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Rosalie Dutton, a Fearless Intern, stands on the front steps of Journey Uniting Church to welcome attendees. Journey UC started the Fearless Internship program in 2014 to cultivate future leaders through relationship, discipleship and servanthood. Read more about it on page 13.



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## Placements News

### Placements finalised as of 12 September 2018

Rev Dianna Muir to North Adelaide Local Health Network as the Lyell McEwin Hospital Coordinating Chaplain from 25 November 2018

### Vacant placements

The following is the list of vacant (or soon to be vacant) approved placements:

Profiles available - Blackwood UC (up to 1.2 FTE for two positions), Burra UC (0.7), Dernancourt UC from 1 March 2019, Enfield UC, Malvern UC and Unley UC, Maitland and Districts (0.6), Port Lincoln (Coffin Bay Community Church, Poonindie UC, Unity Hill UC) from 1 January 2019, The Vines UC, Uniting Churches of Tatiara (0.8) (Bordertown UC, Mundulla UC, Buckingham UC), Waikerie UC.

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### Ordination and induction services

Mark Schultz (Team Leader Mission Resourcing), Paul Goh (Justice & CALD Multicultural and Cross-cultural Officer) and Sitiveni Rogoimuri (Covenanting and International Mission Officer) at Uniting College for Leadership & Theology on Thursday 1 November at 7pm.

For more information about any of these placements, please visit [sa.uca.org.au/pastoral-relations-mission-planning/placements-vacant-and-finalised](http://sa.uca.org.au/pastoral-relations-mission-planning/placements-vacant-and-finalised)

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# Time for change?

I have a friend that always says “change is neither good nor bad, it’s only change”. Is this true?

When things are not to your liking, you make changes for the better. Maybe you are happy with what you have, but would simply like to change to something better. Sometimes you are forced into change by circumstances, then you have to adapt, and you will. Often, you might have to go through a period where things seem to be worse than it was before. But the promise of ‘better’ will always be there – something to strive for.

There is a great deal of change in the air right now. We have recently seen leadership changes in our country and our church, same-gender marriages can now be conducted in our churches and the way we bank is under review. Is this all for the better?

When I first became interested in the role of New Times editor and Communications officer, my thoughts dwelled on what I would (and could) do to make the publication better. What would I change, if anything? What would I like New Times to be and to say?

One thought is that I would like New Times to be a true reflection of what is going on state-wide, and country-wide, in our church – the good and the bad. Another is that I want you, the reader, to be invested in every article. I want New Times to be a conversation starter.

But what I want to change is not very relevant. What really matters is what you, the reader, wants New Times to be. That is why we have included a readership survey on the very back of this publication. It is just the start of finding out what your thoughts are on New Times. I would therefore appreciate it if you would take the time to fill it out and send it back to us. There is an online version of this survey too, if you prefer to complete it electronically. The web link is [surveymonkey.com/r/DQYN5LT](http://surveymonkey.com/r/DQYN5LT), or send me an email ([newtimes@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:newtimes@sa.uca.org.au)) and I will send you the link personally.

I am very interested in your opinions – not only on the future of New Times, but also about your church and your community, and the changes we are all undergoing. I want you to send me motivational letters and reprimanding letters and letters stating your own opinions on matters. I want you to start those conversations.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, God reminds us that “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Thus, change is a guarantee in our lives, not something to fear or to be anxious about, because we trust in Him. And as we read in Malachi 3:6, the Lord will never change.



*Petronella Lowies*



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Uniting Church SA Presbytery & Synod (Readvertised)

The Uniting Church SA is seeking a General Secretary to provide strategic, pastoral and governance leadership to the Presbytery and Synod to assist the Church as it seeks to further develop its capacity for mission and ministry. This role requires a leader who proclaims a faith in Jesus Christ and demonstrates a sense of call to actively engage in strategic thinking about the life, direction, vision and mission of the Uniting Church in South Australia. It is critical that the General Secretary will evidence the ability to work with people of diverse theological views and respects the ethos of the Mission Networks.

The full Position Description & Person Specification, including a detailed selection criteria is available online at [sa.uca.org.au/uc-positions-vacant](http://sa.uca.org.au/uc-positions-vacant)

For further information or confidential enquiries please contact Karen Granger, Manager Human Resources on 08 8236 4278 or 0402 325 333.

Applications close at 4pm November 2, 2018  
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# Living Water Everyday

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Australians love to flock to the seaside in the summertime. Even during winter, people still like to journey close to the water, stepping their way through seaweed-strewn, sandy beaches to experience the tranquillity water brings.

This September I joined the Living Waters tour which traversed the River Murray from the North, at Border Cliffs to the Murray Mouth in the South. From our four days on the tour bus, we caught many glimpses of the mighty Murray winding its way through the dry land, bringing life to First Peoples through their spiritual relationship with the water, and watering the orchards and vines of the Riverland food bowl.

The serenity of the calm waters of Lake Bonney, situated in Barmera, fed our souls with peace. We participated in a Q&A session at Barmera Uniting Church, with presenters from Riverland businesses and community organisations educating us about the River Murray and just how much it contributes to local livelihoods. The Q&A session detailed irrigation, indigenous history and environmental perspectives and was summarised with a theological reflection by Rev Dr Vicky Balabanski.

We shared in Holy Communion beside Lake Albert, brought Biblical witness to our thinking about eco-mission and walked on Ngarrindjeri country with Sean Weetra, who challenged our covenant understandings.

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My biggest surprise came as we crossed the sand dunes at the mouth estuary where we met the Great Southern Ocean and the Murray empties her water. The noise and size of the waves was both exhilarating and fearsome. Taking off my shoes, I ran into the waves,



*Sean Weetra and Sue Ellis barefoot at the mouth of the River Murray where it meets the Great Southern Ocean.*

and quickly discovered the strength of the water nearly dumped me! I laughed with joy and delight, and all the worries of this world gave way to the moment. It sure was Living Water!

The Gospel of John shares a story of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at a well (John 4). Jesus asks her for a drink, but she responds by asking Jesus for the Living Water he offers, "Give me some of this water, that I may never be thirsty." (John 4: 15). What followed was a vigorous theological debate around differing beliefs regarding which mountain should host the right worship. Jesus went on to say, "...true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him," (v23) and she went and witnessed that she had found the Messiah.

Our Uniting Church community in South Australia has both struggled with, and celebrated the Assembly decision on same gender marriage, as every person has endeavoured to be a true worshipper of God in spirit and in truth. We have studied the Bible, gathered for conversations, listened respectfully and prayed for one another. Our November Presbytery and Synod meeting will continue in this vein, and I hope we might be drawing nearer to the end of a long journey of many years.

Meanwhile, may the Living waters of Jesus the Messiah sustain you and bless you as it has for me both practically and scripturally.

Rev Sue Ellis



# Polity 101



**The essence of our life is to be open to the leading of God's Spirit as discerned through the various councils of the Church. This is all very straightforward when we are basically in agreement across the various councils of the Church. It is more difficult when differences and conflicts arise.**



Dictionary.com defines polity as “a particular form or system of government; civil or ecclesiastical”. Merriam-Webster.com defines polity as “the form of government of a religious denomination”. The polity of the Uniting Church fits well into those definitions. Our polity defines how we are governed. This detail is included in the Basis of Union, the Constitution of the UCA, the Regulations of the UCA, the By-Laws of our Synods, the Rules of our Presbyteries and various other bits of documentation that have been agreed upon to guide how we operate as a Christian Church.

