



Bulletin – April 2016

Devonshire Morning Tea

For all Ministers in Placement, Ministers in Association, Retired Ministers, Pastors and Students in Placement who are connected in some way with the Urban Mission Network

connect, relax, and share stories with coffee conversations and tea talk

**Thursday 14 April
at 10.00 am**

**Christ Church
Uniting**

26 King William Road,
Wayville

RSVP

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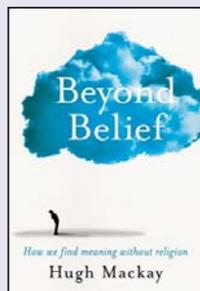
Sharing together in discerning trends in the social environment

A conversation with Hugh Mackay

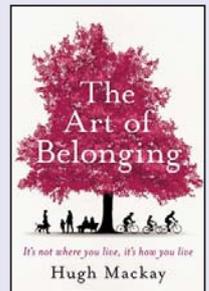


**Saturday 7 May
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm**

**Church of the Trinity
318 Goodwood Road, Clarence Park**



Meet well-known social commentator and author Hugh Mackay and engage in conversation about his new book *Beyond Belief*; also reflect with him on his popular book *The Art of Belonging*. Both books contain research that holds important information for the church location and presence and social attitude to spirituality.



In *Beyond Belief*, Mackay looks at the various ways we try to find transcendence in our often stridently materialistic lives, and considers what maybe lost with the wholesale casting out of organised religion.

1.00 pm – 1.30 pm Refreshments, books and book signing (books available for purchase)

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm Conversation with Hugh Mackay

2.30 pm – 3.00 pm Books and book signing

Download poster [here](#)

Cost: by gold coin donation, but please RSVP for catering and seating arrangements

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Working together where there is a desire for community and respect for different

Oasis: A faith friendly home away from home



Geoff Boyce reflects on the surprising dynamic of hospitality at the heart of multi-faith chaplaincy

Looking back to when I arrived at Flinders as its Uniting Church chaplain in the late 1990's, I can now identify some of the dynamics at play that would eventually lead to the formation of Oasis – inconceivable at the time!

The context was the university – a ground for open-ended research and innovation; and in particular, a Religious Centre, which had become identified with a Christianity seemingly intent on marginalizing itself by disconnection to the mission of the university.

A significant social context was the increasing recognition of cultural and religious diversity, the two inextricably bound, which seemed to threaten a conservative church and a conservative politics, but seen as an opportunity by the university.

Chaplains at Flinders were caught between these two loyalties – the church and its conservative religio-cultural exclusions, and the university, with its progressive intent on cultural inclusion, averse to discrimination and sectarianism.

It is to the credit of the Uniting Church, with its more open theology – its metaphor of journey with God and possibility of inclusion – that I was able to explore a solution to this standoff.

It began by inviting Religious Centre chaplaincy representation by representatives of world religions

and, for me, the clarification of a key question for exploration: “How are we all going to live together?”

Weekly shared lunches brought us together, friendships formed, and chaplaincy began to express itself as “multifaith” – cemented in working together on a national conference for university chaplains in 2003 and a refurbishment of the Religious Centre to reflect the new pluralist reality.

Later, we were able to identify the ancient practice of hospitality as the most significant impetus in our move toward multifaith – and the key practice to enact chaplaincy itself. I was able to document this journey in my book *An Improbable Feast – the surprising dynamic of hospitality at the heart of multifaith chaplaincy*, published in 2010.

Unwittingly, in achieving multifaith chaplaincy through hospitality we had also discovered “interfaith”!

“Multi-” recognizes diversity, but it is not a sufficient basis for living together. We can *recognize* each other’s right to exist, but live in ghettos! “Inter-” describes what happens *between*. It is the glue of social cohesion and a key element in a society’s wellbeing – how we mix.

Oasis, launched in 2008, and embraced formally by the university in 2013, is about “inter-”. It recognizes the diversity of cultures and religions, but is intent on developing a model and a language to respond to the question of our time: “how are we all going to live together?”

For more thinking and reflection on the Oasis story, visit Geoff’s “[Travellingchaplain](#)” site, and come experience Oasis for yourself at the UMN May gathering, Thursday 26 May.

May Gathering

Thursday 26 May,

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm at

Oasis: A faith friendly home away from home

Flinders University Function Centre,
downstairs in the OCE building
opposite car park 5 – short term
parking available on level 1.

Continuing the theme for 2016 – ministry on the margins – we will:

- experience Oasis’ hospitality of space, inclusive spirituality, and culture of care
- discover Oasis for students, staff, and the wider community

Recommended donation of \$5.00 – \$10.00 to cover the cost of your meal. However, we would not want cost to prohibit you from attending. Please pay what you can.

It is important that we have notification of your intention to attend on, or preferably before, Friday, 20 May.

Please reply to susan@urbannetwork.org.au, including any dietary requests.



Urban Mission Network Retreat Day 2016

Tuesday 28 June 2016

Wisdom from St. Benedict

For 1500 years the Rule of Benedict has guided monastic life. In recent years the wisdom of this Rule is being embraced by people from all walks of life. Renowned for its gentleness, practical wisdom and balance, the Rule nurtures people along their spiritual journey and guiding their path of discipleship and ministry.

