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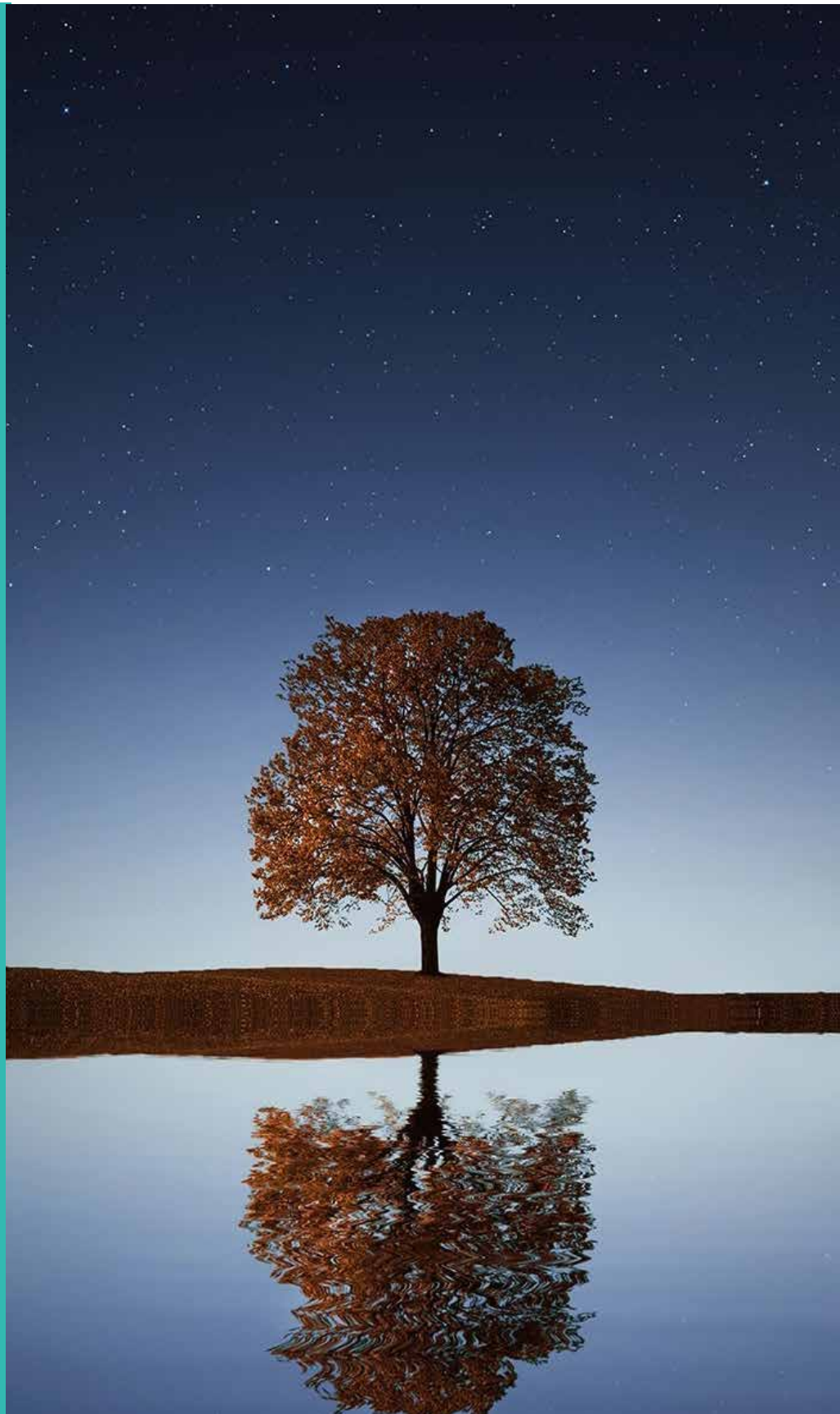
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JUNE 2023 ISSUE



# Port Phillip East Presbytery's WHAT'S HAPPENING

An insight into what congregations,  
schools & members are doing

## SHARING WITH NEIGHBOURS NEAR AND FAR

*Glen Waverley Uniting Church (GWUC) had their Indonesian Festival on 5-7 May*

This weekend festival was a first for GWUC and coincided with a return visit by leaders from our sister church Riedel, GMIM (Christian Evangelical Church of Minahasa) in Tondano, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. It began with a dinner and panel discussion on our theme on the Friday night with Monash City Council Councillor Dr Anjalee de Silva, Mr. Sachin Remson from GWUC and Rev Dr Dan Sompe from Riedel, GMIM. This was followed by the opening of the Asian Art Exhibition which was put together by Dr David Fraser from GWUC with exhibits generously provided by church and community members.

