



# Bulletin – April 2017

**Encouraging each other in ministry and mission,  
sharing resources, providing mutual support.**

## News from the Network



### Morning Tea with Ministers

For Ministers in placement, Ministers in association, retired Ministers, pastors and students in placement who are connected in some way with the Urban Mission Network

#### Hope's Café

**cnr The Parade and Portrush Road, Beulah Park.**

**Thursday 20 April, 10.00 am**

Come, connect, and enjoy Persian biscuits, Egyptian cake, sandwiches, and barista coffee!

**RSVP** 13 April to Susan Burt, [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au); 0421 552 703

Parking behind Clayton Wesley Church off Union Street. Continue along The Parade, over Portrush road, and first on the left.

### May Gathering

**Thursday 25 May  
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm  
Bridgewater Uniting Church**

407 Mount Barker Road, Bridgewater

**Theme:**  
*Creatively  
resourcing  
each other*

**Donation** to cover the cost of the meal.

**RSVP** on, or preferably before, Thursday 18 May to [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au). Please advise of any dietary needs.



### Local Public Theology

Mission Resourcing SA, the Urban Mission Network, and Pilgrim Church are working together to develop a workshop program for leaders of congregations to share discoveries from a commitment to be public, hospitable churches on "main street."

**Saturday 10 June, 7.45 pm**

*Q and A forum: The Church in the Public Square*

**Sunday 11 June, 7.00 pm**

*40<sup>th</sup> celebration with Stuart McMillan, President of UCA*

**Saturday 16 September, 9.00 am – 12.30 pm**

*With Prof. Linda Woodhead (UK)*

**Monday 18 September, 7.30 pm**

*Pilgrim Symposium with Linda Woodhead and a panel of speakers*

**Saturday 18 November, 10.00 am – 2.30 pm**

*Final session for 2017 and evaluation*

All sessions held at **Pilgrim Centre, 14 Flinders St. Adelaide**. Register your interest at [office@pilgrim.org.au](mailto:office@pilgrim.org.au), phone 82123295

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# News from UMN Congregations

## Our stories and our history

### Newland Tabernacle Site – Handover Ceremony

Geoff Penhall, Secretary to Newland Church Council

At a small ceremony held on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at Encounter Bay, the Moderator, Rev. Sue Ellis joined with local representatives of Uniting Church congregations for a formal handover of the historic Tabernacle Cemetery site to the City of Victor Harbor and the people of the region.

The land on which the site was surveyed 178 years ago, has a much longer history, much of which will remain forever unrecorded, but the gathering acknowledged through several speakers the very many generations of Australia's first people who lived there and cared deeply for the place. *"We give thanks particularly for the traditions and customs of the Ramindjeri elders past and present, and their people and we acknowledge their contribution to this place and to this story."*

For the recorded history of this Tabernacle Site, we were indebted to the late **Joyce Branson**, for her research and scholarship. Through her rich story-telling abilities, we could peel back the layers of time to the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century, to find



England's vast pottery industry, only to discover severe living conditions, intense hardship, poverty, pollution, and sickness. It was in this tough environment that a young pastor in training, **Ridgway William Newland**, took up his first appointment in ministry on 29 September 1816 at the **Congregational** parish at **Hanley Tabernacle**, in North Staffordshire. In 1817 Ridgway

was ordained into a devoted life of Christian ministry and leadership. A period of 22 years of dedicated ministry at Hanley Tabernacle followed, mingled with family life and tragedy as Newland's first wife passed away in 1825 at a very young age.

Around 1838, Newland answered the call to free settlers to emigrate to the new Colony of South Australia. Along with 28 labourers, Newland and his family arrived in Holdfast Bay on 10 June 1839 and wasted no time at all in presenting his pastoral credentials to the Governor of the Colony, Governor Gawler.

Newland elected to take up his land entitlement in the fertile bushland of Encounter Bay, and he and his party arrived at Granite Island on the "Lord Hobart" on 5 July 1839. There they came ashore at Policeman's Point, assisted by the early whalers and greeted by the Ramindjeri family groups, gathered on the beach. Newland set about the huge task before him with the same dedication, energy, and vision that had enabled him to survive the hardships of early industrial England. Joyce's narrative tells of daunting challenges to establish arable pastures and crops using precious grain brought from England – there were many failures.

On Sundays, the Newland family would open their home for prayers and worship. But, as the community grew with new settlers, whalers and families, the needs for a place of worship outgrew the humble family home. In the spring of 1846, Rev. Ridgway Newland realized his most cherished dream, to build and open a dedicated house of

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worship. On land that was then part of the **Yeilki Farm**, Ridgway Newland opened his **Encounter Bay Tabernacle**, named after the church at Hanley where he first ministered to the faithful some 30 years earlier. It was a modest and quaint structure, measuring only 28 feet in length x 19 feet in width; in today's figures offering a floor area of some 60m<sup>2</sup>. Newland's humble **Tabernacle Church** was to serve as a **House of God** and a place for worship, prayer, and learning for many years to come.

Close by was the gravestone of 10-year-old John Jagger, a lad who accompanied Newland's party on their voyage from England. In those times, minor childhood ailments could easily escalate to a life-threatening illness; sadly young John Jagger perished. He was laid to rest in 1840, the first settler burial recorded at the **Tabernacle Cemetery of Encounter Bay**. We can but imagine the heartbreak and grief felt by the Jagger family. Newland grew to become an active leader in local district governance and development, until his untimely death resulting from an accident on the mail-cart, descending the Crow's Nest Hill Road on 8 March 1864. Within a couple of days, this robust and visionary leader, preacher and disciple of Christ was dead, aged 74. In his dying hours, when asked about his condition, Newland replied, "Yes, I am very happy."



