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NETWORK NEWS & EVENTS

Workshop for Church Councils

Saturday 26th July: Pilgrim Church, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide

All welcome –

past, present, future members of Church Council and those with an interest in these topics.

Plenary with Sharonne Price, Executive Officer Pastoral Relations

Continuing to explore relationships

Participate in one of three electives:

Wise as serpents, innocent as doves Part 2 Improving decision making with Tim Hein.

Some principles on how Church Boards and Councils can more effectively operate within the special tension of proper governance practice and the complex, nuanced environment of Christian ministry and community.

Communicating Church Effectively with Bindy Taylor

We are all responsible for the effective communication of our church or faith community.

Explore creative ways in which we can all contribute to promoting our church more widely in our locality.

Property & Mission with Lynne Aird

How do we manage our church property with maximum missional effect, for today and the future? Tips, hints and practical guidance for managing property including budgeting, hiring out, residential and commercial leasing, manse issues, property committees.

The Workshop is free but registration is essential: Coordinator ph 8332 8339 or <http://www.urbannetwork.org.au>

Network Gathering

Thursday 28th August: Morialta, 26 Chapel St, Magill



Further explore our 2014 theme:

Our Changing Landscape: engaging with Mission Resourcing SA

Discover how, where, why, when you might engage with
the expertise and experience of this ministry area in our Presbytery
to inspire, empower, mobilise your congregation for courageous engagement

RSVP by Monday 19th May, ph 8332 8339 or email christine@urbannetwork.org.au BYO nametag



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Introducing Rev Sue Page



Sue grew up in Brisbane, and grew into faith and leadership in the church. After a brief career in banking, Sue candidated for Ministry of the Word. She completed her Bachelor of Theology through the Brisbane College of Theology and was ordained in 2001. Sue's first placement was with the Labrador and Southport congregations on the Gold Coast. She enjoyed ministry there for nine years, concluding her placement with the arrival of her second son, Keith. Sue joined the RAAF Specialist Reserve in 2013, working 2 days per week at RAAF Amberley. Sue is married to Tim Hodgson a Uniting Church Deacon, serving as a RAAF Chaplain. They have 2 boys – Alex (6) and Keith (3). Sue is serving .4 at Para Hills UC, and one day per week at RAAF Edinburgh.

We have had a lovely welcome to Adelaide. We have been meeting lots of great people, and many have asked us of late, 'have you settled in now?'. The answer is yes! It really didn't take long at all. I can now get around our area, and into town without the help of the satnav, and our boys have settled well into school and kindy and have made lots of friends. I'm getting back into the swing of congregational ministry, and am enjoying getting to know the folk of Para Hills UC. Tim is enjoying his work as Coordinating Chaplain at RAAF Edinburgh and we are trying to get out and about to explore this part of the world. For my first move away from home – from Queensland, and my family, I think I'm doing pretty well! I'm excited about the possibilities and opportunities that being in a new place, and meeting new people brings.

However, in my role as RAAF Chaplain, I'm seeing a number of people for whom the move to Adelaide has not been so easy. Families who have not made friends and feel lost and adrift, missing family and friends and home. Some have tried playgroups, and meeting other parents at school drop offs, or parks but have not hit it off with anyone. They are struggling, cut off from their support networks and friendships.

The conversations I've had with these families have got me reflecting on the fact that, as a Christian, whenever you move, you (hopefully!) find a ready-made community of friendship and support when you find a church to belong to. And beyond this community, our connection with God and our sense of 'home' travels with us if our 'home' is in God. As I was reflecting on this, a verse from this week's lectionary reading leapt out at me: 'In God we live and move and have our being' (Acts 17:28). I think these 2 things have largely been the reason I have settled so easily into life in what I have to say is a quite strange place (e.g. Laygo instead of Lego, stobee poles instead of telegraph poles, and AFL everywhere all the time and no NRL ever to be seen!)

One of the great things about RAAF Edinburgh is that there is quite a number of UC members who work there, and along with the ministers of the local churches, we are seeking to help people connect to the activities and communities of our churches - once we get past the 'I'm not religious' conversation- and we help people realise that there are no entry requirements to going to a church based group. Speaking to people who are not and never have been connected with the church is a real challenge – seeking to express that we are not just on about 'saving them for Jesus', but that we are about helping people make connections and build relationships – in families, in the church, in the community and hopefully through the journey, with God.

So, I am thankful be settled here in Adelaide, to always be 'home' in God, and challenged to journey with others to find that sense of belonging too.



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Diary Dates

Workshop for Church Councils

Saturday 26th 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 28th 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 27th 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 20th July, Rev Beth Seaman will be inducted into the Wesley Kent Town congregation.

Sunday 28th September, Rev Christa Megaw will be inducted into the Bridgewater congregation.

Around Our Congregations

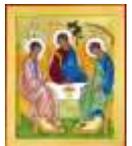
Christ Church Wayville, 26 King William Rd, Wayville

Tuesday 17th June, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm - Rhythms of Life Autumn and Winter Study Series 2014

Sacred Rhythms – The Night Watch, includes discussion and times of silence and prayer.

Second in a six session series based on 'The Music of Silence' by Brother David Stendl-Rast.