Guests at the Friday night dinner included Cr Dr Anjalee de Silva and Cr Josh Fergus (Monash City Council), Rev Dr Apwee Ting, Rev Anneke Oppewal (Port Phillip East Presbytery), Rev Dan Sompe, Rev Laurine Muntu, Mr. Donald Wagey and Mrs Selvonny Senduk, (GMIM, Riedel congregation) and Rev Steven Rembet and Mr. Frits Muntu (GMIM, Werot), Mr Geovanie Palembang and Mr. Oka Wardhana (Indonesian consulate). Rev Sylvia Akau'ola Tongotongo, eLM's previous Synod Intercultural Communities Development Coordinator, joined others on the panel, while Deputy Mayor, Cr Nicky Luo joins us on Saturday. The weekend was the work of many volunteers, and we thank each and every one of them.

*Written by Sarah Manase and Glyn Howells.*



## LCM EXPLORES GOING BOLDLY INTO THE COMMUNITY

*Three of our congregations Leighmoor, Coatesville and Murrumbeena Uniting Churches (aka LCM) first combined worship service on Sunday 7 May.*

The LCM churches share in worship twice a year and are at a different worship space each time. Our combined service this time was held at Murrumbeena Uniting where some 90 members across the 3 congregations gathered to share communion and to hear what each church is exploring in their local community.

We also had members from all 3 congregations join together to be our band for the day – the music was great!

Our theme for the service was ‘Go Boldly’ as we explored the first chapter of Romans. This theme gave us the opportunity of sharing with each other the different aspects of missional life within the congregations – our current activities as well as those hoped for and dreamed about.

Murrumbeena UC had their recently appointed Community Development Worker (Ann van Leerdam) share some of her hope for the role as she connects with the community and the congregational members.

Coatesville UC spoke of their emergency relief program, aiming to provide a Free Food pantry, their connections with the Food Bank organisation, their fund-raising BBQ and the plan to create a street library.

*Rev Jay Robinson*



LCM members combine together in worship

## NATIONAL TREE DAY

*Come and be a part of the upcoming National Tree Day on Sunday 30 July 2023.*

Do you have a favourite tree? Or perhaps a favourite memory to do with trees?

The PPE Climate Action Network has developed some resources to help congregations celebrate National Tree Day. So take the opportunity to include a link to trees and care for the environment into your worship service. A two page resource document with suggestions and a PowerPoint prayer presentation will be emailed out to all congregations this month. There are also beautiful National Tree Day bookmarks, which will be distributed to congregations by mid July or can be picked up from the PPE Presbytery Office. There are enough bookmarks for every member to have one for themselves and one to give to a friend or family member as a way to start a conversation about trees and faith. Perhaps you would like to follow your service with planting a tree or native plant and invite the community, family and friends to join you in celebrating National Tree Day.

*Rev. Deacon Andrea Mayes*

*If you have questions, please contact Andrea Mayes, Heatherton Dingley UC on [andreamayes@gmail.com](mailto:andreamayes@gmail.com), or call 0408 615 939*



'Tree of Knowledge' at Federation Uni in Ballarat.



# CARING FOR CREATION AT HAMPTON UC



**“to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly with your God”. Micah 6:8**

*Hampton UC organised several events around the theme of Caring for Creation. Members participated in the Global Day of Action for Climate Justice, and Common Grace’s project Knit for Climate Action. We also enjoyed a service led by three Common Grace members: Jane Kelly, Safina Stewart, and Dr Mick Pope.*

## **Global Day of Action**

Grandchildren were encouraged to participate in the Global Day of Action for Climate Justice held at Hampton Uniting Church. For several weeks during the COP 27 deliberations, the windows at the church were visited by the local community as we stated our basis for caring for creation namely (Micah 6:8)

## **Common Grace**

Members of the congregation participated in Common Grace’s project Knit for Climate Action that presented all Federal MPs with a scarf, the pattern on which represented the average global temperatures rising across the past 101 years. Late last year three representatives from Common Grace were invited to lead worship.



