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GENEROUS HEARTS IN SEAFORD

Seaford Uniting Church is a friendly and welcoming congregation of mixed ages joining together weekly in fellowship and worship. Just like most Uniting Churches their willingness to help and reach out to other communities is a passion. Lay Minister David Higham shares about two of their projects.

Seaford Uniting Church is a small church diagonally across from the Seaford Railway station. Just over twenty people gather each Sunday morning.

Members of the congregation bring grocery items through the month. On the first Sunday of the month we ask for God's blessing on the gifts before we donate them to Community Support Frankston. They are used to help individuals/families who are finding life tough at the moment. At the beginning of September this year we had collected six boxes of food.

Every couple of months the congregation makes a retiring collection for one of the many charities they support. For the month of September we chose to support Frontier Services.

For further details about this project contact David Higham on 0405435644.

Visit the Seaford UC website
seaford.ucavictas.org.au



REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYERS

Rev Cameron McAdam shares prayers used in a Remembrance Day service at The Village Church Mt Eliza.

Across my ministry I have held an annual Remembrance Sunday, usually between All Saints and November 11th. We invite back all the families we have ministered too through funerals of their loved ones.

The service is meaningful for everyone, for we all miss someone who has been significant in our life and faith journeys. At the conclusion of the prayers, tapers of remembrance are lit as the congregation sings.

These prayers are sourced from various places. The first two stanzas on the right are written by Jan Sutch Pickard, sourced from Ruth Burgess' book, *Saying Goodbye: Resources for funerals, scattering ashes and remembering.*



RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

God of all creation,
who cannot be contained by our boundaries,
by our definitions –
light from beyond the galaxies,
sea without a farther shore -
you are present in every place,
in every moment in history.
You are here and now.

Help us know this day
that those from whom we are separated in death -
by its long silence,
its aching absence –
are each of them in your presence;
that beyond our horizons,
beyond our boundaries,
beyond our understanding,
they are held in your embrace.

Silence

Loving God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are now in your care. Days, months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them.
Our hearts yearn for them.

Though the bitter grief may have softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now.

The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight.

We remember them with gratitude
and bless their names.

We remember...

Silence

This day, and all days we pause to remember God, to remember with thanksgiving and praise those we loved, those who have shared our journey, those who have allowed the message of Jesus to find generous expression in their lives and have sought to make your kingdom visible on earth. For this time of remembrance God and for all your saints, we give you our thanks and praise.

Amen.

For further details contact The Village Church Mt Eliza via their website villagechurch.me

FAITHFUL CRAFT VOLUNTEERS

Rev Robin Yang, supply minister with St David's Parkdale Uniting Church, honours the faithfulness shown within their craft group going strong for over 30 years.

St David's Parkdale Uniting will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2023. During its long and vibrant history, it has had many outreach ministries. One of its longest ministries, that continues to run today, is the craft group.

Going back 30 years, this group of passionate artisans have touched the lives of many both within the congregation and far beyond. Its members have knitted clothes, beanies, blankets, enough stuffed animals to fill an ark, Christmas decorations, bags and an assortment of other creations. They have also frequently catered for small and large groups. Everything they create is sold and all money raised has been given away.

For the past eight years, \$3000 has been donated annually towards cancer research. This is a cause close to the groups heart, as many past members died because of cancer. The group meets every Friday morning at the church.

For further details contact coordinator Margaret Davies on 0413400196, or visit their website parkdaleuniting.com.au



POKIES REFORM ON THE PENINSULA

St Mark's Uniting Church, Mornington, partnered with Alliance For Gambling Reform in a public forum in September 2022. David Price reports.

Rev. Dr Tim Costello is the chief advocate with Alliance for Gambling Reform, a nationwide advocacy group with over 700 members. He shared devastating facts of pokies losses on the Peninsula. Including \$46 million in the past six months of Covid crisis. The Peninsula is second only to Geelong in pokies losses with the Rosebud hotel being the heaviest site of losses in the 17 pokie hotels on the Peninsula.

