



Bulletin – October 2018

Practice • Presence • Place

TRINITY SESSIONS @ Church of the Trinity

Roger Freeman

Trinity Sessions kicked off way back in 2002 when we had an idea that it would be great to present original contemporary music in a comfortable, fully seated, acoustic, beautiful venue; and what could be better than using our church, Church of the Trinity. After some discussions with music identities around Adelaide, a proposal was put to the church council for a limited number of concerts, only four initially, to see how things went.

Well, since that quiet start Trinity Sessions has grown to be one of Adelaide's favourite music venues for artists and audiences. We have presented local, interstate and international artists on a regular basis with around 15 to 18 concerts a year. The artists have included Arlo Guthrie, Brian Kennedy, Eddi Reader, My Friend the Chocolate Cake, The Audreys, Eric Bogle, The Idea of North, Slava and Leonard Grigoryan and a whole lot more.

The venue is all volunteer run with people from outside and inside the church. Since we began, over 25,000 people have attended Trinity Sessions concerts, and our ticket sales have exceeded \$600,000.

Two things guide Trinity Sessions; respect and hospitality. We show respect to the artist by providing a quality PA system (which is brought in for every concert), top-notch sound engineer, comfortable "green room" (it's the vestry), accommodating their needs and, importantly, paying them a generous amount and within a very

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quick time. We show respect to the audience by providing a fully seated, comfortable venue where everyone is there to listen to the music - it is the quietest venue in town - and looking after the audience as though they were invited into your home.

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the community. Our outreach and social justice initiatives are on display, and people acknowledge and appreciate the work that is being done. While everyone gets a different experience from listening to live music, it is pretty special to see a band that the night before may have played to a rowdy front bar playing at Trinity Sessions under the cross and acknowledging and respecting the venue; you can see how much it means to them to be playing in such a venue. As Eric Bogle said at one of his performances with us, *"live music is one of the things that can make the hair on the back of your neck stand up."*

Hopefully, we can keep Trinity Sessions going, but it all depends on audiences supporting the venue so we can keep attracting the great artists that we have over the last 16 years. So, if you're interested in live music and a comfortable listening venue where the prices guarantee good value check out www.trinitysessions.org and our Facebook page.

Urban Mission Network News

November Gathering

Thursday 22 November

Sandy Creek Uniting Church

162 Williamstown Road, Sandy Creek

6.00 pm – 8.45 pm

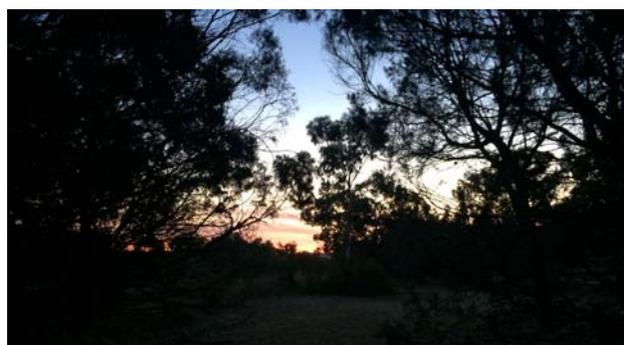
We are very excited by this invitation from Sandy Creek, a welcoming congregation that greets all with a “warm handshake and a smile as wide as the surrounding countryside.”

Daylight saving offers a wonderful opportunity for us to worship in the delightful bush chapel, and, with Sandy Creek’s reputation for hospitality and fantastic food, we can look forward to smiles of satisfaction.

Car pool We would not want travel constraints to be a reason for missing the peaceful surroundings, and the treats for which Sandy Creek are well-known. Sandy Creek is just 48

minutes from Gepps Cross; car-pooling will mean good stewardship of resources. Contact susan@urbannetwork.org.au if you would like to catch a ride with another. If you can offer a ride to another, please let Susan know, too.

Members of Sandy Creek Uniting are loyal supporters of Urban Mission Network with around 7 attending all gatherings. This is an opportunity to learn little more about this small-member congregation that is big on being church – and an opportunity to watch the sunset over the gums.



Morning Tea for Ministry Agents

for Ministers in placement,
Ministers in association, retired
Ministers, and pastors and
students in placement connected
in some way with UMN

**Tuesday 6 November,
10.00 am**

Hope’s Café

cnr The Parade and Portrush Road,
Beulah Park.

