



Bulletin – September 2018

Practice • Presence • Place

Looking at the now and the future

A reflection by Rev. Bob Hutchinson

“How many were at church today?” I get asked that often by family, friends, and sometimes people I meet in the community. I often answer, “around about 80ish.” (I fail to refer to the 8:15 am service that has an attendance of about 8–10) My response only reflects the number of people at worship on any given Sunday. I have a quote on the wall of my study that reminds me of mission: “*we will not be concerned about numbers but be faithful to Jesus’ mission of love lived practically: a mission of influence.*”

Worship is a focus of the life of a church, and worship attendance is often the criterion we use to make judgments about the mission and life of the congregation. Yet this worshipping community is but one aspect of the life of the whole mission of the church. There are other gatherings of people who meet to eat and share company together. At Morialta Uniting Church there is Lunch on Chapel, exercise and Tai Chi, a coming together to share fellowship and alternative worship. People gather together to explore things of faith and spirituality and to play and support netball. There are meetings to plan and develop ministry and mission. We meeting together over a “potluck” meals to listen to people’s travels and life experiences, or develop English conversation language.

I wonder how many people come through the various church doors. What number would a counter read? The community associated with the church is more than, but including, the community that gathers for worship. The church is of and for the community. One way of understanding the church is seeing the church property as being available for the community to use in various ways. The legal owner of all church property and land is The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA). We, that is this current generation, you and me, don’t own the property, the tennis/netball courts, the buildings, the houses, the sheds, the gardens. We are stewards, caretakers, custodians. While we use, maintain, and develop the property, the local congregations do not own the land or buildings.

Morialta Church buildings date back to 1855, but they were built and used for that generation and for the future. The building in which we worship reflects a design of the 1850’s, the hall reflects the 1960’s, the foyer the 1990’s, and the “student” houses reflect 20teens. We are the ones, this present generation,

who are actively involved in the life and mission of this community. We are the ones, together with other people in the community, who use the property for various purposes. Some of us only worship here, some only share in a weekly meal, others seem like they live here, while others in between.

We are stewards now, and our dreams and decisions about future ministry and mission will affect future generations and communities. Those who lived and worshipped here before us provided, maintained, and developed the property for their use and for future use. We are the current generation who must also look at the now and the future.

So how does the property serve the mission of God? In what ways might we, as the current custodians, develop and maintain the property for those who will come after us? How might our buildings, or space, or equipment be offered to the local community for use now and the future?

Rev Bob Hutchinson is Minister of the Word in placement at Morialta. Ordained in 1995. He has served in Kangaroo Island, Spicer, Athelstone, Marion/ Warradale, Westbourne Park, Pilgrim, and Morialta Congregations. Bob has a passion for the creative use of space and property and providing a context for worship and mission. Currently undertaking Post Graduate study through the ACD focussing on worship and preaching in the contemporary Australian context.



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News from Urban Mission Network congregations



The UCA suicide awareness campaign, “**Suicide: It’s No Secret,**” began in 2011 as a project of the then Moderator, Rev Rob Williams. The name of the campaign reflects its underlying aim: to encourage people to talk about how suicide has touched their lives, rather than bottle up all the emotions that surround this tragedy and keep it secret. Opening up and talking is the first step to dealing with this very painful issue.

Each year since 2011, Scots Church has held an event on the forecourt aimed to increase awareness of

suicide and encourage open discussion. Information on counselling services and responses to suicide are distributed. In past years, the Adelaide Piano Busker, Peter Hacquoil has played for us, and we have given away fairy floss, as well as inviting people to tie ribbons on the Pulteney St fence in memory of those lost to suicide. The event is held on or near World Suicide Prevention Day (10 September).

This year, the 10 September falls on a Monday, when the University is holding graduation ceremonies. It is likely that many of those attending the events will have been touched by suicide in some way in the past three or four years. The op shop will be open and will also have a presence on the forecourt to encourage passers-by to approach us and to start conversations.

We are always pleased to welcome new volunteers. If you think you could help out for a few hours, our minister Peter Trudinger would love to hear from you – please call the office on 8223 1505 for more information.



