbeena UC, in conjunction with eLM, each workshop is offered by a different presenter across a range of topics. Suitable for worship leaders, Lay Preachers, Pastors, Ministers, and anyone generally interested in exploring the Gospel of John.

Each night will run from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Come early at 6:30pm to share a meal and connect – bring your own dinner or bring some cash to buy dinner at the church.

Murrumbeena UC has plenty of parking and is close to public transport.

Live a long way away? Pay half price and connect in electronically – live or watch later.

Register for all sessions or the ones you are interested in. Come to all 10 or bundle of 5 together for a discount.

Where: Murrumbeena Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena

When: From 25 July to 24 October 2019

Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm; come from 6:30pm to share a meal and chat/connect



John Leadership Training

Explore the Gospel of John with this series of creative and dynamic workshops

Learn, connect, and eat!

Based at Murrumbeena UC, this series of workshops will run on Thursday nights from 7:30-9:30pm. Come from 6:30pm and share a meal and a chat before learning begins.

- 10 workshops from late July to October 2019 – \$20/workshop, 5 for \$80. Come to all 10 for \$150!
- Affordable and interactive workshops offered by a variety of presenters.
- Half-price options include connecting remotely through live-streaming or watching the recording later.

Contact details

Ann Byrne
Centre for Theology and Ministry
29 College Crescent Parkville VIC 3052

For any questions contact Ann Byrne on
(03) 9340 8815 or email: ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au

For more information and to enrol, visit <https://victas.uca.org.au/events/>

A learning partnership between eLM (Lay Leadership Development) and Murrumbeena Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena.



Off with its head... for now

The Artist and the Activist: Galvanising Grief, Growing in Action

Scientists warn the rate of extinction of species is rapidly increasing due to the changing climate and habitat loss. Many Christians are deeply concerned about the state of the planet. 'The Artist and the Activist, Galvanising Grief, Growing in Action' offers creative responses through a diverse range of art forms. We will express hope and commitment to act as wise stewards of Creation, living simply and sustainably as we care for Earth. Our first opportunity will be to engage in Slow Stitching:

Slow Stitching with Forage, by Lisa Mattock

You are invited to a workshop on Tuesday 9 July at the SWell Centre, 2 Minona Street, Hawthorn. With simple embroidery stitches inspired by Japanese boro (a simple mending stitch) we will use repurposed fabrics to upcycle and engage the "mending" metaphor. This will appeal to the textile artists among you, but everyone can achieve a satisfying result. Lisa is a fantastic tutor, and provides a starter kit with all you need to get started. Cost is \$95 for the day (inc. starter kit). Vegetarian soup for lunch and morning tea provided (GF catered for). Bookings are open at <https://www.trybooking.com/BDOSI> or call Christina Rowntree, 9340 8813 to register.

now

DON'T be afraid! Its not that cake-eating hippopotamus devouring chunks out of Sandringham UCA tower!

The builders are getting on well with the tower

repairs including the re-installation of the bell commemorating the life of Sgt. J. Roberts who died in World War II. Listen out on Sunday mornings in the second half of July, you will hear Malcolm ringing the bell before worship.

by Rev Christine MacDowall



... for family and friends

Blessed are You, loving Father,
For all your gifts to us.

Blessed are You for giving us family and friends

To be with us in times of joy and sorrow,
To help us in days of need,
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration..

Father,
We praise You for Your Son Jesus,
Who knew the happiness of family and friends,
And in the love of Your Holy Spirit.
Blessed are you for ever and ever.

Amen.



All smiles at St Martins for aged care forums

by Nick Toovey

BEAUMARIS Uniting Church - St Martins, has hosted two forums dealing with aged care; the first dealing with Residential Aged Care and the other about Inhome Aged Care. Kiri Johnston from Uniting Aged Care delivered an excellent presentation last October on residential aged care, explaining the ins and outs of the "My Aged Care" government website. In April we also hosted a forum on In Home Aged Care with excellent presentations from Nathaniel Levitt and Nina Attree, Relationship Managers with Prestige Inhome Care. Both forums were informative and helped those who attended to see a little more clearly through the maze of Aged Care. More forums are planned for later in the year on mental and physical health for those entering their senior years.



Caring for little ones too

IT seemed a no brainer to get in touch with the local primary school situated no more than one hundred metres over the back fence from Beaumaris Uniting Church. So it was that early this term a few of us took up the opportunity to do some volunteer reading with the grade one children at Beaumaris Primary school. All we needed was our WWCC and half an hour on a Thursday morning. The rest is history. We volunteers love it, the students look forward to us honorary grandparents coming and the teacher loves seeing us 60+ year olds connecting with her six year olds!

Reaping it in the family

OFFERED in Parkville for the FIRST time, is a University of Divinity intensive unit (July 11-13, 15-17) which is an excellent professional development opportunity for ministers, pastors, chaplains and those employed or deeply engaged in ministry with children and their families. Addressing theology, spirituality and sociology of the child in relation to family, church, faith, culture, technology, history, discipleship, pastoral care, safe practice and leadership with families. For more details e-mail chris.barnett@ctm.uca.edu.au

Pulling it all together at The Good Summit

TAKING place at Pilgrim College, located in the grounds of Melbourne University, we will bring you a space for dialogue that motivates those who feel disengaged and disenchanted with how the world works; offering a platform for solidarity, with new ideas and empowerment.

