



## **BULLETIN – APRIL 2014**

### **NETWORK NEWS & EVENTS**

#### **2014 RETREAT DAY**

Wednesday 7th May, 9.00 am for 9.30 am – 3.30 pm

Mylor Uniting Church, 16 First St, Mylor

Registration fee \$35.00 (GST incl) includes all materials light refreshments (available from 9.00 am) and lunch at the Mylor General Store

ALL WELCOME

#### **Hidden Treasures**

**Led by Bruce Stocks of *Wisdom for Living*,  
we will gently play with our own hidden treasures  
those realities that we prefer not to notice too often**

**our fears and desires  
our failings and successes  
and disappointments and joys**

**Within these realities  
we glimpse elements of our true sense of self  
and our connections with the divine,  
and what is important to us  
as we engage in life, and our vocations of ministry.**

RSVP by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Register and pay at <http://www.urbannetwork.org.au/>

OR, contact the Coordinator for a registration form, ph 8332 8339, email [christine@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:christine@urbannetwork.org.au)

#### ***Network Gatherings***

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** St Andrews by the Sea, 92 Jetty Rd, Glenelg

Rev Peter McDonald will introduce us to Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) and the principles and techniques that will enhance ministry and mission in our own context.

RSVP by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May, ph 8332 8339 or email [christine@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:christine@urbannetwork.org.au)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August:** Morialta, 26 Chapel St, Magill

Mix, mingle, share stories - the usual elements of an Urban Mission Network gathering PLUS an update on the life and mission of Morialta congregation PLUS engaging with the team of Mission Resourcing SA.



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## The Gospel of Matthew A VISION FOR COMMUNITY

**Listen. Learn. Live.**

A teaching weekend hosted by Rosefield Uniting Church, 2 Carlton St, Highgate.  
in partnership with the SA Lay Preachers' Association and the Urban Mission Network

Friday evening 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 9.15 am – 3.00 pm  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 11.45 am – 1.30 pm (lunch provided)

### Guest Presenter: Sean Winter

Sean is Professor of New Testament at the Uniting Church theological Hall in Melbourne and Associate Professor at the MCD University of Divinity in Victoria. A Baptist minister from the UK, Sean studied at the Universities of Bristol and Oxford, completing his doctorate under N T Wright. Sean is a lively and engaging speaker with a passion for the mission of the church. For further information, including brochure/registration form and costs refer <http://www.urbannetwork.org.au/> or email [admin@rosefield.org.au](mailto:admin@rosefield.org.au) or telephone 8271 9528



### Placements News

**Port Elliot:** Induction of Rev Bill Reddin, 2.30 pm, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April, Rev Tony Goodluck preaching.  
**Morialta:** Induction of Rev Steve Thompson, 3.00 pm, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Rev Ian Hunter preaching.  
**Bridgewater:** Joint Nominating Committee continues its work.  
**Newland:** Joint Nominating Committee has been formed and will commence work shortly.  
**Yilki:** Joint Nominating Committee has been formed and will commence work shortly.

## AROUND OUR CONGREGATIONS

### Clayton-Wesley, 243 The Parade, Beulah Park

Coffee – fair trade, hot, frothy, sprinkling of chocolate and mouth watering home muffins.  
*Hope's Café*, every Friday from 10.00 am  
Further info: Church office, 8331 9589 email [admin@claytonwesley.org.au](mailto:admin@claytonwesley.org.au) <http://www.claytonwesley.org.au/>

### Mitcham Village

**Life@death: Letting Go Easter Art Event** at Gallery One, 1 Torrens St, Mitcham  
Tuesday to Friday from 25<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April (closed for school holidays)  
Exploring the Easter theme of life and death, this exhibition focuses on the idea of “letting go”.  
Further information: Dieter Engler ph 0426 813 538 or Gallery One, ph 8272 4504, email [office@galleryone.org.au](mailto:office@galleryone.org.au)

### Pilgrim, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide

**Service of Lament for Asylum Seekers**  
First Thursday monthly on the forecourt, 5.30 pm – 6.00 pm.

### Advance Notice of two events

- **Symposium:** first week in August and
- **“The Unshuttered Heart”** with Ann Belford Ulanov, 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September.





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*Sandy Creek, Williamstown Rd, Sandy Creek*



Easter Day Dawn Service, breakfast and worship.  
Car Boot Sale Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, from 8.00 am.  
Information and enquiries: John ph 8522 1391 / 0402 289 050 or Leslee ph 8524 4086

## NEWS FROM OUR CENTRES

 *Effective Living Centre* 26 King William Rd, Wayville

### Mindfulness and Healing

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm. Participation \$20.00 / \$15.00  
Bookings are essential: [www.effectiveliving.org/mindfulness](http://www.effectiveliving.org/mindfulness)

**BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN for these events:** [www.effectiveliving.org](http://www.effectiveliving.org) or ph 8271 0329 or [office@effectiveliving.org](mailto:office@effectiveliving.org)

### Befriending Asylum Seekers

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm

Following a screening of the acclaimed documentary *Mary Meets Mohammad*, two refugees will share their experiences, including life in detention, particularly the support and friendship they received from visitors to Inverbrackie and in the Adelaide community.