The Adelaide Connection Jazz Choir

Live @ Morialta Uniting Church

26 Chapel Street, Magill

16 September

**2 pm – 4 pm (including a
20-minute interval)**

Tickets \$20

Bookings: phone 8331 9344

Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/419073> and
<https://www.trybooking.com/XVYF>

Tickets are also available at the door (cash only)
Wine / tea / coffee / water available during
intermission.

Proceeds supporting jazz and church projects in
SA

Blackwood Uniting Church

266 Main Road,
Blackwood

Occasional Series

Taize at Blackwood

Share the Taize
journey with young adults in story, song, silence

**Sunday
16 September
5.00 pm – 7.00 pm**



Occasional Series

"The life and thought
of people of Spirit"

Wednesday 19 September at 2.00 pm

**Guitarist Caleb Lavery-Brook
and Organist Ray Booth**

Caleb is an extremely talented young classical guitarist who is currently undertaking his Postgraduate studies at the Elder Conservatorium of Music.

Caleb was the soloist at the Inaugural International Guitar Festival Summer School in Adelaide at the beginning of 2016. He has had masterclasses and private lessons with many noted Australian and International guitar virtuosos including Slava Grigoryan (Australia), Gary Ryan (United Kingdom), Ricardo Gallèn (Germany), Jane Curry (New Zealand), and others in Europe, Asia and South America.

**Wednesday 17 October
at 2.00 pm**

**Hayden King – Trumpeter
Peter Kelsall – Organist**

Tickets \$15 at the door
Includes generous afternoon tea

For all enquiries please contact:

Sheila Bryce: (08) 8322 4581,

mobile: 0416 154 061,

e-mail: sbrycepublicity@gmail.com

Trinity Sessions

"The only sound you hear is the music"

ADELAIDE'S INTIMATE CONCERT VENUE

Sunday 16 September 5.00 pm

The Audreys

At the end of 2017, live favourites and multiple ARIA award winners The Audreys completed a sell-out national tour performing their award-winning debut album *Between Last Night & Us* to celebrate 11 years since its release. So well received it was, that they decided to go back out on the road adding the rest of their illustrious repertoire to the show in early 2018 – part of a special Spiegeltent tour.

They are now back again in your town for the 2nd half of 2018 pawning their very hearts for rock and roll. It's been three years since The Audreys played Trinity Sessions, home to many of their earlier gigs starting in 2005 where a number of live recordings made their way onto their first album.

The Audreys playing one extended set with no interval.

Tickets \$35/\$30. Licensed bar pre-show from 4.00 pm

Sunday 14 October 5.00 pm

Aleyce Simmonds and Brad Butcher

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

Tickets \$25. Licensed bar

Church of the Trinity
318 Goodwood Road, Clarence Park

Rosefield Uniting Church

2 Carlton St, Highgate

Professions of Faith – Medicine

Faith and Vocation alive in the Modern world

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

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

This series of seminars looks at the **Medical** profession and explores how faith helps shape the way we respond to work and its pressures.

9 September – Dr Lawrie Palmer

Dr Lawrie Palmer is a Palliative Medicine specialist and Medical Head of Unit of Northern Adelaide Palliative Service. Lawrie offers a wealth of knowledge and experience in the wider issues of palliative care.

October 7 – Dr Dick Heddle and Dr Josephine Harris

Dr Dick Heddle is a Gastroenterologist based at Ashford and Dr Josephine Harris is a Cardiologist, Geriatrician and General Physician based at Flinders Medical Centre and Noarlunga. They will discuss issues relating to frailty and decision-making.

14 October – Dr David Holden

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



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

Pilgrim Uniting Church Symposium 2018

Monday 29 October
7.30 pm

RUSSLR Oration *by Professor Marion Maddox*

Supporting panel
Professor Rick Sarre
& Rev Elenie Poulos

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

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



THE UNIVERSITY
of ADELAIDE

Rosefield Uniting Church

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

Collections Display Day

to raise funds to support
South Pacific School Aid

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Sunday 28 October
11 am to 2 pm

Collections on display include

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

Plus cake stall, sausage sizzle, bookstall.

