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NETWORK NEWS and EVENTS

NETWORK GATHERING Thursday 27th November, 6.00 for 6.30 pm

Our Changing Landscape:

Ministry and Mission in a Smaller Congregation

YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US at PARA HILLS UNITING CHURCH
cnr Liberman Road & Barcoo Street, Para Hills

Featuring stories from Para Hills, Hare St, Prospect Rd congregations

their ministry and mission

how they've developed local ministries

the successes and challenges they've encountered

where God is at work amongst them.



PLUS

All the regular elements of a Network Gathering

RSVP by Monday 24th November, ph 8332 8339 or email christine@urbannetwork.org.au BYO name tag.

Ministers' Informal Bar-b-que

Thursday 13th November, 12 noon at Hawthorndene.

RSVP by Monday 10th November, ph 8332 8339 or email christine@urbannetwork.org.au

Reshaping the Coordinator Role

The Position Description for the position of Coordinator: Urban Mission Network is days away from finalisation and advertising will commence towards the end of the month.

Please talk with those whom you know whose gifts and graces might be a match for the role and ask them to watch for advertisement.



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AROUND OUR CONGREGATIONS

Bridgewater – 407 Mount Barker Road

A Garden Party, at 49 Sheoak Rd, Crafers West, Sunday 9th November, 1.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Fundraiser for Kairos Prison Ministry. Adults \$10.00, children free, includes open garden and afternoon tea.
Tickets at the gate or contact Naomi Struve ph 0423 392 751 email naomi.struve@web.de

Country Fair under the Oak tree, Saturday 22nd November, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

Great food, live music, dancing, photo booth, competitions, children's play area, craft, gifts stall, books, supporting Frontier Services rural men's health project, Prison Chaplaincy and local community projects.
Further information: Yollie ph 8362 0822 email yollie@westnet.com.au

Morialta Community Centre, 26 Chapel Street, Magill

Mighty Magill Christmas Market, Saturday 15th November, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Home-made cakes, gift boxes of love, books & plants, gourmet goodies, come-again boutique, sausage sizzle

Photographic exhibition, Saturday 15th – Friday 28th November

Enterprise & Struggle – images from the Philippines & kites of hope. Gold coin donation entry.
Further information: Church office ph 8331 9344 email office@morialtauca.org.au

Newland Memorial, Victoria St, Victor Harbor

"LIMITED EDITION IN CONCERT", Sunday 9th November, 2.00 pm

A concert presented by Newland Arts. Tickets at the door, adults \$20.00, student/child \$12.00

Induction, Sunday 23rd November, 3.00 pm

You are cordially invited to join the congregation in celebrating the induction of Rev Alison Whish.
Afternoon tea to follow the service.

RSVP: Church office ph 8552 7732 (9.30 am – 12.00 pm) email newlanduc@bigpond.com

Sandy Creek, 162 Williamstown Road, Cockatoo Valley

110th Anniversary, Sunday 23rd November, 10.30 am

Guest preacher: Rev Rob Brown, CEO of UnitingCare. Shared lunch to follow.

Twilight Carol Service and Nativity, Sunday 14th December 7.00 pm

A special time of celebration, held in the Bush Chapel on the Sandy Creek UC property
Further information about both events from Leslee 8524 4086 / 0417 863 325

Wesley Kent Town, corner Fullarton Rd and Grenfell St, Kent Town

Jubilee Celebration, Sunday 9th November, 2.00 pm

Marking the ordination 50 years ago of sixteen people into ministry in the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of South Australia.

Further information: Rev Lindsay Faulkner ph 0417 537 010 / 8365 5664 email Nessiefaulkner@bigpond.com

Concerts at Kent Town Winter and Spring Series 2014, Wednesday 19th November, 2.00 pm

Celebrating the Talents of Youth: Organist Alana Brook and The Prince Alfred College Brass Ensemble
Further information: Sheila Bryce Publicity ph 8322 4581 email sbrycepublicity@gmail.com



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WHAT'S NEW IN OUR CENTRES



Networking Day

Singing the Progressive Message

Saturday 15th November, 10am – 3.30pm at 26 King William Rd, Wayville

Looking at the history, words and music of old and new songs and hymns.