No cost, but bookings essential. Information and enquiries: Nicholas ph 0406 011 152 email revnjrundle@effectiveliving.org



Tuesday 24th June, Day of Listening Prayerful Walk

9.30 am Christ Church Wayville, and 12.00 pm Reconciliation Plaza, Victoria Square, Tarndanyangga

Guided by Rev Nicholas Rundle, Minister of Christ Church Wayville, ph 0406 011 152 email revnjrundle@effectiveliving.org



Morialta, 26 Chapel St, Magill

Mining & Art in the Outback: Broken Hill and White Cliffs, Morialta Uniting Church Tour,
8th – 15th October 2014. Enquiries: Church Office ph 8331 8344 email office@morialtauca.org.au

Pilgrim Church, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide

Service of Lament for Asylum Seekers, 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm, Pilgrim forecourt

Come and show your support and compassion for those seeking refuge from persecution and war. First Thursday of every month - same time - same place.

Enquiries: Church Office ph 8212 3295 email office@pilgrim.org.au



Sandy Creek, Williamstown Rd, Sandy Creek

Mission Lunch, Thursday 24th July, 12 noon. Speaker: Gizelle Forgie *Adjusting to Lifestyle Changes*

Information and enquiries: John ph 8522 1391 / 0402 289 050 or Leslee ph 8524 4086



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What's New In Our Centres



 *Effective Living Centre* 26 King William Rd, Wayville

Mindfulness Retreat Day

Thursday 5th June, 9.30 am – 2.00 pm

Sitting, Standing and walking meditation - suitable for those who have attended an introductory workshop. Bring healthy 'nut free' morning tea to share and own lunch. Participation: \$20.00/\$15.00.

Bookings: ph 8271 0329 or <http://www.effectiveliving.org/events/mindfulness-retreat-day-7/#>

Positive Parenting – Helping Teens Thru Adolescent Emotions

Wednesday 25th June 7.30 pm. Participation \$20.00 / \$15.00

Bookings are essential: <http://www.effectiveliving.org/positive-parenting/>

Artist in Residence, 14th – 20th July



Connecting body, mind and spirit

Exploring Rhythm in our body, in art, in music and in dance

Create, improvise explore, have fun in joyous abandon with Tony Hole, an educator, performer and musician, a melody person.

Bookings are essential: ph 8271 0329 or <http://www.effectiveliving.org/sacred-and-creative/>

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 17th June, 6.30 pm



Led by Rev Sean Gilbert and Rev Sandy Boyce at Burnside City Uniting Church.

This event is for everyone - those who buy and prepare the elements,
 those who preside, those who serve, and those who receive.

Cost: \$15.00 / person, or \$75.00 (includes a light meal) for as many people of your congregation and/or worship team who would like to come.

RSVP by 13th June admin@cmla.org.au Pay at door or <http://www.trybooking.com/83177>

Beat the Blues, Sunday 20th July, 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

at The Corner Uniting Church, cnr Oaklands and Diagonal Roads, Warradale

Arts space affirming the ups and downs of life's journey,

telling the story through poetry and story with Sarah Agnew
 music and song with Kylie Brice and friends.

Cost: donation to beyondblue

Refreshments available for purchase from The Corner Cafe



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

Quiet Day, 25th 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



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Wider Church

Uniting Church Historical Society SA

Sunday 22nd June, 3.00 pm at Church of the Trinity, 318 Goodwood Rd, Clarence Park
 Rev Dr Malcolm McArthur reports on the Religious Education Research Project. Followed by afternoon tea.
 Enquiries: Rev Dr Dean Eland, ph 0419 112 603 email djeland@bigpond.com <http://historicalsociety.unitingchurch.org.au/>

Children & Families



Pentecost: really exciting worship for young, old and in between.
RED – the colour of Pentecost, is an acronym for ‘Really Exciting Day’
 This resource provides notes and a sample worship format for this Really Exciting Day [RED a really exciting day](#)



Conversations about today’s Changing Landscapes - Friday 20th June: Adelaide West Uniting Church
 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm: *The ties that bind: how churches connect with each other for God’s mission in the world*
 Thought-provoking input from speakers and video material that invites input and promotes conversation.

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm: *Grand Designs: the place of buildings in the life of the church*
 Viability and sustainability – what’s the difference? Hear stories of change, enter the discussion.
 RSVP Monday 16th June, Wendy Perkins ph 8236 4284 email wperkins@sa.uca.org.au

Pilgrims in an ever-changing Landscape
 To be launched at the June meeting of the Presbytery and Synod of SA, this series of 7 studies will provide a helpful resource for groups, Church Councils and individuals to reflect on the themes articulated in the *Charter for a Pilgrim People* (click her to reread it: <http://sa.uca.org.au/strategic-plan/strategic-plan-2013-2017>).
 Studies will be available to purchase in hard copy or online.
 Further information: Wendy Perkins ph 8236 4284 email wperkins@sa.uca.org.au



UnitingWomen 2014
 12th – 14th September: a conference for women who share a faith in Jesus Christ
 A place for learning, making friends, worshipping, sharing wisdom, reflecting on God’s word, standing up for justice, seeking the deeper story.
 Information: <http://unitingwomen.org.au/about-uniting-women/>