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

Further information Derek Nash 0400 403 275



Sandy Creek Uniting Church

162 Williamstown Road, Cockatoo Valley

Wildflower walk in the local bush

Guided walk in an easy walking area

Thursday 27 September 2018

Meet at church at 1.00 pm

Cost \$15 including afternoon tea

Book early with Leslee Carle, leslyncarle@chariot.net.au, as numbers are limited

News from Mission Resourcing Centres – members of UMN



Enjoy a Sunday afternoon of music with

MiniM choir

and guest artists

Jacob Wilson and Lewis Hoffmann

Sunday 23 September

3:00 pm

Rosefield Uniting Church

2 Carlton Street, Highgate

followed by afternoon tea

all tickets \$10 at the door (children free)

MiniM, short for Ministry in Music, is a community that sings together, prays together and shares music that is moving and celebratory. It is the choir of the Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts, and brings together singers from all over Adelaide. The choir has recently returned from Melbourne where they sang for the opening worship of the Uniting Church Assembly. Singing sacred and secular music, MiniM expresses the joys, sadness, love and hope that life brings.

MiniM is conducted by Jennifer Hughes and accompanied by Asher Reynolds.



Integrity, Passion, Call: Preaching to the Scared, Scarred and Skeptical

*A conversation series presented by the
Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts and UCLT*

If you are a preacher in your community, join in this series of conversations on developing and strengthening preaching skills. Each session includes reflection on our own preaching practice, conversation on a thought-provoking topic, and preparation for a sermon two weeks ahead.

10 and 24 September @ 10.00 am

La Scala Café

169 Unley Road

\$10 per session

Go to <http://cmla.org.au> website for more details and to register.

Right-side-up Advent and Christmas from an Aussie view

CMLA Resource and Planning Event 2018

18 September 7.30 pm

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Christ Church Uniting

26 King William Road, Wayville

Gather with others to explore an Aussie Advent and Christmas

Susan Burt, the Coordinating Editor for *Seasons of the Spirit*, will lead us in an exploration of the sounds, moods, and colours of the season and themes arising within scripture and around us.

Together, we will plant seeds of ideas for worship planning including space setting, drama, music, art, poetry, and prayers for our time and contexts. Some of these ideas may flourish into resources that can be shared with others at the October resourcing event.

Bring along your musicians and worship team to get a jump start on your planning.

Cost \$10 per person or \$50 unlimited congregational participation

\$5 discount for October event for participants

To register, please visit the CMLA website at cmla.org.au or email admin@cmla.org.au

**Right-Side-up
Christmas**
Advent and Christmas
resource book event

Tuesday 16 October @ 7.30 pm

Christ Church Uniting, Wayville

26 King William Road, Wayville

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



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

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

October Seminars
Thursdays evenings
from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

- 4 October** – Doing Theology as a Spiritual Adventure with Bob Kempe
11 October – The Spirituality of Aboriginal Peoples with Ian Copley
18 October – The Innate Spirituality of Affection with Sean Gilbert
25 October – Earth Spirituality with Jana Norman

Book online www.trybooking.com/317240 or
phone the ELC office
\$45 for all 4 seminars or \$15 each



Too much too soon

*Protecting our
children in a cyber
age*

with
Melinda Tankard Reist

17 October
7.30 pm

Cost: \$35 adult; concession \$30 –
Supported by the Unley Council
www.trybooking.com/XIPH

Wilks Oration 2018

Saturday, 20 October
7.00 pm

Orator: Professor Henry Reynolds,
University of Tasmania

Australia's Unnecessary Wars

Bookings www.trybooking.com/WXIL or phone the ELC office
Tickets: Adult \$25; concession \$20; friends of ELC: \$15.00

Armistice Day

Pacifism Convocation

Remembering Charles Strong

11 November 10.00 am – 4.30 pm

The Stones Cry Out

*The story of
the Palestinian
Christians*

Movie and Discussion

Friday, 2 November

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

Movie @ 8.00 pm

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

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

Christ Church Uniting, Effective Living Centre

Sponsored by Charles Strong Trust, donations welcome

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

For program details go to

[http://effectiveliving.ucasa.org.au/events/
armistice-day-pacifism-convocation?](http://effectiveliving.ucasa.org.au/events/armistice-day-pacifism-convocation?)

