



Bulletin – August 2017

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

Network News

BREAKING NEWS: The August Gathering has been moved to Thursday 31 August so as not to coincide with the last day of the Uniting Leaders Conference.

Modbury and Para Vista Uniting Churches

The August Gathering Host Congregations

Don Sinnott

The congregation at Modbury has a long history; Para Vista a somewhat shorter one.



The Youth Group leading a service in Modbury Church

by another in 1926 and then the present building in 1971. Extensive renovations to the Modbury Uniting Church complex were carried out in 2011.

During the first part of the twentieth century, Modbury was the “mother church” of Methodism in the area: the senior partner in the then Modbury Methodist Circuit from which most of today’s Uniting congregations in the north east were spawned.

The first services of Wesleyan Methodists in the Modbury area date from 1840 and would have been held in private homes. The first building dates from 1863 and was replaced

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Para Vista was one of those congregations, beginning as a small group of worshippers in 1964 and meeting in a pair of transportable buildings placed end-to-end. The make-shift accommodation served for five years until a permanent building, now the church hall, was completed. The present church building was opened in 1981.



Interior of Para Vista Church

In a pattern often replicated, a lot of the energy of the Modbury and Para Vista congregations of earlier days went into buildings. But by no means all – by the 1960s and 1970s, times of rapid change in housing development in the north east and challenges of new ideas, the congregations were at the forefront of innovation in worship, social justice and care for the marginalised. They were

fortunate indeed to be served by a series of scholarly and energetic ministers who must have felt at times

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that they were sitting on a powder keg.

Today, these community-directed emphases still define the congregations. Emulating the Jesuits mantra that 'it is easier to seek forgiveness than approval', ideas keep bubbling up and programs are initiated. Modbury has been a recognised leader in support to refugee and new-arrival communities, initially Sudanese, now extended to immigrant people from many countries. Para Vista hosts Mainly Music and Messy Church programs as well as sustaining a focus on service to the aged. Other continuing initiatives include fresh expressions of worship and contemplation, Bible study groups, mind-stretching seminars, a monthly breakfast group and a "safe place" theological exploration group. Programs that the congregations sustained in earlier years have included a weekly coffee shop, an op-shop and an associated emergency relief program (which continues).

As is the case for many churches today, the Modbury and Para Vista congregations are now smaller in number than they used to be, with more grey hair and fewer children in their church community. But the essence remains – a group of people of energy and enthusiasm working out their faith with imagination and commitment in a world in which change is constant. The congregations, which have shared a full-time minister for most of recent history, this year farewelled Rev Tony Goodluck as minister. They are currently seeking a shared 0.8 FTE placement, with Rev Jock Dunbar as interim minister. The people of these congregations look to a future in which they may continue to be the loving people of God in the Modbury/Para Vista area.

Modbury and Para Vista congregations look forward to hosting the Urban Mission Network Gathering on Thursday 31 August at Modbury Uniting Church.

Please note
changed date
and time of
starting

August Gathering
Thursday 31 August
6.00 pm for 6.15 pm

Modbury Uniting Church
576 Montague Road, Modbury



the latest initiative of the Urban Mission Network will be introduced
The Creative Ageing and Spirituality Collaboratory

Spirituality and ageing is an emerging field as persons in later life unlock giftedness, find avenues to contribute wisdom, find resources for meaning, review and explore faith formation and spirituality that applies to their life journeys, and focus on enriching their remaining years.

Ken Burt, volunteer coordinator, will present international trends on what is known as "sageing"
– emerging movements and initiatives in later life
– and the potential of the collaboratory.

Rev Dr Elizabeth Vreugdenhil, Education and Resource Consultant, will present proposed courses and resources.

The session will include intentional table conversations.

Donation to cover the cost of the meal.

RSVP on, or preferably before, Thursday 24 August to susan@urbannetwork.org.au. Please advise of any dietary needs.

From UMN Congregations and Agencies

July 30, 2017 Morialta Uniting welcomes Rev Bob Hutchinson. Margaret Cargill reflects on the changing landscape and introduces Bob.

Morialta Uniting farewelled Rev. Dr Jonathan Barker at the end of June after a longer than anticipated (since 1 May 2016!), and very deeply appreciated, period as our Minister in Supply. On 30 July, we welcomed our new Minister in Settlement, Rev. Bob Hutchinson, together with his wife Mandy and their (uni student) children, Lauren and Joel.

Morialta has experienced quite a bit of change in the last little while, and it will be great to have the chance to settle into a new pattern of ministry and mission with Bob. He comes to us from previous placements in Kangaroo Island, Spicer and Athelstone, with gifts described as wisdom, preaching, teaching small groups,



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worship curator, administration, cooking, acceptance, and tolerance. Bob's personal statement of his primary theological values includes that "the core message of my ministry would have to be grace, the pardon, the love, the forgiveness, and acceptance of and by God. This is totally God's work directed at humanity, because God is love. The message of grace is the best news ever. We are to accept it as a gift to us. It is that simple. Ministry is also encouraging the church community to share that message of grace in the wider community, to love, accept, and help."