Community members attended and a meaningful morning was had by many folk from the community who are passionate about Creation and many of whom use the church buildings

Community members attended and a meaningful morning was by many community folk who are passionate about Creation and who are users of the church buildings. Jane Kelly, the Creation and Climate Justice Coordinator with Common Grace, had recently returned from COP27 as part of a Christian Observers Program, where she continued to lead the Knit for Climate Action Campaign, gifting climate scarves to world leaders, calling for bold action on the climate crisis.



Photo Caption: Safina Stewart, a Wuthithi and Mabuiag Island woman, gave a talk about her art works, inspired by her passion for Creation from a First Nations perspective



In thanking those at Hampton who had contributed 14 scarves to the campaign (amongst the largest contribution from a single congregation), Jane outlined some touching stories on how the scarves had been received.

Caring for Creation can take many forms, and Hampton encourages everyone to take action whenever they can.

Finally, Dr Mick Pope gave an address focussed on the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

*Ian Menzies - Hampton UCA Council Chair*



Safina Stewart, RevAnn Simons, Jane Kelly and Rev Dr Mick Pope from Common Grace with Safina's artwork in background



# HIGH STREET FRANKSTON: OUTREACH OF LOVE

*High Street Frankston UC have a passion for connecting with their community. All the programs they run offer practical help and connection for all those in need in the Frankston Community. A practical outreach of love.*

## FOOD PROGRAMS

As part of our community outreach, and connection to the Frankston Emergency Providers Network, High St Uniting both provides and supports a number of free meal opportunities for the many in need in the Frankston community.

On Wednesdays there is a BBQ lunch, either in our courtyard or in the hall depending on weather. Sausages or burgers in a roll, sometimes roast pork, tea, coffee or cordial, and piece of cake. We get a range of people coming along, some because they are homeless and this is an opportunity for a meal, some because they live alone and value the interaction with others. A loyal band of volunteers from the High St community, and some long-term attendees at the BBQ, keeps this program operating week in, week out.

On Saturdays there is a vegetarian meal offered by one of two groups...Mother's Kitchen (a part of Amrita Australia), and Fresh Start that share alternate weeks and have their own teams of volunteers and welcome any who are in need to either a served meal in the hall or take away.

Both these groups have strong connections to Community Support Frankston and Fresh Start provides meals through their Community Fridge at the Needle Syringe Program site in Frankston

During the week there are a couple of free breakfast opportunities in our local tertiary institutes. On Thursdays there is a Pancake Brekkie at Monash Peninsula coordinated by our College Chaplain – Mandy Lake. And the Frankston Brekkie Club at Frankston Chisholm Institute operates each day and draws volunteers from our church and others in the Frankston area.

## FETE PROGRAMS

High St Frankston runs a fete twice a year, as both a fund raiser and community connection. As well as the usual offerings of cakes, jams, hand crafts, books and trash and treasure, we invite others to 'rent a stand' to share their talents and goods. We had Grandmothers for Refugees, and Voices of Frankston, as well as stalls selling jewellery, cards, and face painting join us for the day And the food truck from the Bayside Community Kitchen supplied coffee and pancakes – a good connection for them and for our food programs.



For this year's Mother's Day Fete, we were blessed with delightful weather and so, good attendance to produce a successful result but also a great day of social interaction.

Rev Ross Pearce



# FROM BABEL TO PENTECOST

*Does speaking in different tongues need to be a problem in St Andrew's Gardiner Uniting Church worship service?*

## *The Tower of Babel*

We just celebrated Pentecost where the good news in Jesus Christ is heard through different languages.

Our very own, Rev. Anneke Oppewal lead worship on Sunday May 21st, one week before Pentecost. I asked how she felt about leading the service, "When I led worship there was a wonderful and seemingly seamless flow between languages in every aspect of the service. Making it inclusive, inspiring and a true post pentecostal experience. Everyone heard the message in their own tongue (Acts 2:8) and was able to express their faith in a way that was comfortable while including others who may have used different words and language to express theirs in the same space. A truly inspiring experience!"