Rose O'Leary, Policy and Advocacy Officer, introduced a retired policeman of over 30 years' experience who has been trapped in the web of pokie addiction leading to three years in prison. Since his release and rehab he has become a potent spokesman from lived experience.

Mornington Shire Council Mayor, Cr Anthony Marsh, spoke about the Council's existing subcommittee working on this insidious issue.



Tim Costello, Anthony Marsh and Rose O'Leary

There were about 55 people at the forum, which was pretty good for a busy Fathers' day. All in all it was a great Pokies Reform event with a sense of an imminent break-through on stable government policy. The Church was seen in the market place and achieved articles in the Mornington News and David Price was interviewed on local 3MPP FM radio.

Visit the Alliance for Gambling Reform on agr.org.au
David Price



BETHLEHEM IN BRIGHTON

Jen Verwoert from Trinity Uniting Church Brighton shares with us that after two years, the Covenant Churches of Brighton are again hosting Bethlehem in Brighton, sharing the joy of the true Christmas message with the people of Brighton and surrounding suburbs.



This community event has been a staple of the Christmas calendar in this area for over 25 years. Many people have been coming for years, and mark this event as the beginning of their Christmas preparations.

Personally I was touched one year by a mother and daughter who walked past our outdoor event and came back five minutes later. I welcomed them and explained the activities and where to go. I asked the mother if she had attended before. She replied that she was not aware of the event and had only come back because her daughter wanted to know what it was all about .

“Where and what was Bethlehem? What did it have to do with Christmas and Santa Claus and getting presents?”

The mum said she couldn't really answer all her daughter's questions because she wasn't across the other meaning of Christmas, so they came back to check it out.

That's one of many stories that make me and all the other volunteers happy to come back every year and stage Bethlehem in Brighton.

Some of the many activities include a cake stall, childrens craft activities, a sausage sizzle, photos around the manger, storytelling - The Christmas Story and many other interesting ways to pass the time.

See our website: trinitybrighton.org.au

**Bethlehem in Brighton
Saturday 3 December 10am-1pm
at Trinity Uniting Church
15-17 Black Street, Brighton.**



UNITING CHURCH IN DROMANA

Southern Mornington Peninsula UC have two sites, one at Rosebud where they worship, and one at Dromana, their community centre. Judith Roach, Volunteer Manager of SMPUC Op Shop writes about the many activities run in Dromana.

The Dromana Welcome Centre is situated at 305 Pt Nepean Road. We host an Op Shop, Soup and Chatter, a pre-school playgroup and a health clinic. Friday lunchtime is a highlight at this community hub, as Soup and Chatter is available for a gold coin donation. Local people drop in and find companionship in 'breaking bread' with new friends.

Judith who, is sitting at a table with her friends, explains how she enjoys meeting people. "Everyone is very friendly and there is excellent homemade soup and scones with jam and cream."

We moved the Op Shop to this venue recently after trading for over 20 years in Rosebud. A relatively simple renovation in the hall resulted in three spaces for display, no rent to pay, and away from the crowded op shop market dominated by national brands, made it a worthwhile move.

Customers are noting the ever changing quality stock at reasonable prices. An increase in regular clientele during 2022 has helped raise funds to support various groups in Dromana. These include Dromana Community House, Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre.

Hands on Health operates an inexpensive health clinic for the disadvantaged every Wednesday. Osteotherapy students gain practical experience working with clients, and Bowen therapy, Reiki therapy and Nutrition therapy are also available.

A Pre-school Playgroup, operates for a small charge on four mornings a week. The dedicated play space in the former church is extremely well equipped, and our friendly leader provides a stimulating program. In 2022 we have 30 families participating. Parents remark that their children's involvement forges relationships between the mums.

Like other organisations we are still short of volunteers since the Covid lockdowns, but there is a great sense of purpose and bustling activity as we move away from this difficult time.

Visit the church website:

unitingchurchatrosebud.org



LISTENING & DISCOVERING

Tom Spurling, Port Philip East Presbytery Chairperson, continues our series on Listening and Discovering with First Peoples.