- *connect*
- *enjoy casual conversations*
- *experience the beautifully renovated Hope’s Café*

Hope’s Café will open especially for this morning tea

As guests of Urban Mission Network, you will enjoy barista coffee (or your choice of refreshment) and delicious food

RSVP before October 30 to
susan@urbannetwork.org.au

Café conversation: Death cafés and end of life community events

Friday, 2 November, 10 am

Café Outside the Square

A social enterprise café

34 Whitmore Square, Adelaide

As a collaborator with the *Local Public Theology collaboration*, Urban Mission Network hosts casual but intentional Café Conversations where we share stories of experiences connecting with neighbourhoods, strategies, issues faced and how they were dealt with, and so on. Conversations feature a speaker telling about work they are doing on a related topic. After telling their story, a facilitator leads a group conversation.

Following her well-received presentation at the Workshop for Church Councils, **Rhonda Smedley** will talk about the background of programs presented by Walkerville Uniting Church, and the potential for these programs in other locations.

Rhonda’s background and journey

Rhonda’s background in education as a Home Economics teacher, along with a passion for supporting others in their faith journey and her experience within the community over the years, has shaped her view of what, why and how faith communities can be in this modern world; as expressed more recently with the implementation of the **Thrive with Age** project at the Walkerville Uniting Church.

RSVP before Wednesday, 24 October to
susan@urbannetwork.org.au

Resources

An Ecological Lens into the Gospel of Luke

December 2, 2018, begins Year C of the Lectionary cycle – the year of Luke

Videos of the Windows into the Text workshop led by Rev. Dr. Michael Trainor AM in 2016 are available in “resources” at www.urbannetwork.org.au

These high-quality recordings can be used in local settings, opening opportunities for ongoing discussion toward thoughtful and creative planning. With thanks to Uniting Technology.

Workshop for Church Councils

PowerPoint® slides from the Workshop for Church Councils held on 11 August at Christ Church Uniting, Wayville are now available in “Resources” at www.urbannetwork.org.au

News from Urban Mission Network Congregations

Rosefield Uniting Church

2–6 Carlton Street, Highgate
(off Fullarton Road)

Collections Display Day

*to raise funds to support
South Pacific School Aid*

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**Sunday 28 October
11 am to 2 pm**

Collections on display include

- chess sets from around the world (almost 40 items)
 - quilts ● vegemite collectibles
- one direction memorabilia ● x-files gear
 - teaspoons ● giraffes
- rocks from around the world ● fine china
 - model Porsches ● glass fish
 - cricket relics ● pop-up books

Plus cake stall, sausage sizzle, bookstall.

Entry by donation to
South Pacific School Aid
who recycle books to developing countries.

Further information Derek Nash 0400 403 275

Rosefield Uniting Church

2 Carlton St, Highgate

Professions of Faith – Medicine

*Faith and Vocation alive in the
Modern world*

**5.30 pm meet for a light meal,
6.00 pm to 7.30 pm session**

Holding together our personal and professional lives brings both opportunity and challenge.

This is the last in a series of seminars on the **Medical** profession, exploring how faith helps shape the way we respond to work and its pressures.

14 October – Dr David Holden

David is a palliative care consultant working for the Northern Adelaide Palliative Service. He completed a Master of Christian Studies at Tabor Adelaide in 2010, immediately prior to general practice and palliative care training. David has a keen interest in education and the impact of spirituality in healthcare, particularly with regard to end-of-life matters. His relational understanding of theology informs his practice. He cycles and remembers running, and answers (back) to a minister every day, not just on Sundays.

Morialta Uniting Church
26 Chapel Street, Magill

Quiz Night

Saturday 13 October
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start

Tickets at \$10 per person are available from the church office (8331 9344).

Make up a table (max 8 people) or let Morialta arrange one for you.

BYO nibbles, soft drinks, wine, beer, and so on.

Tea and coffee provided.

Proceeds support church and community centre projects.



CONCERTS @ KENT TOWN

Wesley Uniting Church

Cnr Fullarton Road and Grenfell Street, Kent Town

Wednesday 17 October
at 2.00 pm

Hayden King – Trumpeter
Peter Kelsall – Organist

Wednesday 21 November
at 2.00 pm

Tasso Bouyessis – Tenor
Graham Bell – Organist

Tickets \$15 at the door

Includes generous afternoon tea

For all enquiries please contact:

Sheila Bryce: (08) 8322 4581, mobile: 0416 154 061,
e-mail: sbrycepublicity@gmail.com

TrinitySessions

"The only sound you hear is the music"

ADELAIDE'S INTIMATE CONCERT VENUE

Sunday 14 October 5.00 pm

Aleyce Simmonds and Brad Butcher

2018 Golden Guitar Winners, Aleyce Simmonds and Brad Butcher, combine to tour the A + B = Country in your town tour. Highly Respected for their songwriting prowess and musicianship, both artists have been award finalists and winners many times over. The A + B = Country tour sees Aleyce and Brad, touring the Country, delivering their honest and unique styles of Australian Country Music, radio singles and deep cuts in an intimate and collaborative setting.