## *Pentecost Sunday*

We celebrated our 38th anniversary. We celebrated God's abundant blessings and the richness of cultural expressions and language. We strive to be intergenerational and intercultural. We understand that language and culture need not be a problem in how we do church. It reflects the reality at many homes. Families would speak in different languages yet are still understood. Yet often, we hold on to our own way of life that is familiar and comfortable.

We often do not really understand culture's deep, below surface assumptions that create uniqueness in values and attitudes.

## *Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

In the previous article about Gardiner, I asked: "With differing cultural assumptions, societal expectations, and the way of being church, how to make both generations feel at home in a church community that is usually categorised as ethnic (or culturally and linguistically diverse)?" Recently, as a church we grappled with what it means to live out the tension between forgiveness and seeking accountability based on the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. We understand that in a just world there is always the hope of healing, reconciliation and transformation. In our Young Adults Ministry, who mostly grew up in Australia, we asked them to brainstorm their process of dealing with conflict and resolution, especially when dealing with people from different generations and culture. As a church, we encourage different generations to reflect on their values and actions, to listen and learn from each other and appreciate the nuances of their own culture and language.

We believe that only in a community that is deeply rooted in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ can deal with tensions arising from deep-seated and historic differences. This is the spirit of Pentecost – abundant blessings of healing, reconciliation and transformation.

*Tracie Mulia*



## A FORMULA FOR JOY

*The Herd Intergenerational Learning Centre (ILC) is the first of its kind in Australia. It is built under the same roof as an aged care facility and caters for 66 children aged from six weeks to four years.*



Resident Heather Easterby with little ShivOm

*“Yesterday this adorable little toddler fished out butterfly wings and a black cap from the dress-up box and gave it to me to put on,” laughs Heather Easterby. “So I started flapping my wings and making butterfly sounds, not that they really make any noise.”*

It’s conversations like this that reflect the magical new energy and joy amongst residents at Uniting AgeWell Andrew Kerr Care Community since the opening of The Herd Intergenerational Learning Centre (ILC) earlier this year.

Already the Mornington centre is bringing great benefits to young and old alike. Residents of the aged care facility, or “Grand-friends” as the children fondly call them, regularly share scheduled activities with the little ones, including art, music and storytelling.

Residents can also visit a special lounge space to watch the children play and everyone enjoys seeing the baby buggy going for a spin around the home bringing sunshine and smiles with them.

Research shows intergenerational care can improve the quality of life of aged care residents, reduce the risk of developing dementia and combat loneliness in older people, while children can also benefit, developing higher levels of empathy and social acceptance.

This is the age-old concept of a village raising a child in action; where young and old learn from each other in a community of love and care that enriches the lives of both. This plays out in both the human and animal world and so the name “The Herd” pays homage to the respect that elephants have for elderly herd members. “Enabling people living in residential care to continue to contribute and engage with their community is extremely important. I am confident The Herd will be seen as an exemplar of how intergenerational centres can improve the quality of life for older and younger generations,” says Uniting AgeWell CEO Andrew Kinnersly.

With investment from Uniting AgeWell, together with a generous grant from the Victorian Government and philanthropic and community donations, what has emerged is a transformational program within a beautiful, purpose-built centre.

The inspirational idea came from sisters, early childhood teachers and Herd co-founders, Fiona and Anna Glumac. The sisters were touched by a documentary on an intergenerational aged care centre in the US and also by the experience of their much adored late grandmother Mary, who they say lost some of her spark when she moved into residential aged care, but who lit up around children.

Now we are seeing purpose and meaning in action. Just look at 98-year-old Heather, who says, “I’m having such fun! I was reading to a little boy and then he pointed to some bubbles, so I started blowing them with him which he loved.” Her eyes grow misty, “And when he put his plump little arms around me and hugged me, well ... my heart just melted.”

Uniting AgeWell staff are also benefiting, enrolling their young children at the centre, thrilled at the convenience and joy of being so close to them.

Cleaning Supervisor Ash McSweeney says her son, Mason enjoys having stories read to him, while Care Manager Sunayana ‘Sunny’ Nepal reports her son ShivOm loves to sit on residents’ laps. “I can already see a huge improvement in his speech since he’s been there.”