My journey of listening and discovery in 2022 has been helped by interacting with two indigenous women from what is now called Tasmania, Dr Emma Lee and Alison Overeem.

I have been attending Aunty Emma's monthly 'yarn up porch'. Dr Emma Lee is a Trawlwulwuy woman from N-E Tasmania and Associate Professor (Indigenous Leadership) at Swinburne University of Technology.

In talking about the acknowledgement of country Aunty Emma pointed out that when we do acknowledge country we are actually talking about the ground that we are occupying with its plants, birds and animals and it is often a good idea to notice these things and mention them in our acknowledgement.

She has also reminded me that the website 'Trove' trove.nla.gov.au with its great collection of Australian newspapers is a vast source of information about colonial attitudes towards the indigenous population. More of that later.

I am also the Presbytery's representative on the Synod's Walking Together in Covenant Committee. This is Co-Chaired by the Moderator and Alison Overeem, a Palawa women from S-E Tasmania. Since 2013 Alison has been the Leprena Centre Manager, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC Tasmania).

At our meeting on 7 October she asked us to use the lens of aboriginal knowing and being and try to think of the thoughts and feelings of first peoples before the Europeans arrived, on their arrival and after it was clear that they were not going to leave. I thought that I would have been extremely irritated that these clowns thought that they knew how to manage the land that my family had been managing brilliantly forever and in the process wrecking it for everyone!

The Statement from the Heart calls for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution and seeks a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history. Alison's exercise is a first step in the latter.

Stories recorded in National Library Trove

A way of finding out more about our history is through the National Library's Trove.

I put 'black' into the site's search function and found both confronting and encouraging articles.

A thoughtful contribution was the editorial entitled 'The condition of the aborigines' in *The Australasian*, Saturday 11 August 1866, page 16.

The writer noted:

'In our steady onward march towards creating a great Australasian nation out of an original handful of scattered colonists, we may be comparatively excused for ignoring some of the perhaps unavoidable, but certainly to persons possessed of a conscience, always distressing, contingencies which hang upon our march. The last report of the Church of England Mission to the Aborigines illustrates our meaning. It was painfully obvious that the missionary efforts were failures. We cannot whitewash the Ethiop, but we are not therefore to murder him, and in many, nay most, cases the treatment of the aborigines by the whites is civilised murder. To cause some hundreds and thousands of our fellow creatures to disappear—a powerful word, if understood—may be treated for the time being as a casualty, but it is likely in the long run to prove a catastrophe.'

Let's admit that it did prove a catastrophe and, as the Statement of the Heart invites us, walk with the First Nations peoples in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

Tom Spurling



HYBRID FAITH FORMATION

Presbytery Minister: Church Development Craig Mitchell writes about blending face-to-face and online faith development.

A Faith-forming Ecosystem

The advent of digital communication technologies has revolutionised society more than the invention of the printing press 500 years ago. Will it enhance that ways that churches help people grow in faith?

Over a decade ago John Roberto, US Catholic educator, started writing and speaking extensively about faith development taking place at church, at home, in the workplace or school, and online. He helped us think about ways we help people grow in faith beyond attending a Sunday morning event, including using devices like computers and smartphones.

We're now seeing more and more churches take up the opportunities John continues to help us with. See the next page for links to John's books and online resources. Mobile digital technologies create the possibility of a 24/7 faith forming ecosystem, where people can access resources to deepen faith anywhere, anytime.

Since Australia has one of the highest rates of ownership of mobile devices of any country in the world, there is an opportunity here waiting to be grasped.

The shift is from the church deciding when and where people should meet and learn to people deciding what times, places and resources work for them. Of course, it's not either/or, but both/and. Online learning can supplement face-to-face gatherings.

Hybrid or Blended Learning

Schooling at all levels from primary to tertiary has changed to include a wide range of online learning opportunities – accessing information, researching, telling stories, conversation, creating art, sharing wisdom, and more.

Learners are active explorers rather than passive listeners.

