

NEWSBEAT



NEWSLETTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST

OCTOBER 2019



Tim shares his vision through Peninsula Voice. Turn to page 4 to find out how to book your ticket to this flagship evening.

Welcoming Joy. Presbytery meeting enlightens and inspires. Full story in pictures and words on pages 7 & 8.



Platinum moment for Ken and Marjorie

REV Anneke Oppewal led worship in Noble Park recently, on a day which also celebrated the momentous occasion of the 70th wedding anniversary of two of its members.

Anneke, Presbytery Minister - Pastoral, says: "It was a lovely group of people gathering together to sing, pray, reflect and celebrate together.

"Webster the preacher duck made an appearance, bringing smiles and chuckles, and the 70th anniversary, with cake, at morning tea sent everyone home feeling nourished and happy."



POP UP Study

WHO IS GOD CALLING THE CHURCH TO BE IN 21ST CENTURY AUSTRALIA?

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OCT 2019

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SPEAKER: DR CRAIG MITCHELL, PRESBYTERY MINISTER MISSION DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST

CRAIG IS A SKILLED PRESENTER WHO HAS WORKED AT ASSEMBLY, SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY LEVELS IN MISSION DEVELOPMENT AND FAITH FORMATION FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE HAS RECENTLY CONDUCTED A NATIONAL STUDY OF CONGREGATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

THIS WILL BE AN INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION

Glen Waverley Uniting Church
corner Bogong Ave & Kingsway

guc.org.au
p. 9560 3580



Ruby service and Moderator rescue at Mt Martha

Mt Martha Church also marked its ruby anniversary in September and the church was full with current members, former members and former ministers who all came together to celebrate 40 years since the establishment of the congregation.

The service, on Sunday September 22, the was led by our minister, Rev Paulo Kwajakwan, and a former minister, Rev Swee Ann Koh preached. Other former ministers in attendance were Rev Dr Paul Chalson and Rev Bob Faser, *pictured overleaf*.

Also present was Rev Ian Johnstone, who was a minister in the then Mornington Parish. Ian will always be remembered at Mt Martha as the creator of our stunning glass cross,



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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."



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Rev Swee Ann Koh said: "On Friday Rev Paulo Kwajakwan called and invited me to preach at Mt Martha Uniting Church because the Moderator, who is supposed to preach, is unwell. Initially I hesitated but agreed at the end. My main text was John 15:1-8. It was good to join the 40th Anniversary celebration of Mt Martha Uniting Church. It brought back so many happy memories.



Paulo and his wife, Assunta, planted a tree to commemorate the occasion after which we all went to the church hall to share morning tea and memories.

Words by Ian Firth. Photos by Revs Swee Ann Koh and Paul Chalson

It was a great occasion.

Philip's farewell service before Great Ocean Road retirement

FOUNDING member of The Side Door Social Justice Hub, Rev Philip Liebelt - who has been so active and instrumental in bringing social justice issues to the fore in the presbytery, such as the one below - is retiring from ministry next month. His final service at St John's, Elsternwick is on November 3rd. He says:

"As it is my retirement not just end of placement, and to involve people from other churches and no church, I am having a Retirement Afternoon Tea on

November 10th at 2.30pm."

St John's Uniting Church & The Side Door Social Justice Hub
Annual Social Justice Lunch
MAKING AN IMPACT ON FAMILY VIOLENCE
Sunday 13 October
 12pm for 12.30pm start
 RSVP by Oct 6



Kathy Kaplan OAM
 CEO/Founder of IMPACT

IMPACT is a completely volunteer driven and led charity supporting women & children in crisis - specifically those living in crisis accommodation as a result of fleeing from extreme family violence.