Tickets \$25. Licensed bar

Saturday 10 November 7.30 pm

Abby Dobson

Abby Dobson, formerly of platinum-selling band Leonardo's Bride and currently of Aria-nominated French ensemble, Baby et Lulu, returns centre-stage to showcase *It's okay, Sweetheart*. Performing with a five-piece band of heartbreakers featuring; heavenly harmonies, strings, piano, bass, guitars – and Abby's sultry, mournful voice – this show will leave your heart pounding....

It's okay, Sweetheart, Abby's new solo album will be released digitally on Friday, 26th October. CDs will be available at her show.

120 min (includes interval)

Doors open at 7:00pm (music 7:30pm)

Bar from 6:30 pm and at the interval.

Tickets \$35/\$30

Church of the Trinity
318 Goodwood Road, Clarence Park



**Pilgrim Uniting Church
Symposium 2018**

**Monday 29 October
7.30 pm**

**RUSSLR Oration
by Professor Marion Maddox**

**Supporting panel
Professor Rick Sarre
& Rev Elenie Poulos**

Includes Q and A session followed by supper
\$15 waged/\$10 unwaged. Supported by Neville Rochow SC

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



THE UNIVERSITY
of ADELAIDE

**The people's forum at
Pilgrim**

**Thursday 1 November,
1 – 2.30 pm**

**the Draper Room
at Pilgrim Uniting
Church**

12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

An opportunity to hear from a panel
of speakers about homelessness,
being a new migrant and a refugee:
10 years on.

Lunch will be provided. A meal, at
\$10.00 per person creates a job
opportunity for a refugee.

Please RSVP by Monday morning
29 October to Liellie (0437 794 410 /
liellie@ozemail.cauau)

**Bridgewater
Arts Centre**

Supporting artists
in The Hills



**Saturday 20 October
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm**

407 Mount Barker Road, Bridgewater

Another great evening of music and singing with:

Minim: Choral, popular, and songs of faith

Fergus Maximus: singer/songwriter of folk
and jazz

Ella and Sienna: popular and country genres

Tickets www.eventbrite.com
search Bridgewater Arts Centre

Or pay at the door

\$15 adults; \$10 concession, under 12 years free

**News from Mission Resourcing Centres --
members of UMN**

Centre for
Music, Liturgy & the Arts



Right-side-up Christmas

Resource event

**Tuesday 16 October @ 7.30 pm
Christ Church Uniting, Wayville
26 King William Road, Wayville**



Come and join CMLA in sharing the festive new resource book in time for
Advent and Christmas.



All events at Christ Church Uniting, Effective Living Centre,
26 King William Road, Wayville

Seminary of the 3rd Age: *Re-thinking Spirituality*

October Seminars

**Thursdays evenings
from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm**

11 October – The Spirituality of Aboriginal Peoples with
Ian Copley

18 October – The Innate Spirituality of Affection with
Sean Gilbert

25 October – Earth Spirituality with Jana Norman

Book online www.trybooking.com/317240 or
phone the ELC office

\$45 for all 4 seminars or \$15 each



Too much too soon

*Protecting our
children in a
cyber age*

with

Melinda Tankard Reist

**17 October
7.30 pm**

Cost: \$35 adult; concession \$30
– Supported by the Unley Council

www.trybooking.com/XIPH

Wilks Oration 2018

**Saturday, 20 October
7.00 pm**

Orator: Professor Henry Reynolds,
University of Tasmania

Australia's Unnecessary Wars

Bookings www.trybooking.com/WXIL or phone the ELC office

Tickets: Adult \$25; concession \$20; friends of ELC: \$15.00

Armistice Day

Pacifism Convocation

Remembering Charles Strong

11 November 10.00 am – 4.30 pm

Sponsored by Charles Strong Trust, donations welcome

Contact: pcnetusa@gmail.com or nlabel@bigpond.com

For program details go to
[http://effectiveliving.ucasa.org.au/events/
armistice-day-pacifism-convocation?](http://effectiveliving.ucasa.org.au/events/armistice-day-pacifism-convocation?)