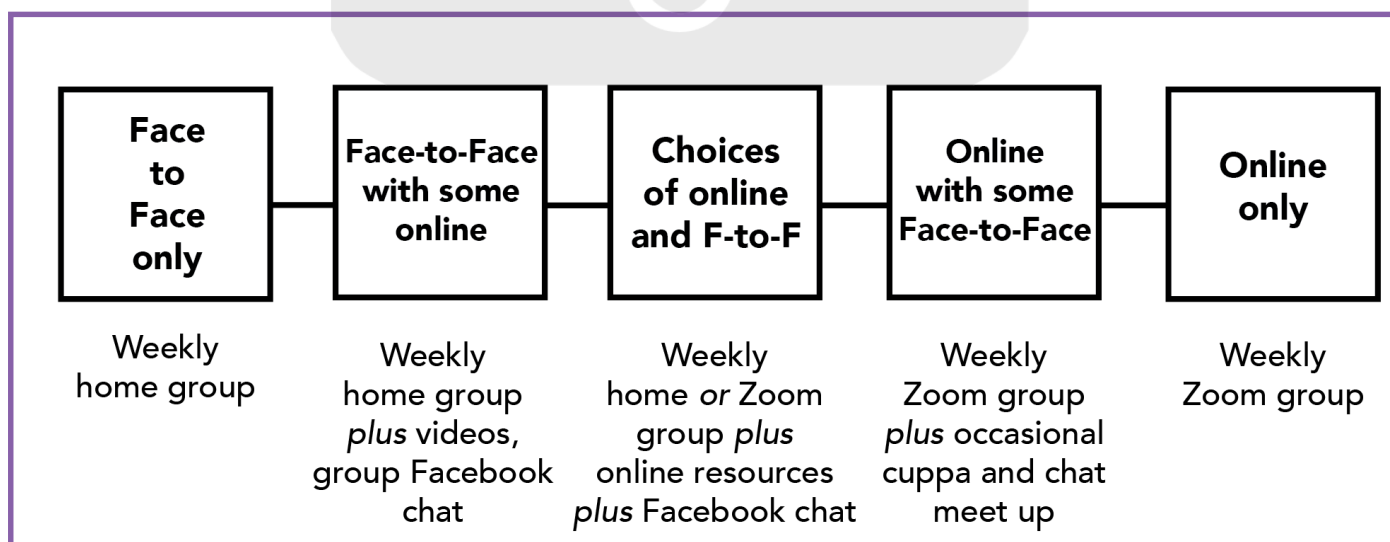
During lockdown we all discovered online worship. So what about intentionally making the best use of the opportunity for online faith formation?

In the diagram at the bottom of this page I've outlined a simple continuum for planning hybrid faith formation:

There are some clear leadership choices here.

- When and how does it suit people to meet?
- Will we encourage people to connect up outside group meeting times?
- What digital platforms can people access? Zoom? Facebook? Websites? WhatsApp?
- Will we collect or curate resources that people can access online? eg. provide a list of WWW links? Offer a time for an optional Facebook or WhatsApp chat? Set up a private Facebook group?
- Who will need help or training to access these? Is it OK if not everyone can access everything?

Curating is the act of collecting learning resources that other people have created. One way that we can collaborate regionally is to curate materials that can be accessed by anyone at any time.



Working together in 2023

In 2023 I'm keen to help churches in Port Phillip East Presbytery explore hybrid faith formation. Here are two examples of what we could do together.

Lenten Studies

- We choose a Lenten Study booklet that churches may use.
- Congregations can arrange their own face-to-face study groups.
- Across the Presbytery we offer a few timeslots for online study groups on Zoom.
- Across the Presbytery we curate additional online learning resources that anyone can access anytime.

“Our Faith” UCA Series on Christian beliefs

This is a six session video and discussion series prepared for the UCA Assembly.

