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## BULLETIN – MAY 2014

### NETWORK NEWS & EVENTS

#### 2014 RETREAT DAY

##### *Hidden Treasures*

Play gently with our own hidden treasures  
those realities that we prefer not to notice too often  
our fears & desires                      our failings & successes                      our disappointments & joys

Led by Bruce Stocks of *Wisdom for Living*

Wednesday 7th May, 9.00 am for 9.30 am – 3.30 pm                      registration fee \$35.00 (GST incl)  
includes materials light refreshments (available from 9.00 am) and lunch at the Mylor General Store

#### **ALL WELCOME**

Mylor Uniting Church, 16 First St, Mylor



RSVP by Tuesday 6th 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 Gathering

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



hear about the ministry and mission at St Andrews  
catch up with friends, chat with someone you've not met before  
relax together over a meal, share stories from your own congregation



Further explore our 2014 theme:

#### *Our Changing Landscape:*



led by Rev Peter McDonald discover how to utilise  
Asset Based Community Development techniques for  
sharing God's love in a tangible way, planting spiritual seeds through service  
inspiring, empowering and mobilising your congregation  
for courageous engagement

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



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## *Introducing Rev Philip Gardner*

Philip Gardner is the Placements Officer for the Presbytery of South Australia.



After his family emigrated from England in 1967 Philip grew up at Salisbury. He candidated from Salisbury Uniting, which was a dynamic centre for mission in the late 1970's and entered College in 1981. Since ordination he has served in the Adelaide Plains Parish (at Owen), Kalangadoo, Port Pirie, Seacliff and Tusmore Memorial. He is married to Lesley has three children and currently two grandchildren. Philip enjoys reading – all manner of stuff, film, television and walking. He also manages others forms of exercise and collecting socks. He is a devout fan of the Adelaide Crows (believing in conspiracy theories involving Port Power and the AFL). As well, he has an abiding interest in the produce of South Australia and happily visits those areas that grow grapes. Sadly he has no manly hobbies like woodturning but does love theology, church history, missiology and practical theology.

Philip writes:

In the November 2012 Synod meeting a range of issues were raised about future directions of our life together in response to the significant changes that are taking place in the life of the church. For example, in the placement of ministers where there is a growing number of part stipended ministries. Although this may be inevitable, in many places it subtly, and sometimes not subtly, changes the relationship between minister and congregation, (not always for the worse). Furthermore, if someone wants to do something new they may well need to be self supporting, so how the wider church recognises and supports such a ministry is also important. There are questions of justice, sustainability and missional effectiveness surrounding these issues. Issues relating to property and mission were also raised.

In response to these questions the Presbytery Strategic Planning Team (PSPT) presented some discussion papers called "Changing Landscapes". Conversations were held around these papers in July and a report brought to the annual meeting. In some ways the conversation has only begun. William Bridges in his noted book on change, "Managing Transitions", compares change management to the beginning of a major city marathon, like Boston or New York. When the starter fires the pistol to begin the front runners are off at a fast trot whereas, at the back of the race, some won't even have heard the gun being fired. We are in a similar position with "Changing Landscapes". Some congregations and individuals are wrestling with our new context while others are only now realising that the world has changed, and as Dave Male said at our March Presbytery Meeting, "there is no return address" – there is no way back to a "golden past".

The Changing Landscapes Task Group developed a "Charter for a Pilgrim People" as a way to help people think through the issues facing us and make affirmations that will lead us forward into the future. (As I am writing this it is being placed afresh on the Synod Website <http://sa.uca.org.au/strategic-plan/strategic-plan-2013-2017>). The Charter is meant to help Church Councils and congregations consider what it means to a community of disciples, what it means to be a pilgrim people, holding carefully, thoughtfully but lightly to tradition, property and structures.

To help us in this task studies are currently being prepared on the Charter and will be available by Pentecost (June 10<sup>th</sup>). It is anticipated that they will be available on line, as PDFs to be downloaded and there will some printed for sale. The studies will offer questions for reflection, Bible Study, theological reflection and suggestions for further action. These include practices that we believe might help us become a "pilgrim people always on the way towards a promised goal" (Basis of Union paragraph 3).

So this piece is to encourage to you participate in the continuing conversation. If you haven't already seen them look for the Changing Landscapes Discussion Papers, read the charter and find ways to use the studies in the life of your congregation. None of these things are an end in themselves but we trust that they might be catalysts in helping us become more and more the people God and our world are calling us to be.

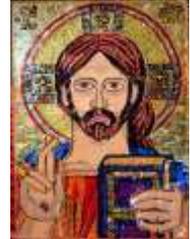


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## Teaching Weekend, Rosefield Uniting Church, Highgate

### Listen. Learn. Live.

A teaching weekend focussing on the Gospel of Matthew 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

## Diary Dates

### Workshop for Church Councils

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 9.00 am – 12 noon at Pilgrim church, 12 Flinders St Adelaide  
Exploring key facets of the role and responsibilities of Church Councils.