Our polity is built on a particular understanding of who we are as a church. We acknowledge the “faith and unity of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church” which are themselves built on the one Lord Jesus Christ and our understanding of how, in Jesus Christ, “God is reconciling the world to himself” (Basis of Union, paragraph 3). There is much theological and Biblical understanding on which we have built our identity and that identity is then expressed through our polity so that we know how to manage the issues that confront us day by day.

The lynch-pin of our polity is found in the Basis of Union, where paragraph 15 reminds us that the governance of the Church rests in the hands of the people of God, “by virtue of the gifts and tasks which God has laid upon them”.

Clause 15 also tells us that we are “governed by a series of inter-related councils”. Ultimately, however, “Christ alone is supreme in his Church, . . . he may speak to her through any of her councils”, each of which is to wait on God's Word and to obey God's will in the areas allocated to its oversight. Each of “these councils is to recognise the limit of its own authority and give heed to other councils of the Church, so that the whole body of believers may be united by mutual submission in the service of the Gospel.”

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*Rev Dr Ji Xang, Theologian in Residence of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly, holds up a poster of the Basis of Union at the 15th Assembly meeting held in Melbourne in July this year.*

councils of the Church. It is more difficult when differences and conflicts arise.

Those of us who have been in the Uniting Church from the beginning probably take this polity for granted. Those who have come into the Uniting Church more recently probably use the language without necessarily understanding it. Generalisations, I know, but the details don't figure prominently until issues arise.

We are currently in the midst of a serious matter that has impacted on the Uniting Church, particularly, but not only, in South Australia. As you will be aware, the 15th Assembly agreed to two equal and distinct beliefs about marriage. These two beliefs relate to marriage between a man and a woman, on the one hand, and to two people, on the other. Some are very pleased with this outcome; others are extremely disappointed and angry.

I am aware that throughout our Presbytery and Synod there are various conversations about how to respond to this issue. If you are involved in those conversations, I urge you to take note of the polity of the Uniting Church and work within it. Talk and listen and continue to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit that whatever we put in place for the future will be faithful, creative and enlivening.

I pray for our Uniting Church that we will be able to work together to find ways forward and that the reconciling love of Jesus Christ will be evident in all we do.

Rev Rob Brown

WHEN THE WORLD GIVES WAY  
CARRY US  
CARRY US



## SAYCO – Taking time to breathe!

On the October Long Weekend, Uniting Church SA held this year's South Australian Youth Camp Out (SAYCO) at Woodcroft College. It was a brilliant time of drawing aside for youth, many of whom have increasingly competing pressures and concerns in their lives.

The theme "Breathe, Breathe again" was explored through the main talks, songs, in communion, through electives, small group discussions

and the many fun activities. It was a true time to stop, reflect and be transformed by the Spirit.

Many thanks go to Woodcroft College for accommodation in classrooms, Uniting Venues for catering, the Interger team, Team SAYCO, the Group Coordinators, and the Communications and Events team who all made SAYCO 2018 possible.

## 2019 calendar orders

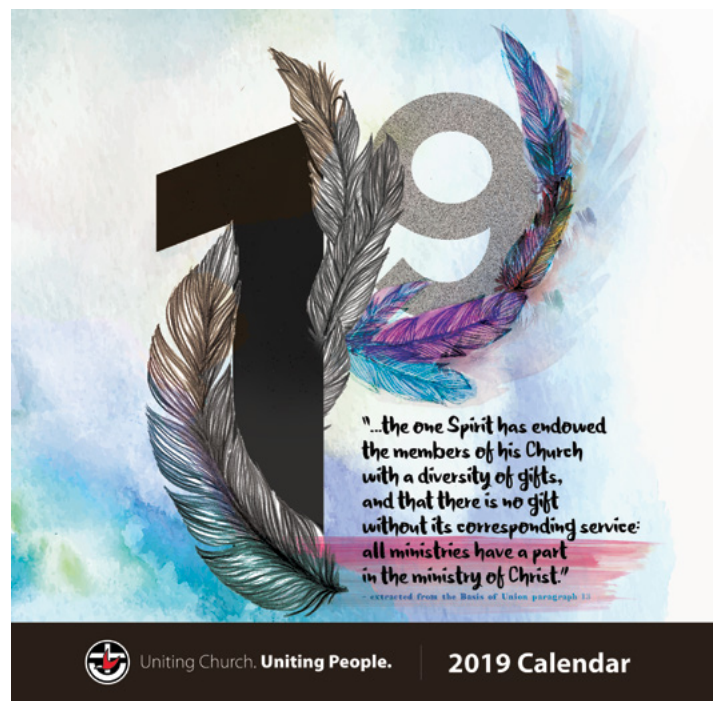
Each year, Uniting Church SA calendars provide congregations and individuals with lectionary readings, important dates, and the proposed Mission and Service Fund budget.

**All congregations and organisations wishing to receive printed calendars must plan an order by Wednesday 31 October, 2018. Printed calendars cost \$2 each (including GST).**

Calendars can be collected from the Synod office (Level 2, 212 Pirie Street, Adelaide) from Wednesday 14 November, or at the upcoming Presbytery and Synod meeting (15-17 November) from Adelaide West Uniting Church. They may also be posted at an additional cost.

Orders must be placed using a calendar order form, which is available on the website: [sa.uca.org.au/calendars-annual-reports](http://sa.uca.org.au/calendars-annual-reports)

For more information, please contact Communications and Events on 8236 4230 or email [communications@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:communications@sa.uca.org.au)





## More than just Sunday

One thing that sets the Uniting Church apart from any other denomination or organisation is the way it demonstrates community. There are numerous activities available to people who connect with the Uniting Church: playgroup, messy church, English lessons, acting classes, camps, cooking lessons and much, much more. This is why the Uniting Church is 'More than just Sunday'.

To celebrate this uniqueness, Uniting Church SA has launched a 'More than just Sunday' campaign to promote the diversity and plethora of activities the church is involved in. To launch the campaign, a 14 metre banner was placed on the Synod office window at Level 2, 212 Pirie Street in the Adelaide city centre.



*Signage to promote the 'More than just Sunday' campaign being placed on the Synod office window in Pirie Street, Adelaide.*

The campaign will incorporate additional promotional material including videos, social media and resourcing for congregations and faith communities who wish to promote the 'More than just Sunday' concept. For more information contact the Communications and Events team: [communications@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:communications@sa.uca.org.au) or telephone (08) 8236 4200.

## The Red Dove Café was on a mission again

At this year's Royal Adelaide Show the ever-popular Red Dove Café once again served up amazing food and drinks to sustain weary show-goers. As usual, loads of volunteers helped to prepare and serve the fresh, hearty meals and beverages.

This was the second year since the café moved to a location closer to the agricultural exhibits. It was open from 5:45am daily to serve nearby workers. During the show the café served up over 5,350 coffees, went through more than 80kg of bacon, turned a mere 16kg of mince into 52kg of curry and had sales of more than \$111,000. All profits are used for mission work in South Australia, as has been the case for the last 67 years of the café's existence.