Details here –

craigmitchell.com.au/our-faith-video-discussion-guide

- Similar to the above, churches can create their own small group/s to explore the series.
- Across the Presbytery we offer a few timeslots for online discussion groups on Zoom
- Across the Presbytery we curate additional online learning resources that anyone can access anytime

If these kinds of options interest you, contact me with an expression of interest to my email pm-cd@ucappeg.org

Craig Mitchell

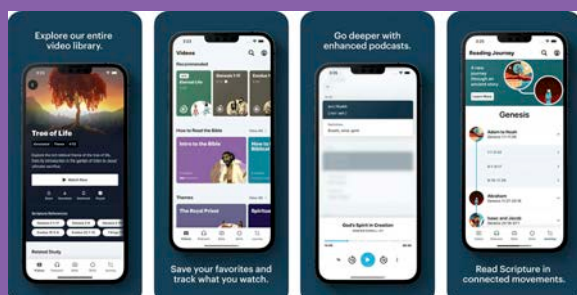
Presbytery Minister: Church Development

Mobile Apps for Spiritual Growth

Smart phones & tablets provide a platform for faith engagement anywhere, anytime.

See our app recommendations on the Presbytery web site:

ucappeg.org/mobile-apps-for-spiritual-growth



Resources by John Roberto

John Roberto has spent a lifetime working in Christian faith formation – teaching, writing, researching, consulting, and developing program resources. He's visited Australia

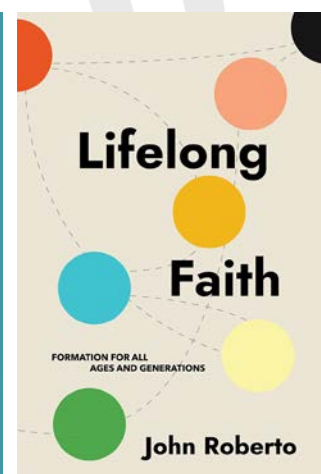
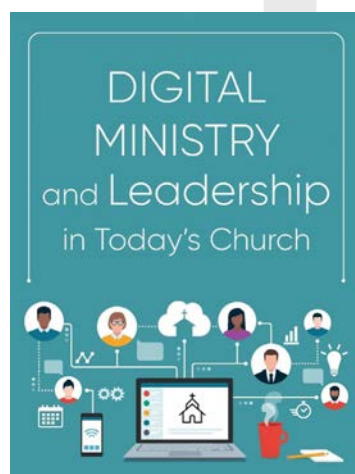
John founded LifelongFaith Associates, LLC in 2006 to continue his work. His previous work on a comprehensive approach to ministry and mission with children, youth and families has been significant for churches in Australia as well as the USA.

John's website Lifelong Faith (lifelongfaith.com) is packed with resources – planning materials, workshop materials and learning resources, free books and articles.

This year John published two new books that feature digital faith formation: *Digital Ministry & Leadership in Today's Church* (2022), and *Lifelong Faith* (2022).

amazon.com.au/Lifelong-Faith-Formation-Ages-Generations/dp/1640654860

amazon.com.au/Digital-Ministry-Leadership-Todays-Church/dp/081466802X



- John's 2015 book *Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century* can be downloaded here free: lifelongfaith.com/books.html
- Watch John Roberto speak about the faith formation ecosystem and digital technologies Click here to view vimeo.com/showcase/9035798



USING MAILCHIMP FOR YOUR EMAIL

Presbytery minister Duncan Macleod writes about using Mailchimp to manage Presbytery and congregational email messaging. The Presbytery is hosting an training afternoon, 1.30 pm - 3 pm on Thursday November 10.

Every week, usually on a Thursday, Port Phillip East Presbytery sends out an email to people serving in ministry, congregational chairs and secretaries. Since November 2020 we've been using Mailchimp to manage this.

Mailchimp is a website where we manage our contacts database and design our emails. It's a free service, as long as we're happy to share one email address to log in, and limit our database to 500 people.

The system makes it possible to address our readers by name, and also gives us a chance to select groups of people who need particular messages. For example, we're able to send an email to lay women in ministry to let them know about a meeting we're organising. Or we're able to send a personal reminder to people who haven't yet registered for our code of ethics workshop.

We're able to monitor the percentage of people who are opening our emails (between 60 and 70 percent), when an email address is 'bouncing', and what links people are clicking on. This gives us a chance to refine our messages.