The Stones Cry Out

*The story of
the Palestinian
Christians*

**Movie and Discussion
Friday, 2 November**

**Nibbles and drinks
@ 7:30 pm**

Movie @ 8.00 pm

Professor Bassam Dally from
Adelaide University Faculty
of Engineering, a Palestinian
Christian, will lead the
discussion

Tickets: adults \$15; concession
\$12; ELC member \$10

The connected church • News from the wider church

Willunga Christmas Tree Festival 2018

Bethany Hall

Cnr. St Jude and St Andrews Terrace, Willunga

Going Green is gearing up as a wonderful Christmas Tree Festival.

November 24	Advent Wreath Workshop and Community Weaving
December 1 & 2	Christmas Tree Exhibition opening
December 23	Carols in the Chapel
December 3 – 7	Bus tours and groups by appointment

Colouring competition • Christmas Stalls • Devonshire teas

The cost for each group member is \$3, with an additional \$5.50 if wanting a Devonshire tea.

www.willungaunitingchurch.com.au

Regenerating Places of Faith Conference – More Conversation

A conference series exploring the intersection of property, purpose, and the Church.

27 October 9:00 am — 4:30 pm

Burnside City Uniting Church

384 Portrush Rd, Tusmore – corner of Fisher St

Regenerating Places of Faith seeks to bring together local congregations, denominational leaders, civil society, government agencies, and property professionals, to explore and answer these questions.

- How can we connect community groups with local congregations to improve social cohesion and neighbourhood resilience?
- As congregations re-imagine their life and mission, how should they evaluate their role as custodians of community assets?
- How might congregations and community groups work together to restore and re-purpose church buildings as functional spaces for community use?
- What wider community resources can be harnessed to maintain, restore and re-imagine our historic churches?

Presented by the National Trust of South Australia in conjunction with the SA Government State Heritage Unit, the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide, the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide, the Lutheran Church SA-NT District, the Uniting Church in South Australia, and Arcuate Architecture.

To book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=428727&>

Program available @ <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Regentg-Places-of-Faith-More-Converstn-v9B.pdf>

Creative Ageing & Spirituality Collaboratory



It is a little over twelve months since the Urban Mission Network launched the Creative Ageing and Spirituality Collaboratory. The word collaboratory describes with our goal to resource **collaboration** with each other and with the wider community in a **laboratory** style – exploring and testing concepts values and ideas. What are some of the emerging issues we might address locally with the 50 plus age group?

- **Loneliness** It is estimated that one in four older Australians live alone and that one in five older Australians are socially isolated; often with transport challenges.
- **Home Care Packages** The latest government figures show the number of people waiting for appropriate level of home care has increased to more than 108,000.
- **Navigating the selection of Home Care Packages** means many elderly, ill and frail consumers struggle to follow the system and, as a consequence, unable to source the help they need.
- **Where to find meaning?** is a question pondered by baby boomers as they approach the later part of life. The strong focus of autonomy, control, and material benefits experienced through life are likely to be challenged in the process of ageing, by growing frailty.

While church attendance is declining and ageing, the search for spirituality continues to surge. With this comes the question, “what we can contribute locally from our Christian heritage and journey?” In September, Creative Ageing and Spirituality, through the Urban Mission Network, joined Meaningful Ageing Australia and can now access its resources. Meaningful Ageing brings a wide range of educational materials, seminars and research that empower and engage spirituality in later life. Many of the Uniting Church Agencies participate through membership.

Exploring ways to participate in wider community conversations

Through conversations with State and Local Government bodies and departments, peak and local community organisations that serve older South Australians, it is evident that faith communities are not at the table. These bodies welcome engagement with the Creative Ageing and Spirituality Collaboratory, especially when hearing

CASC’s relationship with UMN congregations. There is keen interest in CACS from individuals, synods, and national consulting companies.

Ageing in place

With a church in most neighbourhoods, church congregations are key in offering diverse and intergenerational voluntary community networks that could be centres for community flourishing and presence, as senior Australians seek to age locally.

Meaning and purpose discovery in later life is provoking local and international interest.

“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.” John 1:14a *The Message*.

How might we **practice hospitality** by joining in with what is already happening in our neighbourhood?

Progress to date

- Our successful Seniors with Style event held April in conjunction with the Adelaide City Council and reported in *New Times*
- Seniorpreneurs a national non-profit organisation has partnered with Scots Church.
- A woman in her eighties studying Creative writing at Flinders has started a life story group at her church.
- Conversations with several churches who have expressed interest in conducting seminars, implementing their own projects.

Resources are continually posted to www.creativeageingsa.org.au.

For more information

Check Creative Ageing and Spirituality SA Facebook page

To explore opportunities, contact kennethburt@creativeageingsa.org.au Mobile 0455830292