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## BULLETIN – MARCH 2015

### NETWORK NEWS & EVENTS

#### *Thank you, Christine*



A balmy summer evening (as promised) on the patio at the rear of Pilgrim Lounge, the generous and gracious hospitality of the Pilgrim congregation, delicious food, entertaining and inspirational dialogue between Moderator Dr Deidre Palmer and General Secretary /CEO Rev Nigel Rogers, and meaningful worship provided a perfect setting to formally and informally acknowledge and celebrate Christine's ministry as Coordinator: Urban Mission Network.

Christine was appointed to serve as Coordinator: Urban Mission Network in May 2008, and, as acknowledged by Bruce Ind, "has given herself selflessly to this ministry, provided excellence in administration and pastoral care, and worked with sensitivity with ministers and congregations in the Network. Christine has shown leadership of a very high standard and is well respected within the Network and the wider church."

Thank you Christine, for all you are and all you do.

#### **RETREAT DAY**

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Morialta Uniting Church, 26 Chapel St, Magill**

A quiet day for reflection and prayer, led by Rev Nicholas Rundle of Christ Church Wayville.

The Leunig prayer *the Art of Acceptance* will inspire and guide us and focus our thoughts on acceptance, attitude and action. All welcome.

Further information: Network Coordinator, ph 0412 552703

email [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au)

#### **NETWORK GATHERING**

**Enfield Uniting Church**

247 Main North Road, Sefton Park

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May

6.00 for 6.30 pm

**Featuring Dr. Liz Boase**

lecturer in Old Testament studies at Uniting College and head of the Dept. Of Theology, Flinders University



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## AROUND OUR CONGREGATIONS

*Belair, 18 Sheoak Road, Belair*

**Induction for the Rev. Sarah Williamson, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30 pm.**

A light meal will be served at the conclusion of the service. RSVP to Peter Bird 82785774, or [petbird@adam.com.au](mailto:petbird@adam.com.au)

*Pilgrim, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide*

**Exhibition: Refugee Art Exhibition: Faces of a Refugee story**

**Open daily 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

A collection of portraits of 14 former refugees that brings human faces to the plight of refugees and gives 'the portrait subjects the opportunity to show how it has been for them by telling their stories,' which have been transcribed in a booklet that will be available at the exhibition.



**Royal Commonwealth Society Instrumental Ensemble, Sunday March 29**

An elegant Sunday afternoon concert of delightful French Chamber Music, performed by nine of Adelaide's most outstanding musicians.

Tickets \$25; \$20 concession; student (under 25) \$10. Book online: [TryBooking.com.au](http://TryBooking.com.au)

**Quiet Day Retreat, mid-way through the season of Lent, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30 am – 3.30 pm**

The theme "Standing on Holy Ground" will connect us back to the grounding experience of the ashes and dust of Ash Wednesday and forward to the new life arising from the ground in celebrations of Easter.

BYO lunch, refreshments provided. Further information: Helen or Jana ph 8212 3295 <http://www.pilgrim.org.au/events>

*Payneham Road, 343 Payneham Road, Marden*

**Wepa circus, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 pm**

Direct from Adelaide Fringe to Payneham Uniting Church Hall, a one-man show where different circus skills are mixed to create a 45 minute show. Aussie BBQ, Mexican treats, and drinks available.

Adult: \$7.00 Child: \$5 Family: \$25

*Rosefield, 2 Carlton St, Highgate*

**Teaching weekend, Friday evening 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday afternoon 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Join the Rosefield congregation in exploring, praying, singing, seeing and speaking The Psalms Today. Featuring Dr. Liz Boase, lecturer in Old Testament studies at Uniting College and head of the Dept. Of Theology, Flinders University. Further information: Church Office ph 8271 9528 <http://rosefield.org.au/>

THE PSALMS TODAY

*Wesley Uniting, cnr Grenfell Street & Fullerton Road, Kent Town*

**Martin Setchell, International concert organist, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00 pm**

Tickets at the door \$20



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## WHAT'S NEW IN OUR CENTRES

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.

### **New Music, May 6 – time and venue to be announced**

Hold this date for new music for all ages for use in worship and other congregational settings.



*Effective Living Centre*

*26 King William Road*

### **Positive Parenting,**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm**

*Understanding your Child's Temperament* with presenter Donna Broadhurst

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm**

*Managing Anger in Children* with presenter Donna Broadhurst

Cost for sessions: \$15 adults \$10 concession \$20 couple. Bookings online at [www.effectiveliving.org](http://www.effectiveliving.org).