You can sign up to receive our weekly emails on the Presbytery website: <https://ucappeg.org/about>



Mailchimp email workshop

Presbytery Zoom channel

Thursday November 10
1.30 to 3 pm

Click on this link to join in on Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/ppezoomcafe2022>

Meeting ID: 970 5056 4726
Passcode: 601751

Not everyone reads their email every day, or even every week! I've found it useful to send a text message to my music team colleagues at St Leonard's Brighton, encouraging them to check their email for the information I've just sent. Some of our congregations have a lot of people using an instant messaging service such as Facebook Messenger, Whatsapp or KakaoTalk. These are great for sending quick updates, enough for a phone screen.

Despite all the work we're doing around social media, email is still one of our most effective online communication systems. A personal email goes a long way. I'm running a workshop on Thursday November 10 for people interested in using Mailchimp for managing a congregation's email communication strategy.

At the workshop we'll look at ways to help people subscribe to regular or occasional emails from church leaders, or emails with content posted on a Wordpress website. We'll talk about ways to avoid being treated as spammers, and consider integration with other modes of communication.

And while we're there, we'll also take a look at two popular online management websites used by congregations, Elvanto and Pastoral Care, both developed in Australia.

Join us, 1.30 to 3 pm, Thursday November 10, on Zoom, using the meeting link below.

<https://bit.ly/ppezoomcafe2022>

Duncan Macleod

Uniting Church Positions Available

Port Phillip East Presbytery

Port Phillip East Presbytery is advertising the role of Presbytery Minister: Team Leader. Applications close on Friday November 11.

Nominations for Presbytery Standing Committee positions close on Friday, November 4.

See details for these roles on the Presbytery website: ucappeg.org/positions-available

Mt. Eliza Uniting Church Congregation

The Village Church Mt Eliza is advertising two part-time positions: Children and Families Engagement Lead (22.8 hours a week) and Youth Engagement Lead (12 hours a week). The positions can be combined. Applications close November 15.

See more on the Village Church website: villagechurch.me/coming-up

Uniting AgeWell Chaplain at Noble Park

Uniting AgeWell is advertising for a part-time (3 days a week) chaplain at Noble Park. Luise Westwood is finishing in her role to focus on other ministry. Applications close on November 20.

Check out all the Uniting AgeWell staff vacancies: unitingagewell.org/careers/job-vacancy-list

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Glen Waverley Uniting Church is advertising two ministry roles: Minister of the Word, and First Third of Life Minister. Alanee Hearnshaw is moving to Lorne Uniting Church. Neil Peters is planning to retire in 2023. Applications will close on November 30.

See more on the Glen Waverley UC website: wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/Vacancies2022

Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church continues to look for a new Minister of the Word. Expressions of interest are sought.

See more on the Toorak UC website: toorakuc.org.au

Placements Available

See placements available on the VicTas Synod website: victas.uca.org.au/placements

Presbytery Minister Team Leader Sought

Port Phillip East Presbytery, Uniting Church in Australia, is looking for applications for the full-time role of Presbytery Minister: Team Leader.

Port Phillip East Presbytery includes over fifty congregations in the South East suburbs of Melbourne and on the Mornington Peninsula. The Presbytery contains one of the most culturally diverse areas in the country.

The Presbytery ministry team, led by a team leader, includes the Presbytery Minister Pastoral, Presbytery Minister Church Development, Presbytery Administrator/Secretary, and Presbytery Communications Officer. The Team Leader role is pivotal in the oversight of the Presbytery's ministry and operations.

The person in this role oversees, coordinates, and facilitates the life and effective operation of the Presbytery team. The Team Leader exercises an essential liaison and communication role between congregations, the Presbytery and the Synod, particularly in the areas of property and finance. The Team Leader will have strong capacity for strategic thinking and effective management.

For further information or to apply, contact Rev. Sue Clarkson, Placements Secretary, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, placements.secretary@victas.uca.org.au

Applications close 11 November 2022 and should include a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, Uniting Church profile if appropriate, and the names of three referees.

Download and read the Port Phillip East PM Team Leader profile/position description (Sep 2022) on the Presbytery web site: ucappeg.org/positions-available.