For more information about the Red Dove Café and volunteering opportunities, please email Zoe: [reddove2018@gmail.com](mailto:reddove2018@gmail.com)



*Volunteers serving at the 2018 Royal Adelaide Show, Red Dove Café.*

## Gold awarded to New Times at the Australasian Religious Press Awards (ARPA)

Congratulations to Karan Hudson who won a Gold Award for Best Original Illustration (pictured on right) at the recent Australasian Religious Press Awards held in Brisbane this September. Karan's artwork is titled "Sleepwalkers" and accompanied the article titled "We need Easter Faith". The article and illustration appeared in the April/May 2017 edition of New Times.



*Karan's illustration, "Sleepwalkers".*

## Christmas postcards available for order

Distributing postcards detailing your Christmas service times to nearby residences is a great way for your church to connect with regular attenders, and the occasional visitor. The Uniting Church SA Communications and Events team has designed a postcard that connects people with the Christmas story, and also raises awareness about the Uniting Church in the community.

This year's Christmas postcard reminds us of the greatest gift given to the world at Christmas time, the gift of Jesus. The gift of Jesus keeps on giving, providing: hope, love, peace and joy to the world. These are gifts which God wants us to share and pass on to those around us.

The front of the postcard has the words *"The greatest gift that goes on and on..."*.

The back of the postcard provides space for Christmas service details and dates, and a quote from Luke 2:10 - *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."*



The postcards and accompanying posters are now available for order at [sa.uca.org.au/postcards](http://sa.uca.org.au/postcards)

**Postcard cost:** \$82.50 per 1,000 (incl. GST) or \$44 (incl. GST) per 500. Costs for orders of fewer than 500 copies will be communicated via email.

**A3 Poster cost:** \$22 (incl. GST) for 10 (minimum of 10).

There is also a set of free, downloadable PowerPoint templates.

Orders must be placed by **Monday 29 October**. For further information contact the Communications and Events team on **8236 4237** or email [communications@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:communications@sa.uca.org.au)

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*Kylie Brice was one of the speakers invited to Spirited Sundays. She is a singer songwriter on a mission to share her message of hope and helping people to know they are unique and valuable.*



*Rev Andrew Robertson shares insights about his role of activating community with the people who live, play and work in the new U City building in Adelaide.*

## A pub to call 'church'

There is an ever-growing group of people who spend their Sunday evenings in the pub. They are doing it deliberately. It is where they do church.

Spirited Sundays is a new initiative of Athelstone Uniting Church. Held monthly at the local 'Rezz' pub in nearby Newton, Athelstone Uniting Church hosts a warm, friendly gathering on a Sunday evening with different guest speakers.

"The purpose is to build community by hosting conversations about things that matter to the people of our local community. We intentionally are not overtly Christian or 'preachy' in our approach and, inspired by Jeremiah 29:7, are striving to find speakers who can add value to people's lives," explains Rev Linda Driver.

The speakers so far have included Kylie Brice, a singer songwriter on a mission to share her message of hope and helping people to know they are unique and valuable; Rev Andrew Robertson, who shared about his role of activating community with the people who live, play and work in the new U City building in Adelaide; Max Amber, former Mayor of Campbelltown sharing stories of his experiences growing up in Athelstone; Ian Olver, Professor of Translational Cancer Research at the University of South Australia sharing about the latest in cancer research, and Ivan Copley, local Peramangk/Kaurna man sharing stories of the first peoples of the area.

There has been five instalments of Spirited Sundays so far. In these meetings the attendance have grown from 35 to more than 50 people.

"One of the most exciting things we have noticed is that these nights have consistently drawn out the younger generation of our church community," says Linda. "Some members of our congregation have also brought along a friend or family member who may not normally go to church. Our next goal is to see people from the local community join us, including those who have wandered into the pub for a meal."

So how did the idea of having church in a pub come about? According to Linda it was one of a number of ideas that came out of a brainstorming session the church held in February this year.

"We had gathered to talk about ways to refresh what we offer on Sunday evenings. For many years, the Rezz has been a gathering place for a cuppa or cool drink after church, particularly on Sunday evenings.

Someone said, "Why don't we have church at the pub?" After the initial laughter died down, I wrote the idea up on our butchers' paper and from that night, it gradually developed. Not only would it be a plus for Sunday evenings, but it had potential for connecting with our local community (one of the congregation's mission goals)."

They have a line-up of future speakers all organised for future events. Among these are Matt Barker, speaker, actor, poet and ukulele player and David Hutton, former AFL footballer who will share his testimony on being a Christian in an elite sporting environment.

"We have had lots of support from members of our congregation who have taken a real interest in these nights as a way of getting to know each other. Other interest has come from those in their upper 20s/lower 30s who no longer attend church but are really comfortable coming to gather at the local pub with their partner and kids. They are the ones who have been so supportive, particularly with donating promotional material."

*Future 'Spirited Sundays at the Rezz' events can be found on Facebook/SpiritedSundaysatTheRezz. Upcoming events are scheduled for Sunday 21 October, Sunday 18 November and Sunday 16 December, all beginning at 6.30pm. Children are welcome. Contact Athelstone Uniting Church for more information (08) 8336 9905.*



# Breaking boundaries and seeking justice: the work of Deacons

*Soon to be Deacon, Chelsey Size (third adult from the left), poses with her Aboriginal brothers and sisters and UCA President, Dr Deidre Palmer (middle). Chelsey's ministry focuses largely on helping Aboriginal communities to practically walk out reconciliation and liberation together.*

Tasha Crumpler

"I didn't decide to become a Deacon, I was called to it," says retired Deacon, Bill Harris.

As one of the first ordained Deacons in South Australia, Bill has expertise in the area that few can claim. He witnessed the formation of the Uniting Church in Australia, campaigned for men to be accepted into the ministry of the diaconate, was involved in the 2001 World DIAKONIA Assembly in Brisbane, and has dedicated his life to encouraging and supporting communities through ministry.

Bill has come to understand the meaning of diaconal, or the role of a Deacon, as an ever-changing and evolving definition, continuously shaped while working in different settings. While his definition of diaconal has changed, his experiences with the community have not.

"I have found that people and their needs are very similar across all cultures and all situations, and if you really want to relate to them, the place to do it is alongside them," he says.

As a Deacon, Bill was expected to offer leadership in a ministry of service to the world. This meant his focus was centred on seeking social justice and the provision of care, support, and compassion for the poor, oppressed and disadvantaged.

## Ordaining both men and women into the role of Deacon

The opportunity to be ordained as a Deacon has only been available since 1992, 15 years after the inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia. Prior to the 6th Assembly meeting in 1991, only women could serve, but not be ordained in, the Ministry of Diaconess. Although discussion on allowing men into the ministry was frequent, it was the campaigning of Bill and his friends that pushed the agenda further.

"We moved a motion at the 5th Assembly. We wanted the Assembly to create a Ministry of Deacon for men and women, but in the event that it failed, we wanted the Ministry of Diaconess to be opened to

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**Deacons help the church to explore new ways of being God's people and take the church into abandoned places. They are pathfinders, bridge builders, pioneers, prophets and enablers."**

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both men and women," says Bill. "The motion to allow men into the Ministry of Diaconess was accepted. A few years later the ministry was renewed and titled the Ministry of Deacon."

Bill was officially ordained to the Ministry of Diaconess in 1988 and was then recognised as Rev Deacon in 1992 after constitutional changes were made to the ministry.