Two course meal with tea/coffee/soft drinks (BYO wine)
 Bring a new toiletry item to go into an IMPACT 'Bag of Love'

567 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick
TICKETS: \$25 - all proceeds go to IMPACT
INFO: stjohns.elsternwick@ucapnep.net
BOOK: www.trybooking.com/BFAVE
 or leave your details at 9528 4859



Ruby service and Moderator rescue at Mt Martha



Berlin settles in

DANDENONG Regional Uniting Church is excited about the arrival of the Rev Berlin Guerrero to take up full time placement at Dandenong commencing at the beginning of November 2019 (which is only 4 weeks away). Berlin, his wife Melinda and family have already commenced moving items into the manse in readiness for taking up residence later in October. The



induction service for Berlin will take place at Dandenong Regional Uniting

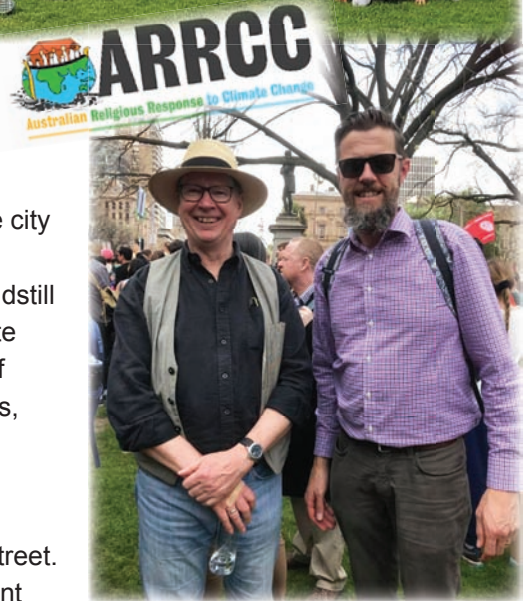
Church on Sunday, 27th October at 3pm, followed by afternoon tea. We extend a warm invitation to members of presbytery and congregations across the presbytery to join us on this day and to be a part of this special occasion. With God's help and guidance, we look forward to great things happening in and around Dandenong over the next few years.

People power to protect our planet



DRUM beats, chanting and singing echoed across the CBD - and the world - on September 20, as tens of thousands of Victorian school children and adults descended on the city to demand action on climate change. They brought part of the city to a standstill on for the third School Strike 4 Climate protest - this time joined by throngs of office workers, public servants, tradies, mothers and babies, politicians - and church members.

Event organisers say 100,000 people filled Treasury Gardens and Spring Street. The School Strike 4 Climate movement is demanding three things from governments: no new coal, oil and gas projects, 100 per cent renewable energy generation and exports by 2030, and funding for the transition and creation of jobs for all fossil fuel workers and communities. Presbytery Chair and Deputy Chair, Cam and Andrew, *pictured above*, also took to the streets to join the thousands in Melbourne protesting for climate justice.



With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams
'It is still a beautiful world...'



nature : creation : hope

Series of four weekly services:

- 13 October God in nature; nature of God
- 20 October Our bubble; creation and care
- 27 October One in 9; our hope for planet#3
- 3 November Co-creators; making, marking, moving

PLUS: Public Meeting 16 October - Prof. David Karoly, CSIRO, 'Science of Climate & Change'

www.stleonards.org.au

Camps Farthest Out Melbourne
Invites you to the 2019
CFO
Meditation and Healing Retreat
Pallotti College, Millgrove
31st October to 3rd November 2019
6pm Thursday to 3pm Sunday

*I am the Lord
who
heals you*
Exodus 15: 26

Wholeness
Unlimited

Guest Speaker
Rev. Frank Rigg

Early Bird Registration by 4th October

Single \$325, Couple \$600

Registration 5th to 17th October: Single \$345, Couple \$620

Registrations close 17th October

Enquiries: Fran Bainbridge 0409 941 566

franbain95@gmail.com

Brochure and email registration available

Contact Registrar

Harry Box

Mobile: 0466 244 423 – Email: harryb01@optusnet.com.au

Couple \$580.00
Single \$600.00

Chorus of approval from the community as panto proves to be a magic carpet for Village Church

The Village Church, Mt Eliza, was proud to support and produce a community pantomime, Aladdin, in the September school holidays.

Part of the Village Church's vision is to build community both within and beyond the church, and given the cultural makeup of the community, and so many young families present, a pantomime was a fun way to do just this. It was great for the church to be at the centre of such fun, and to the cast, crew and audience we could present the church with integrity and joy. It also provided an opportunity to share information about the church community playgroup ministry, and proceeds went to this work.

Aladdin was a traditional pantomime and was held in Mt Eliza Community Hall in the heart of the village. The show included songs, slapstick, plenty of jokes, dance, and of course lots of

audience participation. Planning began about 18 months ago, and a cast and crew was drawn from the church and wider community. The sets and costumes were bright and fun. Audiences clearly loved the show,



by
Rev Cameron McAdam

with lots of booing and hissing of the villain, calling out 'Oh no it's not!' and 'It's behind you!', laughing and joining in singing. Children sat on the edge of their seat.