MINISTERS ON THE MOVE IN OCTOBER



Scott Finlay finished in his role as Minister with St Martin's Uniting Church, Beaumaris on October 9. Scott is warmly remembered for his creative leadership of worship. Pictured here, Scott shares his final words with the congregation, with the quote, "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle".



Ross Pearce was inducted as the minister with High St Uniting Church, Frankston on Sunday October 2. Ross was previously the Minister with Highfield Road Uniting Church, Canterbury. Pictured here Ross receives the membership roll from Jill Cayzer, a member of the congregation.



Kharis Abadani finished in her role as Minister with Monash Uniting Church in a conclusion of placement service on Sunday October 2. She continues part-time in ministry with Mulgrave Uniting Church. Pictured here, Kharis receives a bouquet of flowers during a morning tea after her final service.

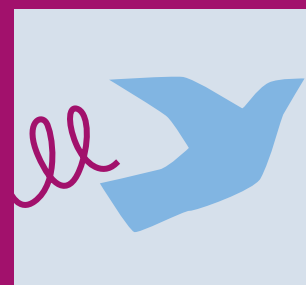


Alanee Hearnshaw finished in her ministry to youth and young adults with Glen Waverley Uniting Church in a release of pastoral ties service on Sunday October 15. She is taking up the role of Minister with Lorne Uniting Church after 14 years at Glen Waverley. The congregation's farewell included a visual reminder of the public art installation Alanee had organised around advent and Christmas.

Home brewed
A pub conversation on new faith communities
Sun 6 Nov 4pm. Wheeler's Hill Hotel, Ferntree Gully Rd.
RSVP mission@ucappeg.org or text Craig 0417 323 088



Let Christmas wishes support those in need.



1 Australiana (Mixed Pack 1)

Wreath sentiment: Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Kookaburra sentiment: Wishing you all the joys of Christmas



2 Bauble and Tree (Mixed Pack 2)

Bauble sentiment: Season's Greetings and best wishes for the coming year

Tree sentiment: Wishing you every happiness this Christmas and throughout the New year



3 Holly (Mixed Pack 3)

Green Holly sentiment: Warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year

Red Holly sentiment: May the festive season bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones



4 Nativity

Sentiment: May joy be your gift at Christmas and may hope and love be your treasures in the New Year

"The Magi opened their treasures and presented the baby Jesus with gifts ..." Matthew 2:11



5 Peace Dove

Sentiment: A wish for peace and happiness at this Christmas season and throughout the New Year

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of 10 cards
is only \$11



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order online.

Please visit unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards
or call **1800 668 426** to order your Christmas cards.



Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.



Uniting

For Your Calendar

Uluru Statement in Oakleigh

4 pm St David's Oakleigh
Sunday November 6
Sunday December 4

Home Brewed Conversation

Mission catalyst conversation
Sunday November 6, 4 pm in Wheelers Hill

Ministry Agents Dinner

Saturday November 19
The Village Church, Mt Eliza

Ethical Ministry – Supervision

Thursday November 24, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, or
Wednesday, November 30, 6.30 to 9.30 pm.

Masculinity in the Church

Tuesday November 22, 10am-12noon
Dandenong Uniting Church, Scott St, Dandenong.

Presbytery in Council Meeting

Wednesday November 23, 7 – 9.30 pm
Noble Park Uniting Church
with a focus on climate justice action, listening to
first peoples, and release of pastoral ties service for
Presbytery Minister Duncan Macleod

Uniting Vic.Tas Annual General Meeting

Tuesday November 29, 3 – 4.30 pm

2023

Uniting Church Theology and History

Monday to Friday, February 6-10
Intensive at Pilgrim Theological College

Reflective Practice for Intercultural Ministry

Wednesday February 15, 10am-3.30pm
Online event by Synod Intercultural Forum



Uniting Church Theology and History

- academic unit
- offered by Pilgrim Theological College (VicTas Synod) in cooperation with United Theological College (NSW/ACT Synod)
- Lecturers - Rev Dr Geoff Thompson and Dr Damien Palmer, supplemented by input from leaders and scholars of the UCA
- When: Feb 6-10 2023, plus one follow up day (tbc)
- Audit, Undergraduate and Post-graduate options for study
- those undertaking the unit for competency reasons will need to complete assessments