Throughout his years as a Deacon, Bill served as a Region Mission Worker in the Adelaide North West Presbytery, was a Superintendent of the Port Pirie Central Mission, and ministered in the ecumenical setting of the Seaford Ecumenical Mission.

## Oldest to youngest

While Bill can be considered as one of the oldest (albeit retired) Deacons, Chelsey Size will soon be considered the youngest. As a Deacon in training, Chelsey has had a life-long sense that she has been called to ministry and mission.

Before training to become an ordained deacon, Chelsey held an Occupational Therapy placement in Port Augusta. Her passion for helping others was shaped and guided through the powerful stories of grief and loss shared with her during this time.





*When Chelsey Size, here with her husband and children, gets ordained as a Deacon, she will be one of the youngest Deacons in the Uniting Church.*



*One of the Uniting Church's oldest Deacons, Bill Harris, was officially ordained to the Ministry of Deaconess in 1988 and was then recognised as Rev Deacon in 1992 after constitutional changes were made to the ministry.*

Then, in 2012, she stumbled across a description of the Ministry of Deacon and was struck by how much she resonated with it.

"It was obvious that this was descriptive of who I am. Deacons are pathfinders, bridge builders, pioneers, prophets and enablers - those ways of being in the world have always animated me," she says.

### Reaching the marginalised

Ministry for both Ministers of the Word and Deacons has a unique and distinct obligation to the church. For Ministers of the Word, their ministry is found in congregations gathered for worship, but a Deacon's ministry lies in people out in the communities - disadvantaged and in need. Deacons are a bridge between the church and the community. They are leaders in identifying areas of struggle and division and the causes of injustice. These complementary ministries help the Uniting Church to engage with everyone, Christian or not.

As a future Deacon, Chelsea hopes her ministry will use her background in community development and love of art, nature and contemplative practices to find fresh ways of expressing the love of Christ to vulnerable communities. She also wants her ministry to continue to covenant with her "Aboriginal brothers and sisters to practically walk out reconciliation and liberation together."

Chelsea believes that Deacons have an important role in helping shape the future of the church.

"Deacons help the church to explore new ways of being God's people and take the church into abandoned places. Part of the challenge for the church (and perhaps Deacons might be part of the answer) is to find ways to move into communities that are not obviously resourced. This is especially important if the church is called to move towards the margins, which I obviously believe it is!"

*For more information on the history and the ministry of Deacon, please visit [assembly.uca.org.au/basis-of-union](http://assembly.uca.org.au/basis-of-union)*



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### Regenerating Places of Faith Conference: More Conversation

**Saturday 27th October 2018**

at Burnside City Uniting Church

(384 Portrush Road, Tusmore)

- Explore how congregations and communities can benefit by working together
- Restore and adapt church buildings for multiple uses
- Local and overseas case studies presented

For more details, visit [nationaltrust.org.au/event/regenerating-places-of-faith-conference](http://nationaltrust.org.au/event/regenerating-places-of-faith-conference) or the conference Facebook page.

# Participating at Presbytery and Synod

There has been a lot of buzz surrounding the next meeting of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA), Presbytery and Synod of South Australia. This comes at a time when some major decisions were made at the Uniting Church's 15th Assembly meeting held in Melbourne from 8-14 July this year.

Following the July meeting, some Uniting Church members engaged in 40 Days of Prayer after Assembly announced a decision to hold two equal and distinct statements of belief on marriage. The Assembly decision allows ministers and celebrants in the Uniting Church the freedom to conduct or to refuse same-gender marriages from 21 September, 2018.

The creation of a non-geographic Presbytery has been floated amongst some members of the Uniting Church in South Australia. A meeting in early September provided a discussion forum to flesh out how such a Presbytery might be established within the bounds of the SA Synod. Whilst the gathering was initiated as a result of the Assembly's same-gender marriage decision, it also provided the 70+ people who gathered, a platform to discuss greater missional possibilities for the Uniting Church in South Australia.

After much discussion at the initial gathering, the group favoured progressing the concept of a non-geographical Presbytery. However, it was also highlighted that Assembly tensions could not be solved

through a new Presbytery and that many things won't change with Assembly.

The Uniting Church in SA interim CEO/General Secretary, Rev Rob Brown, confirmed that meetings being held regarding a non-geographical Presbytery are to find a way within the UCA regulations and polity. "My involvement in conversations with the group leading these meetings has been to ensure that the polity framework is maintained," he commented.

It is anticipated that several proposals related to the outcomes of the Assembly meeting last July will come to the November Presbytery and Synod meeting. Proposals are due at 5pm on 31 October and can be emailed to [secretariat@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:secretariat@sa.uca.org.au)

Rob encourages all Presbytery and Synod members to attend the Presbytery and Synod meeting in November (15 to 17 November). "It is important that the full diversity of our Presbytery and Synod is present to ensure broad discernment of God's leading related to these important issues."

*For further information about the upcoming Presbytery and Synod meeting, or to submit a proposal, contact [secretariat@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:secretariat@sa.uca.org.au) or phone (08) 8236 4206. If you wish to attend the meeting but have not received an 'Intention to Attend' email or letter, please contact Secretariat.*



## The 2018 Wilks Oration



**Professor Henry Reynolds**

*University of Tasmania*

### AUSTRALIA'S UNNECESSARY WARS

Henry Reynolds' unpicks Australia's obsession with glorifying unnecessary wars. He writes "Australian governments find it easy to go to war. Their leaders seem to be able to withdraw with a calm conscience unanswerable to God nor humanity."

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## Uniting History SA

The **Uniting Church Historical Society** invites leaders and members of our congregations and other interested people to hear stories from our **Culturally and Linguistic Diverse (CALD) Communities** within the Uniting Church in SA

**Sunday, 28 October 2018 at 2.30pm**  
**in the Payneham Road Uniting Church**  
341-343 Payneham Road, Marden

Hear inspiring accounts of the beginnings of CALD ministries actively at work in Adelaide. One of the groups will lead the closing worship.

These congregations and ministries are making history and doing things that remind us how 'the Body of Christ' works.

*The meeting will conclude with afternoon tea at 4pm.*



# Forging Christ-inspired future leaders

*Journey Uniting Church's Fearless Interns are offered a number of opportunities to practice their leadership skills and ministry in person.*

*Tasha Crumpler*

With the vision to see the Uniting Church energised and full of servant-leaders, Andy Hogarth, senior minister for Journey Uniting Church, created the Fearless Internship program for young adults. The idea is to encourage inspiring and cultivated leaders through the means of relationship, discipleship and servanthood.

Andy started Fearless Interns in 2014 with two interns and since this time has seen more than 30 young people come through the program.

The interns are exposed to the “full breadth of ministry” and Andy finds that they also come to appreciate the practical realities and the theological groundings for the decisions and actions made by the church.

“We wanted to create an internship model that could translate in any local church context and serve as an accessible pathway for people testing the waters of ministry, or who simply want to offer their time and energies to grow as leaders and serve the church,” says Andy. “The church needs more leaders who understand the great commandment and the great commission and keep focused on Jesus Christ and his Word.”

Because of the program's success at Journey, other churches including Westbourne Park Uniting Church, have begun their own Fearless Internship programs.

David Hoffman, Senior Minister at Westbourne Park, explains: “The internship provides opportunities that allows interns to build a strong faith foundation to sustain them in Christian ministry, develop an understanding of how Christian leadership differs from other types of leadership, and lets them engage in ministry activities that stretches them beyond their comfort zone.”