In more recent times, the people of the Uniting Church have been custodians of this most spiritual place. The process of upkeep has not always been easy, but our concerns were to ensure that the site is preserved for generations to come, that they might be able to enjoy the sense of "place" in the Tabernacle story.

In 2012, the Newland Church Council appointed Doug Starkey to commence discussions with the City Administration about ways in which the site might be preserved. In collaboration with Chris Bowey, CVH Asset and Property Officer, Doug has helped to carry the vision forward; we celebrate today the decision of the UCA Synod to make a gift of this land to the people of Victor Harbor and generations to come.

## **Easter weekend**

### **Morialta Uniting Church**

26 Chapel Street, Magill

**Maundy Thursday** service with washing of feet and a *Passover meal* on Thursday 13 April, 6.30 pm.

Lamb will be provided, and you are asked to bring salad or dessert to share.

**RSVP** to the church office by Sunday 9 April on 8331 9344, or e-mail [office@morialtauca.org.au](mailto:office@morialtauca.org.au).

### **Yilki Uniting Church**

15 Tabernacle Road, Encounter Bay

**Garage sale & sausage sizzle**

**Easter Saturday, 15 April, from 8.30am**

Household goods, bric-a-brac, books, cakes, clothes, plants, produce

### **Sandy Creek Uniting Church**

Williamstown Rd, Cockatoo Valley

**Thursday 13 April**

***Tenebrae service***

6.30 pm, light meal supplied. 7.30pm service

**Good Friday 14 April**

***Combined service***

with Williamstown Uniting Church – 10.00 am

**Little Eva Street, Williamstown**

**Easter Sunday 16 April**

***Dawn service, 6.30 am***

In the Bush Chapel at Sandy Creek U C followed by supplied breakfast

***Easter Day combined service***

Williamstown Uniting Church, 10.00 am

**Little Eva Street, Williamstown**



## Inspired

### **Etsy Adelaide and Spire Community Market**

Cnr The Parade and Portrush Road,  
Beulah Park

**Saturday 29 April 2017,  
4.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

*Inspired* is a collaboration between Etsy Adelaide and The Spire Community of Norwood to bring the **best market** of the season.

It's a twilight cultural market featuring the brilliant range of art, design, fashion and vintage wares of local [Etsy Adelaide](#) sellers and the art, crafts and international cuisine prepared by refugees and asylum seekers of Spire Community and Hope's Cafe.

Enjoy delicious food and music and support local business, and refugees and asylum seekers.

**Free admission.**

For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/1292555044143578/>

## **Morialta Uniting Church** 26 Chapel Street, Magill

### **Best of British!**

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**Sunday 21 May,  
2.00 pm to 4.30 pm**

An afternoon of British comedy clips from the big screen and TV, along with tea, coffee, ice creams, lollies and more!

**Tickets** \$15 adults, \$5 children, from the church office (phone: 8331 9344).

#### **Heaven Knows A Cappella**

Straight from The Fringe, *Heaven Knows A Capella* will perform "Asleep in the Teapot" on

**Sunday 4 June, 2.00 pm**

**Tickets** \$10 and includes afternoon tea.

**Proceeds** to support mission projects.

*Tickets available from the church office  
(phone: 8331 9344).*

## **Scots Church** **History month**

During May, Scots Church will lead guided tours around the church on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11.00 am (excluding Tue 30 May).

**Cost** is by donation.

## STILLPOINT Residential Retreat

### **Return of the Prodigal Son**

**Reflections on homecoming based  
on the writings of Henri Nouwen**

Led by Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

**Friday evening 21 July  
– Sunday 23 July 2017**

*Fully catered Live-in or live-out*

**Live-in cost:** Full rate \$250. Concession rate \$215

**Live-out cost:** Full rate \$160. Concession rate \$140

Brochure with more details including on-line payment link available May

**Nunyarra Conference Centre**  
5 Burnell Drive, Belair

More information on [www.stillpoint.org.au](http://www.stillpoint.org.au);  
e-mail [stillpoing@internode.on.net](mailto:stillpoing@internode.on.net); phone 8271 0329

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Cockatoo Valley.



## South Australian Council of Churches

### 70th Birthday Celebrations

**Saturday 29 April 2017,  
10 am – 3.30 pm**

**Theme:** *An Exchange of Gifts on the Journey Towards Unity*

SACC has invited **four city church communities** to host a pilgrimage-gathering. There will be times of prayer, story-telling, a little business and hospitality, as we journey together to four different city churches.

The entire day is open to all. However, **RSVPs** essential by Wednesday 12 April (before Easter) to [sacc@picknowl.com.au](mailto:sacc@picknowl.com.au)

**10.00 am – 11.30 am**

#### **Pilgrim Church Hall**

prayer, morning tea, business, stories

**12.00 noon – 1.00 pm**

#### **St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall**

first course and stories

**1.30 pm. – 2.30 pm**

#### **St Mary Magdalene's Hall**

prayer, second course, and stories

**3.00 pm – 3.30 pm.**

#### **St. Stephens Church**

prayer of thanksgiving, prayer for healing, and sending out



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**National Worship Conference**  
**27-30 JULY 2017 ADELAIDE**  
UCA Assembly & Centre for Music, Liturgy & the Arts, SA  
[transformingworship.com.au](http://transformingworship.com.au)

*A gathering of preachers, worship leaders, musicians, artists, poets and anyone interested in exploring the formative and transformative nature of Christian worship*

**Themes:** Making lifelong disciples across generations; worshipping community and contextualisation; Crafting and leading worship; Love and care in the making of worship

**Venue:** Burnside City Uniting Church

**Registration:** \$220 (early bird registration by 14 April)  
\$245 after 14 April  
Day rates also available



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