For further information contact:

Erlinda Loverseed | Pilgrim Theological College
registrar@pilgrim.edu.au | 03 9340 8892



Pilgrim Theological College has released a timetable of courses available for 2023

Face to face: Come to the Centre for Theology & Ministry in Parkville to be in the classroom throughout the semester

Online-Synchronous: be available online throughout the semester at the time indicated on the timetable to complete this unit.

Online Asynchronous: you can complete this unit by studying online in your own time.

Blended: A mixture of study in your own time and at a time designated.

Intensive Units: be present in the classroom or online on the dates specified.

See the Pilgrim Theological College timetable and information on courses at pilgrim.edu.au



JOIN VIC TAS UC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As a member of the Uniting Church you are invited to join our Uniting Church Historical Society. The Society wants to enrich all church members with a better understanding of our unique heritage.

By better appreciating the identity of this church, you can be more confident to talk about the church and invite people to join. The Society facilitates the promoting of interest in our buildings, the contribution of our people, and the value of our theology. You can also share your story and that of your church through the Society.

The Society works closely with Synod Archives Centre at 54 Serrell Street, Malvern East, which is open Thursdays (except holidays) 9.30am to 3.00pm.

Contact UCHS Membership Officer Clive Jackson on 03 9569 9178 or download the membership form on the Synod website victas.uca.org.au/synod-archives



MASCULINITY IN THE CHURCH

John Bottomley from Creative Network Ministries shares with us that when building respectful groups and sharing personal experiences, it leads to thoughtful reflection on topics/issues within our society that result in gratitude.

Following the 'Men and Violence' workshop for male clergy in PPPE, a small group of earlier participants have completed a three-part series of 'Continuing Conversations on Transforming Masculinities'. The resulting friendships and solidarity has inspired the group to commence a new monthly meeting for male colleagues to continue exploring the challenging issues facing us today.

Our group was surprised and encouraged to find the issues we face arising from our concerns about transforming masculinities opened valuable conversations about racism, colonialism, and patriarchy in church and society. Participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to raise sensitive issues in a non-judgemental and supportive environment.

Our first meeting in the new monthly format is on Tuesday 22 November, 10am to 12 noon at Dandenong Uniting Church, Scott Street, Dandenong. All male clergy are invited to attend.

For further information, contact Berlin Guerrero (0499 303 911), Paul Dau (0413 060 466), or John Bottomley (0407 443 239).

Uniting in prayer for November

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.

November 1	<i>All Saints Day</i>
November 6	<i>Seaford – Mr David Higham, Mrs Anne Gill Southern Mornington Peninsula – Rev Ian Cayzer & Rev John Haig, Ms Jill Fearon</i>
November 13	<i>South Port (South Melbourne & Port Melbourne) – Rev John Tansey, Mr Tim Nethercote SoMang Faith Community – Rev Junho Back, Ms Sarah Back</i>
November 20	<i>Stonnington Community Church – Rev Greg Crowe, Mr Dick Carter Tamil Church Melbourne – Mr Anthonez Roberts</i>
November 24	<i>Assembly & Synod appointments – Rev Dev Anandarajan, Rev Deacon Mat Harry, Rev Dr Mark Lawrence, Ms Mel Perkins, Rev Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo</i>



A Calming Prayer

*Quiet now, listen,
take a moment
and look
at the clouds
open your mind
and make room
for God.*

*Become aware of your
breathing
the gift of life
Feel your body
taking in and letting go
gently relaxing
into a moment
alone
with God*

*Listen, to love
knocking at the door of your heart
close your eyes
and let
gentle healing in
from within
the heart of God*

*Nothing to do
but to sit and be
with Christ
and let the Spirit*

*Pray, without words,
making room
to share the space
with a God
who longs to be with you.
Amen.*

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