Guided and mentored by David, Jess Carver is Westbourne Park's first ever intern. Her favourite moment of her internship so far was attending the June 2018 Presbytery and Synod meeting as a youth representative.

“It was great to hear about our church state-wide and how we can uplift, encourage and rejoice with one another on a whole church platform,” she says.

*For more information about Fearless Internships and how you can become an intern, or start your own Fearless Internships program for your church, please contact Journey Uniting Church on 8251 7149 or email [office@journeyuc.org.au](mailto:office@journeyuc.org.au)*

## One year can change your whole life

For many young adults across the church, the desire to learn more about God and grow deeper in their faith has prompted them to sign up for the Intern Year program.

Intern Year is a 12-month program designed to grow young leaders and grow their churches and is open to leaders from ages 18-25 from all Christian church backgrounds and denominations. It's a perfect complement to work, study or for people exploring God's call for their lives. This program is offered through Uniting College for Leadership & Theology and the Adelaide College of Divinity.

Intern Year has five components that work together to develop effective, missional disciples in their local church.

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Applications are open now for the 2019 Intern Year experience – we can't wait to see what God will do in 2019!

*For more information or an application pack, please contact Mike Wardrop on [mwardrop@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:mwardrop@sa.uca.org.au)*



*Christmas Angels in action: “Thank you so much for the things you do for my kids to bring them happiness on my behalf.” **Christmas Angels** provides presents for imprisoned parents to give their children in person on Christmas visiting day – strengthening families and reminding children they are valued and special.*

## Giving them a Second Chance

Chris Bowman

Second Chances SA is an interdenominational Christian ministry for prisoners and their families. Over the years, volunteers from the Uniting Church have played a huge part in its ministry by journeying with Second Chances SA to visit prisoners in the Adelaide Remand Centre, Yatala Labour Prison, Mobilong Prison and Cadell Training Centre.

“One of the mercy mission mandates of Matthew 25 is visiting prisoners. Yet finding suitable mature Christians to do that is like finding needles in a haystack. We have volunteer vacancies for visiting prisoners at the Adelaide Remand Centre and at Yatala Labour Prison right now. We need mature males who can actively listen to confused and

a child, then what sort of moral foundation do you have for life? It is not their fault!” she argues.

A big part of what Second Chances does is to divert prisoner’s kids from detention. Helen explains: “Keeping them in school and preventing truancing is a huge factor for their futures. These kids are seven times more likely to go to prison than other children their own age and 21 times more likely if they are Indigenous. We meet the children through referrals from imprisoned parents requesting birthday presents, through school chaplains and well-being officers who encounter troubled young children in primary schools.”

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**Most people impacted by the criminal justice system have rarely entered the doors of a church, met few Christian people and only know the Name of Jesus as a swear word.**

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“Reaching the most vulnerable, stigmatised and broken lives in society is what Jesus taught us by example,” says Second Chances CEO Helen Glanville. “Most people impacted by the criminal justice system have rarely entered the doors of a church, met few Christian people and only know the Name of Jesus as a swear word,” she adds.

broken people and be like the ‘father’ they never really had.”

### **What about the children?**

Helen is particularly passionate about ministering to the children of prisoners. “If you’re not taught the significance of honesty, respect for authority and the ‘golden rule’ as

**Every child needs to know they are accepted, they belong and are valued.**

Second Chances SA has a range of programs focussed on empowering the children of prisoners to create better futures for themselves and, in doing so, work to divert them away from the criminal justice system. According to Helen, these PK (prisoner kids) programs have clear purposes and intents – to change lives from the inside out.





*Second Chances SA programs like PK Mentoring Camps are custom-designed to address the unique needs of children and youth with a parent in prison – the invisible victims of crime.*

“We teach prisoner’s kids values at ten mentoring camps each year. We restore their dignity by buying school uniforms and shoes; we show them they are not forgotten by giving them birthday presents. Through the Christmas Angels program we give two brand new Christmas presents to over 550 children for the whole family to enjoy at Christmas visiting times. This program is delivered into six prisons,” says Helen.

“**We need mature males who can actively listen to confused and broken people and be like the ‘father’ they never really had.**”

The Christmas Angels program strengthens and reconnects children and families impacted by imprisonment. The presents are made possible through the support of generous donors and are presented as presents from their imprisoned parent.

*If you would like to become a volunteer with Second Chances SA, please contact Helen Glanville on 08 8272 0323 or 0410 441 636 or [helen.glanville@secondchances.org.au](mailto:helen.glanville@secondchances.org.au). You can also visit their website: [secondchances.org.au](http://secondchances.org.au)*

## Who is Second Chances SA?

Formed in February 2015 as an exclusive South Australian Charity and registered with the Australian Charities National Commission (ACNC), **Second Chances SA** is becoming widely known for its work with the innocent and invisible victims of crime, the children – prisoner’s kids (PKs). Having won gold in the Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards (ACVPA) granted by the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) in Canberra, October 2017, they continue to target and support PKs on a daily basis.

## Which congregations are involved with Second Chances SA?

Volunteers come from Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) congregations at **Hope Valley, Coromandel Valley, Sunset Rock Stirling, Mt Barker, and Cadell**. Many UCA congregations also support **Second Chances SA** through donations or speaking appointments and preaching opportunities, including **Church of the Trinity (Clarence Park), Colonel Light Gardens, Lobethal, Woodside, Cherry Gardens, Bute, Port Broughton and Adelaide West Churches**. In addition, **Second Chances SA** lease offices for their Family Care team at **Salisbury Uniting Church**.

If you would like to financially support **Christmas Angels**, or if you would like Second Chances SA to come and speak in your church or social club, call them on 8272 0323 or email [office@secondchances.org.au](mailto:office@secondchances.org.au)

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# Aged Care in the Spotlight

*Coordinating Chaplain, Rev Sil Hein with Mrs Lesley Hood in the courtyard of the recently redeveloped Resthaven Mitcham.*

*An opinion piece by Richard Hearn, Chief Executive Officer of Resthaven*

Recently, aged care has been featured in the media for all the wrong reasons. A Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety will now investigate the quality of care provided in residential aged care homes and in-home support services to older Australians. It will also include younger Australians with disabilities who live in residential aged care settings.

I often reflect on the 'Catch 22' of major media stories that focus on failure versus what attracts people to want to work in aged care. I believe it is of utmost importance for the public to respect and value the work of aged care staff and its importance. I hope the Royal Commission will also acknowledge this in its outcomes.

The commission will possibly hear stories like those aired recently in the media, stories that reflect very poor and unacceptable experiences for some individuals. These experiences simply should not occur and need to be acted upon immediately when detected to ensure they are not repeated. However, my view is that the majority of people in aged care services do not have such negative experiences and have an improved quality of life through the services they receive. I am mindful that the media focus on negative experiences in aged care service and with this is the risk of stereotyping services generally, and also ageing.

Working with the UnitingCare Australia Aged Care Network, we continue to advocate for individuals to have choice, control and access to quality in a sustainable service system. In the past 12 months, we have become particularly aware of the significant unmet demand for home care packages (up to 108,000 individuals assessed as eligible

for in-home community services through a home care package at a level that they are not receiving), and the increasing financial pressures of providing residential aged care. The Royal Commission will likely increase the Australian community's understanding and awareness of important topics related to the services many individuals require at some stage of their older years.