### Network Gatherings

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm, Morialta, 26 Chapel St, Magill  
*Our Changing Landscape: engaging with Mission Resourcing SA*  
PLUS meet the new minister and hear an update on the life and mission of Morialta congregation

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm, Para Hills, cnr Liberman Rd & Barcoo St, Para Hills  
*Our Changing Landscape: ministry and mission in a small congregation*  
PLUS stories from Para Hills and other smaller congregations

## Inductions

Everyone is welcome to join these services of celebration:

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 3.00 pm

Rev Steve Thompson will be inducted into the Morialta congregation.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July,

Rev Beth Seaman will be inducted into the Wesley Kent Town congregation.



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## AROUND OUR CONGREGATIONS

*Christ Church Wayville, 26 King William Rd, Wayville*



### Rhythms of Life Autumn and Winter Study Series 2014

This series is for all who yearn to live at a greater depth, moving beyond the superficiality of so much of life.

Information and enquiries: Nicholas ph 0406 011 152 email [revnjrundle@effectiveliving.org](mailto:revnjrundle@effectiveliving.org)



*Sandy Creek, Williamstown Rd, Sandy Creek*

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

## WHAT'S NEW IN OUR CENTRES



*26 King William Rd, Wayville*

### Mindfulness and Stress

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm. Participation \$20.00 / \$15.00

Bookings are essential: [www.effectiveliving.org/mindfulness](http://www.effectiveliving.org/mindfulness)

### Wilks Oration delivered by Rev Dr Andrew Dutney

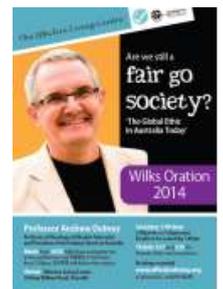
#### Are we still a fair go society? 'The Global Ethic in Australia Today'

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

Tickets: \$25.00 / \$20.00

Drinks in the foyer from 7.00 pm, music from *Juce* folk, supper following the oration.

Bookings are essential: [www.effectiveliving.org](http://www.effectiveliving.org) or ph 8271 0329 or [office@effectiveliving.org](mailto:office@effectiveliving.org)



### Centre for Music, Liturgy & the Arts

An initiative of the Uniting Church in South Australia, seeking to explore and develop choral music, songs for worship, sacred word, and the arts.

*193 Brougham Place,  
North Adelaide*

### Honouring the Sacred – Communion

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30 pm at Rosefield Uniting church, 2 Carlton St, Highgate

Exploring the theology, the spirituality & the experience of the Eucharist for people of all ages, all stages of faith.

This event is for everyone – those who buy and prepare the elements, those who preside, those who serve, and those who receive. \$15.00 per person or bring your whole team for \$75.00. Includes a light meal.

Bookings and further information: ph 8267 2567 email [admin@cmla.org.au](mailto:admin@cmla.org.au)

## STILLPOINT

*Centre for Spirituality  
5 Burnell Drive, Belair SA 5052*

### Residential Retreat on St Francis of Assisi, 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May at Nunyara Conference Centre

Spend time with Francis, a man of humility, love, compassion, service and joy, learning how to live our lives with a greater peace, a deeper love, a more profound joy and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in our daily living.

### Quiet Days, 28<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> June

Draw aside from usual routines for a time of rest, reflection and renewal. Slow down, balance your life.

Bookings and further information: ph 8178 0048 email [stillpoint@internode.on.net](mailto:stillpoint@internode.on.net)



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## WIDER CHURCH

### *Uniting Church Historical Society SA*

*In conjunction with 'ABOUT TIME' SA's History Festival 2014*

**"Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead or half asleep!"**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30 pm at Pilgrim Church, 12 Flinders St Adelaide

Sing some of the great hymns, and enjoy the fine organ, piano and acoustics of Pilgrim church.

Explore hymn singing in the traditions of Methodism, Congregationalism and Presbyterianism and recent trends in the Uniting Church in Australia. Afternoon tea to follow.

Enquiries: Pilgrim Church Office ph 8212 3295 email [office@pilgrim.org.au](mailto:office@pilgrim.org.au)

### **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.

Enquiries: Rev Dr Dean Eland, ph 0419 112 603 email [djeland@bigpond.com](mailto:djeland@bigpond.com) <http://historicalsociety.unitingchurch.org.au/>

## Children & Families



### **Mothers and Shepherds**

an all age worship resource for Mothers Day <http://sa.uca.org.au/cfm/ministry-leaders/all-age-worship/>

### **Day 50 and Counting**

an all age worship resource for Pentecost Sunday <http://sa.uca.org.au/cfm/ministry-leaders/all-age-worship/pentecost>

### **Godly Play Workshop**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2.00 pm, Bethany Lutheran Church, Bethany Rd, Bethany (Barossa Valley)

Enquiries: Phone Mission Resourcing SA 8236 4200 email [children@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:children@sa.uca.org.au)



## Uniting Church in Australia ASSEMBLY

### **The 2012 Assembly resolved to**

**"invite all congregations and faith communities to participate in a shared season of teaching and learning on Christian faith and discipleship in 2014"**

<https://assembly.uca.org.au/cudw/worship-resources-and-publications/item/1447-a-season-of-teaching-and-learning>

In the period from Easter to the end of the year congregations are encouraged to participate in a shared time of teaching and learning on Christian faith and discipleship.

Three new studies have been prepared and a list of other recommended studies are available.

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