There is lots of energy to do another production next year, and if you have theatre experience and would like to be

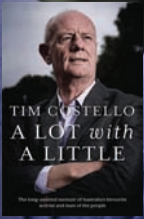
involved, please let the Village Church community know.





**Tuesday
15 October
2019**

An evening with
TIM COSTELLO



Tim Costello is one of Australia's leading voices on social justice and global poverty, and has been instrumental in ensuring these issues are placed on the national and international agenda.

His new memoir is more than a simple life story, it is a book about individual and community, public and private, spiritual and material, equality and liberty – and, most of all, about faith and its power to sustain in the face of the world's big issues. Challenging and thought provoking no matter what your beliefs.

Join us to hear Tim in conversation about the people and experiences that have shaped him into a socially active fighter for the world's most challenging issues.

Supper will be provided after the presentation.

Books will be available for purchase and signing on the night.




6.45pm arrival for a 7pm start

St Macartan's Parish Primary School
97 Bungower Rd
Morningson

Tickets \$5.00
Ticket proceeds divided between Peninsula Voice, who will use the funds to offset the costs of community events, and World Vision Australia

Book online at:
www.trybooking.com/BECTG
Or visit Farrells Bookshop:
143 Main Street Morningson
5975 5034

All enquires to Farrells Bookshop
on 5975 5034 or events@farrells.com.au



Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Kingsway and Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley



Grand Fete

大型淘宝日

Saturday 19 October 8:30am - 2:00pm

Collectables, Toys,
Asian Food, Drinks,
Pick a \$2 Box,
Pre-loved Clothes,
Pre-loved Books

Trash and Treasure,
Face Painting, Plants,
Hamburgers,
Sausage Sizzle,
Fresh Fairy Floss



Silent Auction with an amazing range of goods, Jazz Band

Craft, Devonshire Teas, Jams, Jewellery, Animal Farm, Cakes

The Uniting Churches of Mt Waverley/ Chadstone is presenting a Forum about End of Life issues at High Street Road on Wednesday October 16th at 7.30 pm. I thought you might like to know our last Dementia Workshop in mid-September went well. Diana Cerini was most inspiring. We had three from the Village Church, Mt Eliza this time.

Regards, Margery Kennet



Sonder goes beyonder

As September comes to an end we also say goodbye to Sonder Brighton.. but there is no sadness with this goodbye as we are KEEN to welcome in... SONDER BAYSIDE



PUBLIC FORUM & Q&A

Wednesday
16TH October 2019
at 7.30pm

END OF LIFE, PALLIATIVE CARE and THE VICTORIAN ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION

High Street Road Uniting Church
482 High Street Road, Mount Waverley 3149
(Cnr Stewart Street)
Enquiries: 9807 5078 or 0418 390 119

- The Ethics
- Palliative Care Explained
- Pastoral & Spiritual Care at Life's End.

Panel:

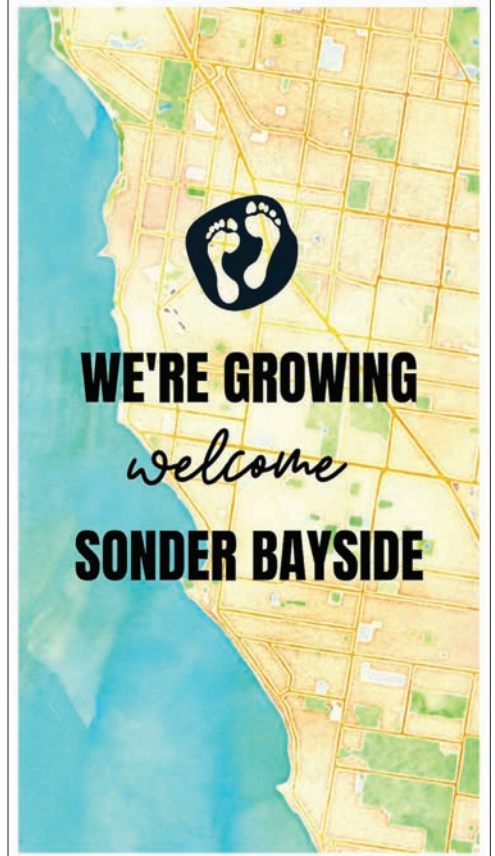
Prof. Paul Komesaroff: Practising physician and Professor of Medicine at Monash University. Director of the Centre for Ethics in Medicine and Society.