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**The majority of people in aged care services do not have negative experiences and have an improved quality of life through the services they receive.**

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We are aware of community concern and acknowledge that some people are anxious about needing aged care. They may also experience personal difficulties associated with loss of independence, grief and guilt.

The journey of ageing is a unique, individual experience. Our older years are a period where individuals are active contributors to communities and families. It is important to encourage people to maintain their involvement and relationships, and to keep active in their day-to-day lives. In situations where some loss of capacity in older years occurs, they should seek out services to assist in sustaining quality of life

and, ultimately, be supported in their death.

Anyone who has a concern regarding a service they, or someone they know, may be receiving should raise this with the staff and service managers, and expect a prompt response. If you believe the matter then needs be reviewed independently, the government aged care commissioner complaints scheme can be contacted at 1800 550 552.

Resthaven sponsors a free, independent information service, *Agedcare Alternatives*, available for anyone seeking information about aged care. Visit in person at 1/445 Fullarton Road, Highgate; phone 8271 3888 or email [info@agedcarealternatives.net.au](mailto:info@agedcarealternatives.net.au)



*After years of consultation, Adare Uniting Church were finally in a position where they could build and open a Men's Shed. The project has quickly become a very important part of the Victor Harbor community with membership growing rapidly.*

## Men's Shed officially opened in Victor Harbor

Susan Doughty

Adare Uniting Church celebrated the official opening of the Victor Harbor Men's Shed on Friday 14 September. Special guests included the Federal member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie, the Local Mayor, Graeme Philp and Member for Finnis, David Basham, as well as Adare Uniting Church minister, Susan Doughty.

According to the Men's Shed project manager Dennis Williams, around seven years ago, the congregation identified the need for an activity that encourages men to meet, share and support one another. He explains how a Men's Shed idea eventuated: "The City of Victor Harbor's mayor was involved in initial discussions. In his working life as a local policeman he saw the need for an organisation that supports men in the region who, in one way or another, become socially isolated - or were in need of extra skills to cope with changed life circumstances."

The Shed commenced with five members, by hiring the Encounter Centre workshops. Within four months the average daily attendance had reached 15 and membership was around 30. "Very early on it became obvious that there was a need to operate in a larger, more flexible facility than the accommodation available at the Encounter Centre," says Dennis.

Negotiations began with the Victor Harbor City Council, the Victor Harbor Men's Shed and Adare Uniting Church. These negotiations included land for lease from the city council and support from local Rotary and Lions Clubs. After a four-year process a 'Building Better Regions Grant' was applied for.



In July last year, a grant for \$256,000 was awarded. It was matched with approximately \$95,000 that had been raised locally and with the in-kind commitment of Men's Shed members and some volunteers.

At around the same time the Shed received another boost. An appropriately sized electrical transformer appeared immediately

adjacent the proposed site at almost no cost to the Shed.

Over the next ten months volunteers from the shed organised approvals, contractors and a volunteer work program to bring the plans into reality. Two large sheds were constructed containing a woodworking machine shop, a work bench workshop, project store, office, kitchen, dining and general purpose area, a metal workshop and a paint store.

"So many people have helped in so many different ways to make this Shed a reality," says Dennis. "It is now available to reinforce and enhance men's health within the region."

The Shed building project is now complete but the key challenge is yet to be met. In the two months that this new facility has been in operation, its membership has doubled and weekly attendance is now averaging over 60. "It is during this time that has, traditionally, been the quiet winter period for attendance at the Shed!"

*Information about the Victor Harbor Men's Shed can be accessed via [Facebook/VictorHarborMen'sShed-VHMS](#) or by contacting Men's Shed team member John Mardell on 0411 027 903.*

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# Out & About



Over 150 people gathered at the Port Wakefield Uniting Church (formerly Methodist Church) on Sunday, 12 August to celebrate 150 years of worship. The gathering filled the Church building and flowed over to the original Wesleyan Chapel built in 1868, which has been the Church Hall since 1885. Past members of the congregation and visitors travelled from Katherine NT, Byron Bay, Canberra, Melbourne, Mildura, Padthaway, Tumby Bay, the Barossa Valley, Yorke Peninsula and the Mid North for the occasion.



Every month the Hallett Cove Uniting Church hosts a community barbeque as a way to be more involved with the local area and reach those who do not necessarily go to church. The barbeques have become quite popular with the locals and are attracting young families and teenagers. The next event is planned for Sunday 21 October and will be held at the local skate park off Lighthouse Drive, along with a scooter and skateboarding workshop arranged in partnership with the Marion City Council.



As part of the one-year program, Intern Year undertakes an Urban Mission Exposure Trip to Melbourne. Offered through Uniting College for Leadership & Theology and the Adelaide College of Divinity, Intern Year is a 12-month program designed to grow young leaders and grow their churches. It is open to leaders from ages 18-25 from all Christian church backgrounds and denominations. Refer to page 13 for Intern Year intake details.



In September Paul Dongwon Goh, Justice & CALD Multicultural and Cross-cultural Officer at the South Australian Synod, attended the Korean National Conference in New South Wales. A number of Korean ministers and candidates serving either in Korean- or English-speaking Uniting Church congregations across Australia gathered to share experiences, concerns, joys and prayer, and to learn from one another. Paul reflected afterwards: "We were able to deeply sense unity and togetherness in Christ: we belong together, we live and work together. This sense of unity and togetherness reassured our vocation."

**Out & About profiles events and happenings across the Uniting Church in South Australia and beyond.**

**Do you have a photo of your event that you would like to see featured here? If so, please send it to us along with a description of what happened, where it happened and who is in the picture. We can only print high resolution photographs sent as attachments to [newtimes@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:newtimes@sa.uca.org.au). Keep them coming!**

**TOO MUCH TOO SOON: PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN IN A CYBER AGE.** Wednesday 17 October, 7:30pm-9pm. Effective Living Centre, Christ Church UCA. Melinda Tankard will leave participants much better equipped to talk to and protect their children/grandchildren in this digital age. She presents on the damage advertisers and pornography do to our children and teens. For more information contact Annette Latham at the ELC Office on 8271 0329 or email [office@effectiveliving.org](mailto:office@effectiveliving.org).

**THE INNATE SPIRITUALITY OF AFFECTION.** Thursday 18 October, 7pm-9pm. Seminary of the Third Age: Rethinking Spirituality. Guest presenter: Sean Gilbert. Cost - \$15 per session. For more information contact Norm Habel on 0411 403 278 or email [office@effectiveliving.org](mailto:office@effectiveliving.org).

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS - BI-POLAR: RIDING THE HIGHS AND THE LOWS.** Thursday 18 October, 7pm-9pm. Woodside Uniting Church. The third in a series of seven seminars by Mark Boyce. Free event. Supper provided. Book your attendance if possible by phoning Julie Turner 0458 444 426 or email [newsletter@woodside.uca.org.au](mailto:newsletter@woodside.uca.org.au).

**4TH FILIPINO NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITING CHURCH.** Friday 19 – Sunday 21 October. St Albans Uniting Church. The theme for the conference is "God's Mission in the Filipino Diaspora" and the main speakers include Dr Deidre Palmer and the Bishop Coadjutor Rex Reyes, Jr of the Diocese of Central Philippines of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. For more information contact Gabby Ocampo on 0411 278 738 or email [gabbyocampo@yahoo.com](mailto:gabbyocampo@yahoo.com).