**Cathy Withiel**  
*Communications Specialist, Uniting AgeWell*





# DIVINE GUIDANCE: EXPLORING THE LANDSCAPE OF CHAPLAINCY

*Peter Rivett our new appointed Chaplain at Wesley College, Elsternwick provides some insight into his life as a Chaplain.*

**Rev, who created God?**

**Rev, why is a white Christian man leading the reconciliation service, no offense, but weren't you guys the problem in the first place?**

**Rev, look how I can get a finger into each nostril!**

**Rev, I'm living on \$2 a day to get some perspective on poverty and how I take privilege for granted.**

**Rev, can we do something about spirituality and climate change? We are terrified of what the future holds.**

Welcome to Chaplaincy at Wesley College, Elsternwick Campus. I am so grateful for the opportunity to minister in this place, but I also recognize that I hold a tension because of the privilege that is here.

The keynote speaker at one of the first events I attended here was a former Wesley student.

His key message to the year 12s was that fulfillment was to be found when one leveraged privilege into purpose. It was this message that resonated with me as I explore what it means to be called to minister here.

My task in my classroom is to help students develop rich spiritual practices that will underpin their purpose. While almost all of my students are not actively religious there are rich conversations of spirituality. We use Brené Brown's definition of spirituality, from her book, *The Gifts of Imperfection*, to ensure that all people can participate in the conversation.

*"Spirituality is recognizing and celebrating that we are all inextricably connected to each other by a power greater than all of us, and that our connection to that power and to one another is grounded in love and compassion." ~ Brené Brown: The Gifts of Imperfection*

This allows students to approach religious studies from the perspective of wisdom seeking, rather than a polarizing position of belief. For example, our year 9s discussed the Pearl Of Great Price (Matthew 13:45-46). This was approached as Holy Scripture by some, as wisdom teaching by another, as Rabbinic teaching by another and, most importantly, as a way of entering discussions about what in our lives is actually of value.

In this ministry I am invited into caring relationships with staff and students, invited to ask uncomfortable questions of meaning and purpose, to weep with, laugh with and somehow be a place of calm in the frantic speed of school life.



Wesley College, Elsternwick grounds

## UNITING IN PRAYER



Want to take part in prayer?

All member's of the Uniting Church are invited to take part in Uniting in Prayer. It's a national time of prayer taking place between May 28 and June 22, marking the start of Pentecost and the 46th anniversary of the formation of the UCA. It has grown out of the Act2 Project, a process under way to help the UCA discern its future, which will report to the 17th Assembly in July next year.

Uniting in Prayer is 26 days of prayer and connection in the middle of the Act2 Project, which is currently grappling with the ferment and change we are experiencing as the Uniting Church like many other Christian communities around the world. As we seek to discern the outlines of our future life, this is a chance to pause, holding our Church before God and upholding each other in love and prayer.

All who call the Uniting Church home are invited to join together in thanksgiving and hope to pray and seek the leading of the Spirit for the years ahead.

For further details please go to teh ACT2 wesbite [act2uca.com/unitinginprayer](http://act2uca.com/unitinginprayer)



## PREACHFEST IN VIC



PreachFest is a festival focusing on the vocation of preaching. People gather from around Australia to hear from preachers and learn more about the craft.

PreachFest is a 3-day festival, from 1-3 November, held at Wesley Uniting Church in Lonsdale St, Melbourne. Some parts of the event will also be available to stream online.

This year we have a wonderful line-up of speakers, including keynote speakers: Stan Grant and Rabbi Amy-Jill Levine

Stan Grant is Vice Chancellor's Chair of Australian/ Indigenous Belonging at Charles Sturt University. He has worked in journalism for over 30 years and has authored several non-fiction books.

Rabbi Amy-Jill Levine is a professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School, in the areas of New Testament and Jewish Studies. She is also an affiliate professor in the Centre for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, at the Woolf Institute, Cambridge UK. She has published many books in the areas of New Testament and Jewish interconnections, such as *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, and *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, among others. She was the first Jew to teach New Testament at Rome's Pontifical Biblical Institute.

As well as the keynote speakers, guest speakers will include Uniting Church President-Elect Charissa Suli, the hosts of the With All Due Respect podcast, Megan Powell Du Toit and Michael Jensen, together with Sally Douglas, Associate Lecturer and Honorary Research Associate at Pilgrim Theological College

For more information about Preachfest [nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/preachfest-2023](http://nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/preachfest-2023)



## ROBIN YANG IN A NEW PM ROLE



The PPEP team are pleased to welcome Rev Robin Yang as a Supply Presbytery Minister from June 1. With his experience, he will be a great addition. He will be working together with David Higham and the Presbytery Ministry Team. He will remain in this role until it is filled.