Prof. Jenny Philip: Chair of Palliative Medicine, the University of Melbourne.

Ms Winsome Thomas: Psychologist, Author and Educator.

*Let life be as beautiful
as summer flowers
And death as beautiful
as autumn leaves
- Rabindranath Tagore*

This region is epic
• it INCLUDES Brighton.. but also Hampton, Sandringham, Mentone and all those surrounding this area. We will continue with a Young Adults gathered community, but watch this space for Sonder Youth and Worship together. Welcome #sonderbayside Let's continue to unite together, and uplift all our home churches wherever we gather! #jesus #sondercollective



Producing the goods

Heatheron-Dingley Uniting Church is holding another of its famous Craft & Home Produce Markets on Saturday, October 12, 10am-1.30pm.

Offering the best of local arts and crafts, jams, preserves, flowers and plants, fresh morning tea/ coffee, sausage sizzle and children's activities. Stock up for Christmas and get some gifts made with love. Church location is the corner of Kingston & Old Dandenong Roads, Heatheron. For info call 0401 392772

Prayer

Lord our God, our Father in heaven, we come to you as your children. Bless us, we pray. Bless us especially in days when fear tries to take hold of us. Let your help come to us as you have promised, through Jesus Christ, who came to redeem the whole world. Bless us through your Word. Renew us again and again to stand firm and true to you, for you are our help for redemption and reconciliation through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Still time to attend...



Soul Day - for Ministry Agents

Tuesday, October 29, 9.30am - 3pm
@ Hampton Uniting Church.
Food, stories and practices to
nurture the soul.
Contact Rev Anneke Oppewal,
PM Pastoral on 9558 4710 or
pm-pastoral@ucappeg.org
for details and registration.



Connecting Communities

**Tackling the Loneliness epidemic
on the Peninsula.**

**25% of Australians report feeling
lonely each week.**

This forum is aimed at highlighting the issue of loneliness and isolation and providing real life community-based responses.

**Thursday 31 October 2019,
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.**
Supper served at 8.45pm

**Peninsula Community Theatre,
Wilson's Rd, Mornington**

This is a free community event.

To ensure sufficient catering please book your free ticket via link to www.trybooking.com



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Peninsula Voice

Presented by Peninsula Voice and supported by Mornington Peninsula Shire



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PENINSULA VOICE
 Learning • Conversation • Engagement

**Free public forum
All welcome**

THE SPEAKERS:



Dr Michelle Lim
 Chair of the Australian Coalition to End Loneliness Scientific Advisory Committee



Rebecca Lee
 Senior Advisor, Beyond Blue



Tim Costello
 A Leading Voice on Social Justice

Quote

"People have become desperate to reduce everything, including each other, to mindless categories of good and bad, as if the world can be divided into Facebook likes and dislikes."

Victoria Coren Mitchell
of the month

Getting resourceful

IF you're starting to think about Advent and Christmas resources for worship and learning then have a browse around Craig Mitchell's offering below. There's some fabulous videos, drama scripts, songs and even cuisine being dished up on this resource hub. Click on:

<https://tinyurl.com/advent-christmas-2019>



Presbytery meeting in pictures...

September's Presbytery in Council meeting was energising, stimulating and enlightening. There were some great visual moments, too. We've decided to showcase some of these fantastic images on this page - and for the full report on what went on at the meeting, and your chance to access the materials, turn to the page 8.



Clockwise from above: Presbytery Chair

Andrew Boyle
with soon-to-be-ordained
Joy Blamires,
Revs Nigel
Hanscamp,
Duncan
Macleod,
Anneke



Oppewal and Dr
Craig Mitchell
and Gavin
Faichney
discusses
issues
with Rev.
Semisi
Tauali'i



NAVIGATING THE LANDSCAPE
29 - 30 OCTOBER

Australia's social context is changing rapidly, and with it, so is the nature of church and ministry. It is increasingly shaped by great diversity across culture, race, gender, class, education, region, geography, and age. Histories of migration, relationships between settlers and Australia's indigenous peoples, and dynamics of power, privilege, and marginalization bring additional complexity and challenge.