**REMARK ROSE FESTIVAL - LUNCHEON AND WORSHIP.** Friday 19 October, 11am - 2:30pm. Renmark Uniting Church. A community two-course lunch with a handicraft, cake & produce trading table. Bookings would be appreciated for large groups. Also on Wednesday 24 October commencing at 10.00am there will be a worship service in the church. For more information contact Trudi Haynes on 0417 822 067 or email [thaynes41@bigpond.com](mailto:thaynes41@bigpond.com).

**SPICER UNITING SPRING FAIR.** Saturday 20 October, 8:30am-1:30pm. Spicer Uniting Church. Try on hundreds of clothes and shoes, pick over trash and treasure, rifle through books and magazines, measure up flora for the front yard, and drool over yummy jams and cakes. There will be Devonshire teas to devour, craft displays to inspect, live music and, of course, the sausage sizzle. For more information contact Helen Lloyd on 8362 3771 or email [office@spicer.org.au](mailto:office@spicer.org.au).

**DERNANCOURT UC ANNUAL FETE AND AUCTION.** Saturday 20 October, 9am-1pm. Dernancourt Uniting Church. Doors open 9am. Auction starts at 9.30am. There will be a big variety of stalls, food and children's activities. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. Donations of goods are welcomed. For more information contact Lisa Atwell on 8369 0802 or email [office@dernancourt.uca.org.au](mailto:office@dernancourt.uca.org.au).

**PAYNEHAM ROAD UNITING CHURCH CRAFT FAIR & MARKET.** Saturday 20 October, 9am-1pm. Payneham Road Uniting Church. Sausage Sizzle, Korean BBQ, Devonshire tea. Stalls with sauces, jams, homemade cakes, baby & dolls clothes, Helgas's Leather Handbags, jewellery for all ages, stationary, candles & soaps, mosaics, Tongan crafts and much more. For more information Contact Sharon on 0438 706 957 or email [administrator@paynehamroaduc.org.au](mailto:administrator@paynehamroaduc.org.au).

**OPEN DAY - UNITING COLLEGE.** Saturday 20 October, 10am-12pm. Uniting College for Leadership & Theology. Have you ever wanted to study but never found something that suited just right? Find out at the Uniting College Open Day just what options there are in diploma, degrees and post-graduate studies in ministry and theology. Learn more about the flexibility of what we offer and the scholarships that are available. Meet the lecturers and see the facilities. For more information contact Jeff Jones on 8416 8420 or email [info@unitingcollege.org.au](mailto:info@unitingcollege.org.au).

**EVENSONG: PILGRIM UNITING CHURCH.** Saturday 20 October, 5pm-6pm. 12 Flinders Street. The Choir of Pilgrim Church continues the great tradition of Choral Evensong here in Adelaide with a special series of Evensong Services throughout Spring. Come and hear some of the finest choral repertoire, accompanied by the magnificent Pilgrim Organ. An hour of music and contemplation in the heart of the city. The service will feature The St Paul's Service by Herbert Howells. For more information contact Pilgrim Uniting Church on 8212 3295 or email [events@pilgrim.org.au](mailto:events@pilgrim.org.au).

**GAWLER PARISH OCTOBER FAIR.** Saturday 20 October. Gawler Uniting Church. Buy Op Shop items, crafts, plants, toys, books and clothes. Kids activities and a bouncy castle. BBQ, coffee, tea and scones. All funds raised going to School Chaplaincy.

**WILKS ORATION: HENRY REYNOLDS: "AUSTRALIA'S UNNECESSARY WARS".** Saturday 20 October, 7pm-9:30pm. The 2018 Wilks Oration of the Effective Living Centre will be delivered by Professor Henry Reynolds from Tasmania, speaking on a topic as part of this year's theme of *peace and peacemaking*. His topic is, "Australia's Unnecessary Wars". Bookings essential. Book at [trybooking.com/WXIL](http://trybooking.com/WXIL). For more information contact ELC office on 8271 0329 or email [office@effectiveliving.org](mailto:office@effectiveliving.org).

**STATE MISSION FELLOWSHIP.** Tuesday 23 October, 10am-1pm. Scots Church. Topic: delegates to the South Pacific Area Methodist and Uniting Church Women's Seminar in Fiji will report on the Seminar. Morning tea at 10:00 am, meeting start at 10:30 am, concluding with a light lunch. All warmly welcome. For more information call Jill Polkinghorne on 8522 6188 or email [jillpolki@gmail.com](mailto:jillpolki@gmail.com).

**SA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** Saturday 27 October, 8:30am - 1pm. Anglican Church of St Philip. All are welcome at the gathering of SA Council of Churches General Council. The theme is Relationships, Renewal and Reform on the Ecumenical Journey. There will be time for consultation on encounter, conversation, collaboration and learning in the way of Receptive Ecumenism, for sharing of stories – from the Anglican Church of St Philip and from Act for Peace – and for a brief AGM when we will hear also the stories of the various projects and activities of the past year. For more information contact Melanie Rain on 8215 0300 or email [sacc@picknowl.com.au](mailto:sacc@picknowl.com.au).

**CRAFT MARKET & EXHIBITION – SEACLIFF.** Saturday 27 October, 9am-3pm. Seacliff Uniting Church will be hosting a Craft Market and Exhibition which will offer handmade goods for sale with an emphasis on Christmas gifts and eco-friendly items. Tea, coffee, scones and sandwiches will be on sale. Exhibitions will include, dolls house miniatures, classic cars and vintage tools. Something for everyone! For more information contact Heather Gepp on 0417 641 098 or email [gepp02@bigpond.com](mailto:gepp02@bigpond.com).

**CALLED TO CARE: OCTOBER ORIENTATION SESSION.** Saturday 27 October, 1:30pm-4:30pm. Adare Uniting Church. For ministry to be effective, we need to incorporate safe and best practices in leadership, programs, actions, our behaviours and facilities. Called to Care promotes and assists the Uniting Church with relevant information about ensuring a safe, physical, emotional and spiritual environment for all people. Intention to attend - please send an email to [calledtocare@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:calledtocare@sa.uca.org.au), including names and congregation.

**PILGRIM SYMPOSIUM: 'WHAT DO WE WANT? RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!' WHEN DO WE WANT IT? SOMETIMES...** Monday 29 October, 7:30pm. Pilgrim Uniting Church. The recent debate over marriage equality renewed attention to questions of religious freedom. The subject of wars and revolutions in other times and other places, religious freedom had probably faded from most twenty-first century Australians' consciousness. But 'religious freedom' can mean very different things. Featuring Guest Speaker Marion Maddox. For more information contact Pilgrim Church on 8212 3295 or email [events@pilgrim.org.au](mailto:events@pilgrim.org.au).



ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE - VICTOR HARBOR. Thursday 1 November, 7pm-7:30pm. Newland Memorial Uniting Church. A reflective service to support people who are grieving the loss of someone important to them, whether by death or other losses. Those attending are invited to bring a photo of the person they are remembering. For more information contact Alison Whish / church office on 85527306 or 85527732 or email [newlanduc@bigpond.com](mailto:newlanduc@bigpond.com).