RSVP by Monday 10th November. For a brochure and to register: www.effectiveliving.org/pcnetsa



Effective Living Centre

26 King William Rd, Wayville

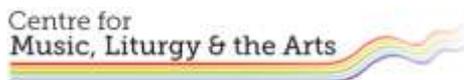
Programs in November include

Sacred & Creative: Poet's Corner, Monday 24th November

Mindfulness Workshops and Practice: 12th, 19th, 24th or 26th November

Positive Parenting: Wednesday 12th November

Tickets can be booked online at www.effectiveliving.org where you will find all the information and costs for these events.



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

Refer to the CMLA web site <http://cmla.org.au/resources.html> for worship resources from the recent meeting of the Presbytery and Synod of South Australia.

MiniM Carols in the Garden, Saturday 13th December, 6.00 pm

Come to sing carols and share in some Christmas cheer! Spread out a rug and invite your friends and family along for a picnic. Further information: CMLA office ph 8267 2657 (extn 21) email admin@cmla.org.au

WIDER CHURCH

Uniting Church SA Historical Society

International Mission: the Story of South Australians who have served in partner churches

At the Church of the Trinity, Friday 14th November at 7.30 pm, followed by supper.

Further information: Rev Dr Dean Eland ph 0419 112 603 email djeland@bigpond.com

Grace Connections Mission Network

Visit of Rev Graham Keech of Logan Uniting Church, Queensland

Graham has led significant engagement with the community – his story is unique and relevant to our own church's mission. Hear this congregation's story and engage with Graham at a public event at Malvern UC on Saturday 8th November, 9.30 am – 11.00 am. Further information: Rev Jonathan Davies ph 0413 996 407.



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Introducing Rev David Buxton:



David Buxton was born in Lameroo in 1953. His family moved numerous times through his childhood and this brought with it a set of adaptive skills which have been employed first in teaching and then through various ministry placements - rural and urban, as well as time in Sydney while serving with Frontier Services. David is married to Janet and they have three children and five grandchildren.

David writes:

Last year I had the privilege of travelling in Europe and the UK. While in London I visited the Central Methodist Meeting Hall across the square from Westminster Abbey. A poster in the display area had the words as follows:

Welcome

*We are a group of people doing our best to find out what it means to follow Jesus.
Wherever you are on your faith journey you are welcome.*

The Gospel at the heart of London

In many ways this invitation resonated with me as I continue to explore the life of faith, moving through curiosity, confusion, certainty, openness, confidence, and grace over six decades.

At the time of seeing the poster in London I had been back in South Australia for six months following several years working with Frontier Services. In that role my primary responsibility had been to support the Patrol Ministers across remote Australia as they offered a ministry of presence to isolated individuals, communities and camps. Often these Patrol Ministers did not have local congregations, or church buildings to support. They evolved a particular ministry style and ethos relevant to their context without what some might see as essentials of the Institution of the Church.

These experiences continue to shape my thinking in the current Mission Officer role that I exercise across rural SA. Many of you will recognise that to suggest that our communities of faith could function as effective mission outposts without their buildings, or resident ministers is problematic.

So much of the current energy and effort of these communities of faith is focussed on maintaining the Institution, and 'doing church' in ways that it has been done for decades, if not centuries.

I continue to be hopeful as I discover a number of other fellow travellers who know the present form cannot continue. We cannot quite see the future shape though we recognise it will be different, probably radically so.

In the meantime, I celebrate with the angels (often in tears) when individuals put their trust in Jesus and seek to be followers and disciples of the Son of God. What a privilege to witness the transforming of individuals and communities through the Gospel – at the heart of London, Beijing, Washington, Sydney, Adelaide, Pt Lincoln, Clare, Kingston and Mt Gambier and the tiny places and homes across rural SA.

The Mission Resourcing Team within the Presbytery and Synod is focussed on assisting these communities to learn and live this faith in vital and intentional ways. It will take us all our days to learn how to truly love God and truly love our neighbours.