If you need to contact our Presbytery Ministers their details are below;

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## A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNICATION TEAM

Thank you for all your stories, events, workshops, testimonies that have been happening around our Presbytery. It is much appreciated.

Please note: When sending photos they need to be individually attached to the email so it can be downloaded easily, the filename is maintained and there is no quality reduction, the pixel-size remains as the original.

## CRAIG COOKS RECEIPE: MUSCAT BRAISED GOAT

Let's get warm and cosy this winter, with one of Craig Mitchell's recipes from his blog *Craig Cook's*. For further details and to follow the recipe please [click here](#).

This warm and hearty dinner is based on a James Kidman recipe from his wonderful book *Renaissance*.

James Kidman's recipe had a shoulder of goat. I had a kilo of goat bits. My recipe is a bit of him and a bit of me.

*You'll need:*

*Goat – you decide how much*

*1.5 to 2 litres chicken stock – heated (recipe said 3 litres for shoulder)*

*1 carrot, diced*

*1/2 leek, diced (recipe says 1)*

*1 medium brown onion, diced*

*2 sticks celery, diced*

*200ml muscat (the recipe said 300ml. I had no muscat so I used 200ml good sherry and 100 ml good tawny port. It really needed muscat. Adjust the overall amount to suit the meat.)*

*50g dried porcini mushrooms (we were out of porcinis! So I used several sliced swiss browns and a tsp of porcini powder)*

*olive oil*



# SYNOD GRANTS 2024 **DIARY DATES**

The Synod Grants Program for 2024 has just been announced. Applications are due shortly for the following:

## 1. Mission or Ministry Program – Innovation and Collaboration

These grants will come from the Mission Reserve Fund established in 2021. The purpose of these grants is “to assist innovative and collaborative projects that creatively address missional and ministry needs arising from congregations and presbyteries.” The focus of these grants is on projects that are regional or for multiple congregation projects rather than for single congregations.

## 2. Ministry or Mission Program – Kilmany Trust Fund, WJ Craig Memorial Trust, Harold Hughes Estate

These three funds are, broadly speaking, to assist children, youth or families who are disadvantaged, in necessitous circumstances, or have medical or high care needs. The purpose of these grants is “to assist UCA entities who are seeking funding to support mission programs and ministries and are unable to fully fund the program from their own resources.”

## 3. Capital Works Program

The purpose of these grants is “to assist UCA entities who are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of buildings on UCA property and are unable to fully pay for the proposed works including essential maintenance costs or compliance requirements.” Funds include the Early Childhood Building Maintenance Relief Fund and the Capital Works Fund.

## 4. Congregational Debt Relief Fund

The purpose is to assist congregations stressed by debt to reduce this debt to a manageable level.

[Download the Grant forms here.](#)

The presbytery can assist congregations in preparing grant applications, however we are unable to do all of the work for you. Completed proposals need to be submitted to the appropriate presbytery committee which then considers providing an endorsement. Once you have read and understood the grant criteria and application form, you may contact Craig Mitchell, David Higham, or Jeff Gardner to discuss your proposals. Congregations considering Capital Works Programs are also encouraged to contact the PPE Property Committee directly.

### **World Environment Day**

Monday 5 June

[Click here for further details](#)

### **Creative Spiritual Practise – Endeavour Hills UC**

Thursdays from 7-9pm

Hosting Cothumos spiritual art journalling

Details email [cothumos@gmail.com](mailto:cothumos@gmail.com)

### **Uniting in Prayer**

May 28- June 22, 2023

[Click here for further details](#)

### **Presbytery in Council meeting**

Wednesday 21 June, from 7:15pm via zoom

Further details are to come via email

### **Listening to the Voice**

Sunday 25 June, from 2-4pm

Murrumbeena Uniting Church

117 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena

### **Welcoming and Inclusive: Actions for Churches in response to people with disabilities and mental health issues**

Saturday 29 July 2023, 9:15 am – 5 pm

Salvation Army Centre, 1010 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill or Online

Cost: \$40, includes catering.