EMILY'S OPEN GARDEN. Saturday 3 November, 10:30am-5pm. Pondok Indah. Relax and enjoy the ambience of this spectacular garden—includes around 3,000 roses! Plants, flowers, crafts, produce, and baked goods for sale. Food and drink available including barista coffee. Live music. \$10 for adults, \$7 pensioners and children 14 and under are free. All proceeds in support of Indonesian orphanages and medical centre. For more information contact Marisa Ellk on 0417444717 or email [marisadandrea@gmail.com](mailto:marisadandrea@gmail.com).

ARMISTICE DAY PACIFICISM CONVOCATION. Sunday 11 November, 10am-4pm. Christ Church Uniting Wayville. The convocation begins at Christ Church Wayville with a Peace Service at 10am honouring Charles Strong, the pioneering church leader whose famous Armistice Day speech 100 years ago is one of the great speeches of all time. After lunch at 1.30pm a forum on the *Pacifism of Charles Strong* features a panel with Jim May, Ruth Russell, Norm Habel and Marion Maddox concluding with an Anti-War Armistice Day Declaration. This event is supported by the Charles Strong Trust in association with the SA Progressive Christianity Network. For more information contact Norman Habel on 8271 0329 or email [nlabel@gmail.com](mailto:nlabel@gmail.com).

THANKSGIVING SERVICE - YORKETOWN. Sunday 11 November, 3pm-5pm. Yorketown Uniting Church. Following the demolition (due to storm damage), of the 110 year old church building, Yorketown congregation is holding a commemoration service at the site. Pastor Rob Morgan officiating. Afternoon tea provided. All welcome. For more information please contact Neil or Leonie Johnson, 0428 521 381 or [jenlb@internode.on.net](mailto:jenlb@internode.on.net).

NOVEMBER PRESBYTERY AND SYNOD MEETING. Thursday 15 November – Saturday 17 November. Adelaide West Uniting Church. The Presbytery and Synod is the governing structure of the Uniting Church in South Australia which is made up of members from congregations and people in ministry placements. The gathering of the Presbytery and Synod members is an opportunity for every church, faith community or mission network to have a voice in the way that our ministry is carried out. For more information visit [sa.uca.org.au/pres-synod-meetings/2018-presbytery-and-synod-meetings](http://sa.uca.org.au/pres-synod-meetings/2018-presbytery-and-synod-meetings).

WILLUNGA CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2018 - GOING GREEN. Saturday 1 December, 10am. Willunga Uniting Church Bethany Hall. The 17th annual Christmas Tree Festival continues its tradition of showcasing beautiful Christmas trees, carols, Christmas stalls and kids' activities which supports the Christmas Bowl Appeal. For more information contact Jenny Esots on 08 8556 2758 or email [j.esots@bigpond.com](mailto:j.esots@bigpond.com).

DELAMERE UNITING CHURCH CELEBRATES 160 YEARS. Sunday 4 November, 2pm. Enjoy a pleasant Sunday afternoon at the Church followed by afternoon tea. Everyone welcome! RSVP with Annie on 85980114 or Hilary on 0400419373 by Sat 27 Oct.

Diary events are submitted online and featured on the Uniting Church SA website ([sa.uca.org.au](http://sa.uca.org.au)), in UC e-News and in New Times (deadline permitting). To submit your event please visit [sa.uca.org.au/events/submit-an-event](http://sa.uca.org.au/events/submit-an-event)

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## PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### Director of Education and Formation

The Presbytery of WA is seeking to appoint a person to this key position who will provide leadership in the achievement of our core purpose of creating "a culture in which formation for discipleship and leadership is prized, appreciated and accessible and seeks to build an informed and integrated learning community directed to the mission of God." The Director will be responsible for co-ordinating Lay Education, Continuing Education for Ministry, and will be Principal of Perth Theological Hall. The successful applicant will have a sound knowledge of the theology, polity and ethos of the Uniting Church, familiarity with contemporary congregational life and ministry, a commitment to education for discipleship and formation for missional leadership, experience in adult education and the ability to enthuse others and to communicate within a wide range of contexts. Please check the website: [unitingchurchwa.org.au/careers/ministry-vacancies](http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/careers/ministry-vacancies) to view the Position Description and selection criteria.

This full time position is available from 1 January 2019. Kindly submit your expression of Interest (together with your profile/resume) to Monica Pettersen/ Andrew Liepins at [hr@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:hr@wa.uca.org.au)

Applications close on **31 October 2018.**



# Prayer: There's an app for that!

*If you have a smartphone, you can let it assist your spiritual growth. How, I hear you ask? Well, like for most things, there's an app for that! Here is a sneak peek at just three out of many, many apps available for both Apple and Android devices that had been designed to facilitate prayer.*

## 3 Minute Retreat

Created by Loyola Press (a Jesuit ministry), the *3 Minute Retreat* app has a new 'retreat' every day. It takes the user through a short selection of Bible readings and prayers centred on a theme. The purpose is to take a short prayer break right at your computer (as there is a desktop version of the app too) and to spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

The app's simple interface requires you to press a 'continue' button after each session, meaning you can move through the app at your own pace. Soft classical guitar music plays in the background but can be turned off.

This app is particularly suited to those with very busy lifestyles, but can be enjoyed by all levels of app-users.

## The Bible in One Year

The *Bible in One Year* is a 365 day, daily devotional app produced by Nicky Gumbel, an Anglican priest, author and developer of the Alpha course. It is centred around a daily theme which is derived from Scripture selections. Nicky also supplies commentary on the three scripture selections from the Old Testament, New Testament and a 'wisdom' section, which is usually a Psalm or Proverb. Nicky's commentary is informative and relative as it relates to 'everyday' happenings and world events. This allows the reader to relate his commentary back to scripture and for the readers own discernment and exploration of what God might be saying through scripture. The app can also be listened to through an audio option.

## PrayerMate

*PrayerMate* is a very interactive app. It is simple to use and lets you swipe through 'cards' with different prayer requests.

You can create prayer requests and organise them into categories, or subscribe to 'prayer feeds' from Christian organisations. There are also links to prayers in the Bible, a feature that syncs to your phone's address book so you can write to contacts as you pray for them, a PIN-protected password feature to keep sensitive prayer requests secret and scheduling options to make individual prayer requests appear on a certain date or day of the week.

The app may be overwhelming for those seeking a quick prayerful moment. The app was created by a UK-based Christian software developer.

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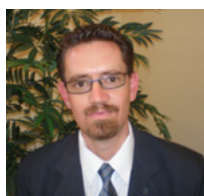
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# New Times survey

New Times strives to bring readers news about conferences, campaigns and congregations from across the Uniting Church SA. The editorial team is now seeking feedback about the content published in 2018, in addition to any suggestions for future articles. This survey is an opportunity for you, the reader, to provide input into the shape of the publication for 2018 and beyond. Thank you for your time and contribution!

Please complete and return this survey by **Monday 19 November 2018** to:

New Times  
c/o Uniting Church SA  
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Alternatively, complete the same survey online:

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## Tell us a bit about yourself...

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### 4. Please rate the quality of the publication by numbering the following aspects.

Please give a value between 1 and 5 for each listed item, where 1 = Poor and 5 = Excellent.

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If you have rated any aspects three or lower, please indicate what you would specifically like to see changed.

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Thank you – your answers will help us shape New Times for 2019 and beyond!