The retreat will explore, and offer opportunity to reflect on, key aspects of the Benedictine Spirituality, with a special focus on one aspect for which the Rule is renowned; leading a balanced life.

Led by **Rev Dr Gary Stuckey**

Stillpoint Spirituality centre

5 Burnell Drive, Belair SA 5052

Cost: \$20. Morning and afternoon refreshments provided, but please bring your own lunch.

RSVP on or before 14 June

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Sharing ideas, resources, and celebrating together

Around our congregations

Monday 25 April, 6.00 pm

Pilgrim Uniting Church 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

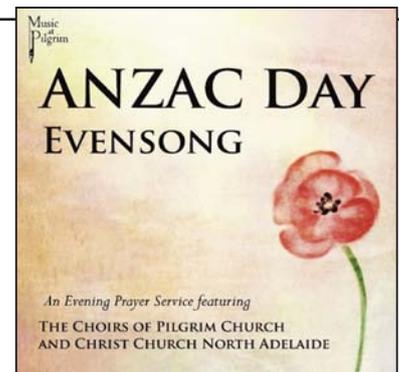
An ANZAC Day service of reflection and prayer to the accompaniment of beautiful choral music.

Featuring the choirs of Pilgrim Uniting Church and Christ Church North Adelaide.

Free entry

Enquiries: 82123295 office@pilgrim.org.au

facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/473818029473852/>



Sunday 1 May, 11-15 am – 12.30 pm

Morialta Uniting Church

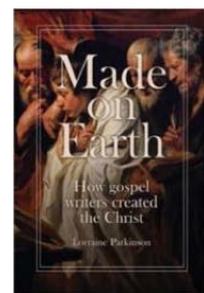
26 Chapel Street, Magill

Meet the Author

Author and Jesus Scholar, Dr Lorraine Parkinson will be the guest at Morialta Uniting Church's Sunday Forum.

Join Dr Parkinson as she discusses her books.

- *The World According to Jesus.*
- *Made on Earth: How Gospel writers created the Christ.*



Followed by a light lunch (cost \$5.00)

RSVP for catering purposes to office@morialtauca.org.au

Saturday 30 April 30, 6.00pm

Yilki Uniting Church Hall

28 Giles Street, Encounter Bay

An Evening of Asian Delights at Yilki

Superb Asian Gourmet Meal (tea/coffee included).B.Y.O. Drinks.

Cost: \$20/Head

As space is limited bookings are essential

Phone 0418 845 989, or

email: dawn60@tpg.com.au

Musical entertainment by "The Adarables"

6 – 8 May

Enfield Uniting

cnr Main North Road and Park Street (opposite North park shopping centre)

Recognise and Acknowledge

Our local community sharing art, music, dance and information with descendants of the First Peoples of the Adelaide Plain. Entry by gold coin donation.

Friday 6 May

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm Forum for schools (by invitation)

Saturday 7 May

7pm – 9pm Community forum with Q & A

Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon

1.00 pm – 4.00 pm Art Exhibition – local artists & school children

This event has been initiated by members of the Enfield Uniting Church community for the wider local community. It is a non-partisan, non-religious event – open to all.

Entry is by gold coin donation. Tea and coffee will be available for a small cost. There will be an opportunity to donate to the “Recognise” organization but this is not a fund-raising event

More information: SMS Margaret Gunn on mobile: 0434976805 or contact the Church Office (10.00 am – 2.00 pm Tuesday to Thursday) or leave a voice message.

Around our centres



Positive Parenting

Blended Families – Survive and Succeed

Speaker: Vina Hotich

- Wednesday 18 May, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
- Wednesday 25 May, 7.30 pm. – 9.30 pm

Child Inclusive Mediation

Speaker: Rod Wenham

- Wednesday 01 June 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Cost for sessions: \$15 adults \$10 concession \$20 couple

Bookings online:

<http://www.effectiveliving.org/positive-parenting/>

Phone: Effective Living Centre 82710329

Tuesday 12 April, 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm

**Effective Living Centre
26 King William Road, Wayville**

A discussion night

**Beyond Suspicion and Ignorance
Are Australians Islamophobic?**

Professor Riaz Hassan

University of South Australia International Centre for Muslim and non-Muslim Understanding.

The discussion will centre on the report “Islamophobia, social distance and the fear of terrorism in Australia” www.unisa.edu.au/Global/EASS/.../Islamophobia_report.pdf

Tickets: \$15.00 adult, \$12.00 conc.
\$10.00 Friends of ELC and students

Supper is included.

Bookings online:

<http://www.effectiveliving.org/social-issues/>

Phone: 8271 0329

News from the wider church

Sunday 10 April, 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Church of the Trinity

318 Goodwood Rd Clarence Park

Uniting Church SA Historical Society presents

History Writing Workshop

for those interested in historical research and publication

AMANDA JAMES Senior Community History Officer with History SA will lead this interactive workshop and address questions facing those thinking about engaging with local community and church histories beginning with:

- What makes good history?
- What makes good writing?
- What are the similarities and differences in writing books, producing web content and planning for displays?

No charge for this workshop.

If you are representing a church or organisation, please indicate in your reply.

Those who are planning to apply for a UCSAHS grant in 2016 to support their project are especially encouraged to attend

<http://historicalsociety.unitingchurch.org.au/>