There is an urgent need for the church to respond to this, but how?

Ministry in Australia's diverse contexts now requires leaders with an artist's pallet of tools, experiences, and knowledge. These "artists" are able to engage and foster community within and beyond the walls of

churches, shaped by the biblical vision of Shalom in which each person is able to be fully themselves, have their voices heard, and have their gifts shared.

This workshop seeks to resource intercultural ministry for a variety of ministry leaders nurturing cultural relevance, understanding, and awareness in their communities.

The workshop includes two days of engagement on gospel and culture, biblical reflections, sharing of ministry experiences, panel discussion and group discussion. Participants will need to be open to the actual experience of intercultural ministry, being in community with and learning from expressions of faith and cultures outside their own.

VENUE
Wyselaskie Auditorium, Center for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville VIC 3052

(Parking not available on site, but paid street parking available)

TIME
9:30am - 4:30pm

COST
\$60 for both days or \$40 for 1 day

REGISTER
Please register by 5pm Friday 18 October
www.trybooking.com/BELMS

For more information, contact Dev Anandarajan at Devanandan.Anandarajan@victas.uca.org.au



Growing and learning in community together

THE September Presbytery in Council meeting was widely acknowledged to be the best one for some time.

Craig Mitchell, Presbytery Minister – Church Development, led the opening worship on the theme of Learning as a Presbytery – exploring discipleship.

As we met in the hall at Noble Park we were able to participate in discussion of issues introduced by Craig.

Most of us learnt a couple of new songs as well. Rev Nigel Hanscamp, Director; Priorities, Focus and Advocacy



of the equipping Leadership for Mission unit (eLM) spoke and the PM Team.

about the work of his unit.

Joy Blamires, a candidate for Minister of the Word addressed the gathered audience and subsequently

affirmed that she was ready for ordination subject to meeting certain requirements. And we received reports from the Standing Committee, the Pastoral Relations Committee, the Property Committee

Presbytery in Council meeting dates for 2019

- Saturday, 23 November**
 The next Presbytery in Council meeting will be on Saturday November 23, at Cornish College. Resources will be available to take home. All ministers and presbytery reps are asked to attend regularly. Thank you.

Leading by learning

FUNDAMENTALS OF TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY – PART 2 THE WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry
 The Work of the Congregation (FTM-C) offers you the opportunity to build on your own experience as you develop expertise in the specialised ministry of the Transitional Minister.

FTM-C is the second part of FTM training. FTM-C builds on the work begun in the first class, Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader (FTM-L). You need to have completed FTM-L in order to enrol in FTM-C.

This is a five-day program designed to provide information and experiences that will be helpful to people who plan to function in a congregational leadership role especially during a time of clerical transition or other major transition time.

As the role of an Intentional Interim Minister (IIM) is extremely demanding, to enter this specialist program recommendations from presbytery or synod staff, or appropriate committee chairpersons are essential (see relevant application form and referee's report on back of this page).

Experience of at least two ministry placements is essential. This is a demanding one-week full-time program. The five-day program is followed by a supervised project.

You can enrol in this course and not participate in the assessment/fieldwork, given the content is useful for anyone in ministry.

However, to be an accredited IIM you need to complete the more formal application process, assessment and fieldwork.

WHEN: 7-11 October, 9.30am-5pm
WHERE: Altona Uniting Church, 7 Seves St, Altona
COST: \$500 for metro, \$400 for non-metro. Includes lunches, morning and afternoon tea
REGISTER: www.trybookinglinkhere.com/T2ndmvdw



by Ian Firth

The closing worship was led by Anneke Oppewal, Presbytery Minister – Pastoral.

The resources from the Presbytery meeting Wednesday night, September 18, are now live on the PPEP website, including Craig's handouts, worship resources designed for September 22, the Somers Camp video, and PowerPoint/Keynote visual summaries to share with congregations. See more photos on the PPEP Facebook page. <https://www.ucappep.org/2019-resources>

Get the scoop on Growing Disciples. Craig Mitchell posts a regular roundup of resources, articles and events about formation, education and discipleship across generations. Visit <https://www.scoop.it/topic/fednews>

In case you missed it...

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



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.

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