From global corporate syndicates to local government, NGOs, charities, SMEs, NFPs, social entrepreneurs and social activists. The Good Summit is an event that inspires and fuels the small movements already taking place around the globe and cultivate the ground where change is already taking place.



Australia 2019
thegoodsummit.com

The Good Summit celebrates the Art of Possible by inviting connections and nurturing networks that motivate us toward a better shared today. Our areas of conversation and sharing will be around Technology, Leadership, Community, Politics, Work, Health, Mental Health, Social Enterprise, Climate and Arts - all for Good. the event provides a time for sharing and learning, striving and trying.



Pilgrim College,
29 College Crescent Parkville

18th July 2019. 9.30am to 5.30pm.
Evening program 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

Contact Jay for more: 0410 465 836, jay@robinsonfamily.id.au

HAMPTON UCA farewelled their minister for the past seven years, Rev Tim Angus, at a retirement luncheon held on June 30 following his final service. Rev Anneke

Oppewal (PM Pastoral) represented the Presbytery at the cutting of the pastoral ties as part of that service. Tim commenced his time at Hampton in November

2013. Prior to that he had been the Presbytery Minister for Pastoral Care in the Presbytery of Gippsland since 2007. Tim had been Parish Minister at Sale, Bendigo/Axedale and Healesville since moving from New Zealand in 1988. He has also been a Prison Chaplain at Bendigo. After utilising Long Service Leave, Tim plans to retire to Axedale to continue projects around the home he and Frances have built over the



past six years. Hamptonians have come to appreciate

Tim's love of music, introducing many new songs and hymns, quite often with a New Zealand author or flavour! Tim's enthusiasm for singing was catchy and appreciated. Under Tim's guidance, Hampton's Dayspring program sprouted a popular offshoot – a Readings and Conversation group – where many participants

enjoyed discussions and the occasional film. A dedicated pastoral worker, his visits were greatly appreciated. Six months ago Tim responded to a Presbytery need for some Pastoral Care Supply, as all three of our Presbytery Minister placements were vacant. During his time with Hampton Tim also continued connections with the wider church - UCA's camping programs and helping ministerial candidates in periods of discernment. These various lists and achievements don't do justice to the quiet dedication, faithful service and deep reflection that have been the hallmarks of Tim's ministry with Hampton and the wider church. The Presbytery joins with Hampton in wishing Tim and Frances well in his retirement.

Presbytery in Council meeting dates for 2019

- **17 July (special meeting)**
- **21 August,**
- **16 October**
- **11 December**



ALL meetings will be held at Noble Park Uniting Church, jct of Joy Parade and Allan Street commencing at 7.30pm. All ministers and presbytery reps are asked to attend regularly. Thank you.



Samuel Wells is a preacher, writer and theologian. He has served as Church of England parish priest in England for over 20 years, often in places of social disadvantage. Dr Wells spent seven years as Dean of Duke University Chapel in the US. He is currently priest at St Martin-in-the Fields, London, and visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King's College London. He has published 33 books, including academic studies and textbooks in Christian ethics, explorations of social mission, liturgy and faith, and four collections of sermons. His most recent book is *Walk Humbly* (2019).

THREE EVENTS: pick and choose or come to all

1 Thursday 8 August, 7.30pm

Northey Lecture: Citizens of Heaven: Identity, Inclusion and the Church.

Where: Brunswick Uniting Church, 214 Sydney Rd, Brunswick (public car park on Edwards St just off Sydney Rd).

This lecture will be livestreamed and recorded. Light refreshments available.

Cost: Free. Please register for seating and catering purposes.

2 Friday 9 August 9.30am-12.30pm

Preaching in a diverse culture: a morning for preachers and worship leaders

Where: Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville

Cost: \$10, includes morning tea.



3 Saturday 10 August 10am-4pm

Reclaiming the Missional Heart of the Church

At the heart of the Church lies a call to mission, to engage with the world. Dr Wells affirms the world as part of the kingdom, the sphere of the Spirit's work beyond the Church. With the introduction of the welfare state, the Church retreated from social engagement and "by concentrating on personal faith and spirituality, the churches denied themselves the lifeblood that social engagement had long given them" (*For Good: The Church and the Future of Welfare*).

Where: Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville

Cost: \$80 per person, or \$160 for a team of 3 from your congregation, includes lunch morning and afternoon tea.



SPECIAL PRESBYTERY MEETING – WEDNESDAY JULY 17TH



Presbytery Standing Committee has agreed to call a special Presbytery meeting on **Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm** to advance the work of Cultivating a New Future. We are currently in Stage 3 of the four-stage process and there are important questions we need to discuss and decisions to make. This meeting is being called so that all members can be dynamically engaged as we advance this work. During Stage 4 we will address three of the four priorities identified in Stage 1: Leadership structures of the presbytery and working in dynamic and effective ways. The launch of some cutting-edge, missional pilot programs, in identified congregations, to learn and build congregational and ministerial capacity. A review of the resources across the presbytery and how we may deal with these in effective and pastoral ways.

These are important issues as we embrace a challenging future and we hope you will be able to participate in our deliberations on the 17th July. **by Rev Andrew Boyle,**

Chair of the Presbytery

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