[Click here for further details.](#)

### **PreachFest**

1-3 November, 2023

[Click here for further details](#)

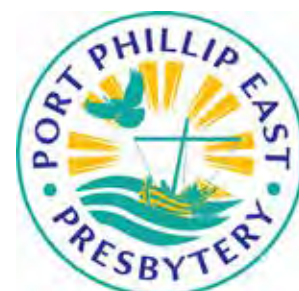
### **Vic/Tas Synod Meeting**

18-21 November, 2023

Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Contact Synod Logistics Coordinator Sarah Manase

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# JOIN SYNOD 2023



Synod 2023 will be held from November 18-21 at Box Hill Town Hall.

The Synod meets about every 18 months to receive reports, discern proposals, and discuss matters that concern the general oversight, direction and life of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

The Synod meeting includes nominated representatives from all eight presbyteries and includes a Tributes Service, which honours ministers who, since the previous Synod meeting, have:

- been ordained, retired or been received from other denominations since the preceding Synod meeting (2021).
- celebrated 50, 60, 65 and 70 years since ordination or commissioning.

The meeting will also be live-streamed and most of the sessions recorded including the Opening Worship on the morning of November 18.

## WHAT IS SYNOD?

These meetings are important in defining who we are as the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania. Synod meetings are sometimes faced with challenging matters and important decisions, such as discerning who will be our next Moderator-elect, and such decisions are best made when we gather together to discern God's direction for our Church, and listen to the varied voices that make up our Synod.

## SPECIAL GUESTS

**Brooke Prentis** - Aboriginal Christian Leader, international speaker, writer, educator, and poet will preach during the Opening Worship.

**Rev Associate Professor Robyn Whitaker** - Senior Lecturer in New Testament, Pilgrim Theological College, will lead the Bible Studies.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

If you would like to be a member and attend, speak to your minister and/or contact Anne Kim for details on how to nominate. Any confirmed member of the UCA can nominate as a Synod member.

## FURTHER DETAILS

Contact Synod Logistics Coordinator Sarah Manase on 9116 1963 or at [sarah.manase@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:sarah.manase@victas.uca.org.au)



## Uniting in Prayer June

*Each week congregations are encouraged to include their neighbours in their prayers. The Presbytery's prayer calendar covers congregations, schools and agencies of the Uniting Church in our Presbytery and Synod. You can check the calendar on the Presbytery website.*

**June 4** St Andrew's Gardiner congregation - Rev Ajub Jahja, Tracie Mulia, Chair Irma Aer

**June 11** Glen Waverley congregation - Rev Neil Peters, Ms Dianne Paterson

**June 18** High St Frankston congregation- Rev Ross Pearce, Ms Mandy Lake, Chair Ross Huggard Somers Camp

**June 22** Synod of Victoria/Tasmania -Rev David Fotheringham (Moderator), Rev Dr Mark Lawrence (General Secretary) Ms Isabel Thomas Dobson (Associate General Secretary), Rev Duncan Macleod (Executive Officer eLM)

**June 25** Hampton Park congregation - Rev Ric Holland, Ms Niki Oostwoud, Chair David Taylor



A prayer giving thanks and praise  
for the work of Jesus Christ

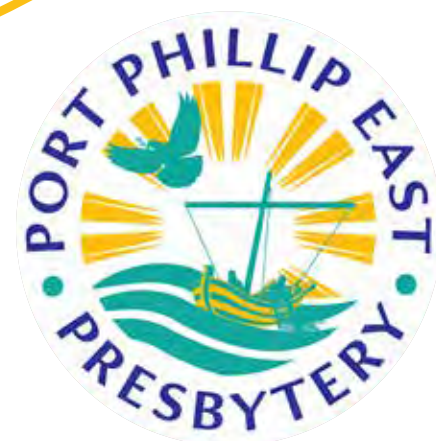
*Gracious God, we  
praise you for all  
that you have  
done through Jesus  
Christ,  
By giving him to  
live and die for us,  
you showed us love  
without limit;  
by raising him from  
the dead,  
you brought us life  
without end.*

*For the assurance and  
hope of faith, and for  
those whom you have  
received into your  
eternal joy,  
we give you thanks and  
praise; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

Prayer supplied by Sarah Manase from  
our Uniting in Worship 2 published by The  
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