Bob has a clear view that social justice, the inclusion of all people and hospitality to the stranger are essential to the working of the church – a clear match to Morialta's values. We look forward to learning how his talent for cooking and his favoured approach of 'intentional loitering' will further contribute to our mission of sharing the message of God's grace.



**Cnr. Fullarton Road and
Grenfell Street, Kent Town**

Now in its tenth year the popular community Concerts at Kent Town continues to go from strength to strength as it opens the doors of the historic Wesley Church, Kent Town for another season of welcoming monthly Wednesday afternoon concerts. And, yes, admission price is still \$10 which includes a generous afternoon tea.

The 2017 Concerts at Kent Town series runs from July to November.

**August and September dates are
as follows:**

**Wednesday
– 16 August at 2.00 pm**

Kate Worley - Violinist
Andrew Ampt – Organist

**Wednesday
– 20 September at 2.00 pm**

Marryatville High School
Music Ensembles

Quiz Night

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

**Saturday 23 September
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start**

BYO basket supper. Tea/coffee available.
Make a table of 8 (max) or come solo and
make new friends

Cost \$15 per person
Bookings: 8331 9344; www.morialta.org.au



Uniting Church 40th Anniversary Lunch

Five churches of the Southern Fleurieu Peninsula, including Newland and Yilki, are joining together to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia. You are invited to share in the 40th anniversary lunch

Sunday 20 August at 12.30 pm

Victor Harbor Golf Club

Inman Valley Road, Victor Harbor

**Guest speaker:
Rev. Professor Andrew Dutney**

Cost \$28 for a two course roast. Drinks extra at the bar.

For more details or bookings that close 6 August contact:

Marie Harris 08 8552 6202,
Dawn White 0418 845989,
or Newland Church Office 08 85527732

Spring Fair

Yilki Uniting Church

15 Tabernacle Road,
Encounter Bay

**Saturday 2
September 9.00 am to 2.00 pm**

BBQ – sausages and chicken satays. Morning tea – coffee and cake. Homemade cakes, produce, plants. Bric-a-brac, books, household goods. Clothes. Raffles and ukulele band

A great day out for food, fun and fossicking

Proceeds support Yilki Uniting Church outreach programs



Public Theology Series

Pilgrim Uniting Church

12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

Saturday 16 September

A workshop for congregation leaders with

Professor Linda Woodhead from Lancaster University UK

For further information contact Rev Dr Dean Eland djeland@bigpond.com, 0419 112 603

Pilgrim Symposium and RSSLR Oration 2017

Is "No Religion" the new religion?

Pilgrim Uniting Church

12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

Monday 18 September, 7.30 pm

Oration by Professor Linda Woodhead MBE, Lancaster University UK.

Symposium supporting panel:

Rev. Christy Capper, Director of Missiology, Uniting College for Leadership and Theology.

Rev. Dr. Greg Elsdon, former CEO Churches of Christ (SA & NT)

Includes Q and A session followed by supper.

Cost: \$15, \$10 unwaged. <http://www.pilgrim.org.au/symposium/2017.php>



Pilgrim
Uniting
Church



RESEARCH UNIT FOR THE
STUDY OF SOCIETY, LAW
AND RELIGION (RUSSLR)

Wildflower Walk

Sandy Creek Uniting Church

162 Williamstown Rd, Cockatoo Valley

Thursday 28 September

A guided walk through an easy walking area

Meet at the church at 1.00 pm

Cost \$12, including afternoon tea

Book in early with Leslee Carle (details below) as numbers are limited. You are invited to book as an individual or a group.

For more information, contact Leslee Carle, phone 8524 4086 or 0417 863 325

Write Your Own Icon

Praying with a paint brush



Paint an icon in the tradition of Eastern Orthodox Churches under instruction from an experienced iconographer. No previous painting or drawing experience required. Places are limited to ensure each person gets individual attention. Start with a bare board and with virtually no experience on Monday morning and have a nearly or completed icon by the end of Friday.

Newland Memorial Uniting Church Hall

30 Victoria Street, Victor Harbor

**Monday 23 – Friday 27 October
9.00 am – 5.00 pm**

**Teacher: Peter Blackwood –
Uniting Church Icon School Melbourne
Cost \$250**

More information and enrolment: Alison Wish, roy@uniting.com.au or 08 8552 7306

Induction services

***Rev David Williamson
and***

***Rev Sarah Williamson
Christ Church Uniting,
Wayville***

26 King William Street, Wayville

**Sunday 6 August 2017
at 4.00 pm**

Celebratory refreshments to follow

Rev Josh Scherer

Gawler Uniting Church

Tod Street, Gawler

**Tuesday 15 August
at 7.00 pm.**

A light supper will follow

Rev. Dr. Greg Elsdon

Pilgrim Uniting Church

12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

Sunday 8 October at 7.00 pm.



The Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts seeks to encourage and develop music and arts that support the depth and breadth of worship and community life in a contemporary, multi-cultural and inclusive church. Primary areas of focus are:

Education – developing a range of courses, key conferences and a network of Christian music teachers.

Resources – supporting communities through the development of new worship resources

Creative ministries – opening opportunities for people to express their creative gifts and skills



If you are a worship leader or contribute to worship in any way in your community, join the CMLA for these four special masterclass evenings.

The evenings will explore topics such as space setting and symbolic gesture, living the lectionary, and spiritual practices for practitioners.

21 and 28 August, 4 and 11 September at 7.30 pm

Café Fellini

102 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide

\$10 per session, or \$20 for four sessions.

Limited spaces available.

Bookings online. <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=295975>;

Questions: admin@cmla.org.au



If you are a ministry or preacher, CMLA would love to have you join them for a series of conversations on developing and strengthening preaching skills. This special conversation series will provide an opportunity to connect with, and learn from, fellow preachers.

14 and 28 August, 11 and 25 September at 10 am

La Scala Café

169 Unley Road, Unley

\$10 per session, or \$20 for four sessions.

Limited spaces available.

Bookings online <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=295969>;

Questions: admin@cmla.org.au



The Effective Living Centre (ELC) is a community partnership organisation and an integral part of Christ Church Uniting, Wayville. The ELC empowers people to engage with and contribute to life more effectively. It is open and available to people of any social, political or religious stance.

Effective Living Centre 2017 Wilks Oration

Julian Cribb

Surviving the 21st Century

Friday 18 August 7.30 pm.

How much we change to ensure life on earth survives the devastation we are inflicting upon it?

Julian Cribb is an Australian science writer, the author of nine books and over 8000 media articles. He has received more than 30 awards for journalism, including the Order of Australia Association Media Prize

Venue: Effective Living Centre, 26 King William Road, Wayville

Cost: \$25 Adult, \$20 Conc, \$15 Friends of ELC

Booking essential: book online <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=289910>, or phone the office on 8271 0329



Positive Parenting

Positive Parenting courses are designed to support and encourage parents in their vital role of nurturing and empowering children, and helping them be the best people they can be. They have been supported by the City of Unley for more than ten years. All courses are held at the Effective Living Centre, 26 King William Road, Wayville. They run from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. They are designed for parents/carers to attend.

Cost for each Positive Parenting session \$15 adult; \$12 concession; \$10 friend of ELC; \$24 per couple

Coming Events

Talk so Kids Will Listen & Listen so Kids Will Talk

16 August

with Donna Broadhurst – a counsellor working with children and families, specialising in using Child Centred Play Therapy. The session aims to help parents discover new ways of effectively communicating with their children so misunderstanding and conflict are dealt with constructively.

Booking online <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256011>, or phone 8271 0329

Helping Children Through Separation and Divorce

30 August

with Rod Wenham – a mediator specialising in Family Dispute Resolution and Child Inclusive Mediation. Rod has been in private practice for the last 15 years and also works with Relationships Australia. Rod will look at various ways in which children can be given a voice and both parents can be positively involved in their ongoing needs and development.

Booking online <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256097> or phone 8271 0329

Inspiring Art Through World Religions – 3

Art and Knowledge in Islam

Join the Effective Living Centre Sacred and Creative Team as we are moved and inspired through art at the Art Gallery of South Australia on Friday evening. On Saturday, share with in “hands on” expression.

Friday 1st September 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Art Gallery SA, North Terrace, Adelaide

meet in the atrium (near the bookshop) for a 1 hour tour of Islamic art collection to gain an insight into the importance of patterns and flowers in Islamic art.

Saturday 2nd September 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Effective Living Centre

26 King William Road, Wayville

Enjoy an afternoon of simple Persian embroidery by highly regarded Akhtar Esmailzadeh. Akhtar is from Kerman Province in Southern Iran. She was taught tradition Persian embroidery by family members as a child and has been embroidering for over 45 years. Come and learn how to make your own bookmark to keep

Cost: Friday night \$10 Adult, \$8.00 conc, \$5 Friend of ELC

Saturday \$25 Adult, \$22 Conc, \$20 Friend of ELC

Bookings are essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=268383>, or phone 8271 0329

From the Wider Church

Regenerating Places of Faith

October 30, 9.00 am – 4.30 pm

Clayton Wesley Uniting Church

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

South Australia has many historic church buildings that have served their congregations and communities well over many decades. Now, though, many shrinking and ageing congregations are struggling to maintain their places of faith. The “Regenerating Places of Faith” conference will explore how congregations can be strengthened,

including through development partnerships with other community groups and local businesses, to restore and adapt historic church buildings for worship and as innovative places that enable communities to flourish.

Conference is sponsored by Clayton Wesley Uniting Church, The State Heritage Unit, the National Trust, the Anglican Church and Arcuate Architecture

Further details will be published soon.

Check the National Trust website: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/regenerating-places-of-faith-conference/>