Handouts will be available with information of how to become a visitor at Inverbrackie and how to support refugees in the community.

Tickets: \$15.00 / \$10.00 include supper.

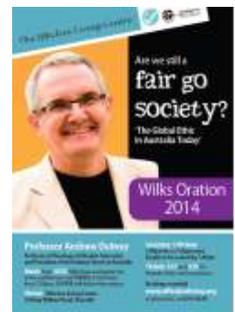
### Wilks Oration delivered by Rev Dr Andrew Dutney

#### Are we still a fair go society? 'The Global Ethic in Australia Today'

Saturday evening, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00 pm for 7.45 pm

Music from *Juce* folk, blues and guitar trio, drinks in the foyer from 7.00 pm, supper following the oration.

Tickets: \$25.00 / \$20.00.



## WIDER CHURCH

### Retreat Days

Grace Connections Mission Network and HopeNet Mission Network will each host a Retreat Day in May.

Contact: Grace Connections MN: email [minister@gawleruniting.org.au](mailto:minister@gawleruniting.org.au) HopeNet MN: email [ian@branches.org.au](mailto:ian@branches.org.au)

### Uniting Church Historical Society SA

#### Affirming Identity Through Traditional Culture

A photographic exhibition in conjunction with *About Time*, SA's History Festival 2014.

Scots Church Adelaide: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Pilgrim Uniting Church: Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm.

The story of the Ernabella (APY Lands SA) and Mowanjum (Kimberley Region WA) Aboriginal Communities.

Further information: Rev Dr Dean Eland, ph 0419 112 603 email [djeland@bigpond.com](mailto:djeland@bigpond.com)



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## *Introducing Rev Nicholas Rundle*

You are here!

For nearly a decade I worked from an office in the heart of the city as Chaplain coordinating pastoral care and offering values workshops and training with non-denominational Mission Australia. This was challenging work in an era of fierce competitive tendering for government contacts and the requirement for employment outcomes. For a few years I chaired the City Ministers Circle getting to know some UCA ministers and I still come into the city as pastoral care representative for the Department of Families and Social Inclusion Research Ethics Committee. I had come to this chaplaincy work almost by accident after leaving parish leadership within the Anglican Church in Adelaide. This came about from depression, exhaustion and a general loss of faith in the institution with a realisation that I could not continue in good faith to preach a Gospel in which I no longer believed from the pulpit, stand at the altar or at the grave side and say things which intellectually made no sense to me. Absorbing radical and progressive theologies and an immersion in post-modern philosophy through PhD studies stripped away a once confident Gospel faith.

'You are here' was an awakening to go but at the time it seemed total loss and failure.

After resigning I gave up conducting services and preaching. I would sit in empty churches wondering if one day something might happen. On Sundays often I would sit in the strong silence of a Quaker meeting and subtly in the substratum below all the doubt I could begin to say, 'you are here'. I also facilitated a philosophy cafe and meditation cafe at Goodwood and got to know members of the Uniting Church who were exploring some of these very same questions. I began conducting services at my local Anglican Church. Friends and my own parish priest at Goodwood were an amazing support and my wife and family endlessly patient. After leaving Anglican parish ministry I never thought I would again lead a Christian community but God, in the words of our Assembly President Andrew Dutney is always 'up to something'. About three years ago I was approached by two UCA ministers who invited me to consider expressing an interest in Christ Church Wayville. Somehow from that point on it was as if everyone and everything was pointing me towards 'you are here'. I have to be honest and say I did not welcome this journey. I loved Sundays at home, my corporate lifestyle, my abilities as a coach and trainer but rather like Jonah I was being taken to another place and at the same time it became clearer that the door was closing on ministry as a workplace chaplain and opening into spiritual community.

I remember finding a book by Douglas Purnell called 'Being in Ministry' with its sub title 'honestly, openly, deeply' which tracked his painful and confronting experience of leaving a life in academic teaching at the UCA College to ministry at St Ives in Sydney. Recently I read 'The Grace Outpouring' by Roy Godwin which tracked his failure in a business career to a retreat house in West Wales, (the nation of my birth) and the birthing of the 'house of prayer' movement. Both of these books are about transformation, falling in love, discovering beauty and creativity and the theology of being a prayerful presence for blessing in the crucified and Risen Jesus Christ. I'm deeply grateful to the Wayville community and the Effective Living Centre as a place of great inclusion and diversity, acceptance and affirmation and a safe place of acceptance. I'm also grateful to the Urban Mission Network and for the welcome I have received. For Doug Purnell, his work as an artist brings a blessing to ministry to the church and the local community. For me it's teaching mindfulness meditation which is a ministry to Christians and soul seekers alike for blessing. With the 'Grace Outpouring' has come healing and repair this year as I have been prayed over and anointed. Now in this spiritual journey as a progressive Christian, the progress has taken me not backwards but forward into a deeper, amazing and miraculous encounter with God as Trinity. I have found a prayer of faith: 'you are here' to the risen Lord who calls me to a new freedom and life in service.

Nicholas Rundle is the minister in placement at Wayville UCA and the Effective Living Centre. He is also a priest associate member of an Anglican Carmelite monastic community in Oxford UK.