### **Intervention and Reconciliation – A PCNet Lenten Study Series, February 19<sup>th</sup> through to 26<sup>th</sup> March**

A theological and sociological reflection on intervention and reconciliation in the light of the Easter story led by Rev Dr Jonathan Barker.

### **Mindfulness and Stress, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 am – 1pm**

Learn and practice some short meditations and exercises to overcome anxiety and stress and to remain focussed, energetic and alert throughout your day. It is helpful to have attended at least a mindfulness introduction session.

Bookings are essential and available online [www.effectiveliving.org](http://www.effectiveliving.org), or phone 82710329.

\$20, or \$15 Friends and concession.

### **Don't Get Scammed - Online or by Phone, Wednesday March 25, 10 am – 12 noon**

Carolyn Warman from Consumer and Business Services will discuss current scams and what to do if you are scammed. Richard Pascoe – also known as the Adelaide Tech Guy – will explain how to keep your computer safe.

Bookings online at [www.effectiveliving.org](http://www.effectiveliving.org),

\$15, or \$10 Friends and concession.

### **Artist in residence, 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Aboriginal contemporary Arts** led by Allan Sumner, a Ngarrindjeri Kurna man, singer, songwriter, musician, producer and visual artist will present workshops that will give opportunities for learning and creative expression. The program will include: bush tucker experience, Aboriginal art tour of the Art Gallery, cultural awareness workshop, storytelling with children, music, and a visit to Tandanya. Details at [www.effectiveliving.org](http://www.effectiveliving.org)





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**PCNet, Friday Forum on Aboriginal Spirituality, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm.**

Pastor Denise Champion who will speak on Aboriginal Spirituality and Dr Olga Gostin will speak on Menticulture: Unpacking Aboriginal Spirituality and Care for Country.

\$20 waged \$15 unwaged. Bookings are essential and available online at [www.effectiveliving.org/pcnetsa](http://www.effectiveliving.org/pcnetsa)

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

**Quiet Days, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Draw aside all day or a part of it for a time of rest, reflection and renewal.

**Lenten Quiet Day, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm**

A Spiritual Director will be on hand for this self-led retreat using *View from the Edge* written by Lynona Hawkins.

Cost: \$30.00 for full day, \$20.00 for half day and \$20.00 for self-led materials.

Further details: ph 8178 0048 email [stillpoint@internode.on.net](mailto:stillpoint@internode.on.net) <http://stillpoint.unitingchurchsa.org.au/>

**Residential Retreat – Becoming Who We Are, 10<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May Nunyara Conference Centre**

Hold the date

## WIDER CHURCH

*Uniting Church Historical Society*

**First meeting for the year, Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 pm at the Church of the Trinity, Clarence Park.**

Dr David Hilliard, Adjunct Associate Professor in History, School of International Studies at Flinders University will share insights from a late 19<sup>th</sup> century publication "Quiz and Lantern." The magazine's regular column was a humorous critique of Adelaide's preachers and Sunday congregations.

Send your name and email to [ucsahist@charoit.net.cau](mailto:ucsahist@charoit.net.cau) to receive regular news bulletins.



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### *Introducing Rev. Beth Seaman*



Beth comes from a background in nursing both as a midwife and a community nurse with Child & Youth Health and was for some years the Chaplain for Mission Australia. She has served in the Synod since 2008 and was inducted to a 0.5 placement at Wesley, Kent Town in July 2014. She will continue to serve the church in a 0.5 Synod based placement in Pastoral Relations with a focus on resourcing congregations for ministry and mission.

As this year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the Wesley church in Kent Town she will be involved in a number of celebrations while also discerning with the congregation their ministry and mission beyond 2015.

Beth's training and exercise of the ministry of Spiritual Direction sees her committed to resourcing the continuing spiritual vitality of the local congregation. Wesley will host an open lecture with Professor Elaine Heath from Perkins School of Theology on Sunday 29 March at 2.00pm with a focus on Wesleyan Spirituality and Discipleship. This will follow her Saturday workshop at the Presbytery meeting. Elaine is the author of *Longing for Spring: A New Vision for Wesleyan Community*, co-authored with Scott Kisker (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2009) and she is one of a number of scholars who are helping us rediscover, for the church today, the intrinsic value of the discipleship methods of John Wesley, who began not a denomination but a movement. In our 150<sup>th</sup> year it simply made sense to offer spaces for the church to reflect on what some describe as one of the greatest movements in church history by one of the churches best strategic thinkers. As it is the beginning of Holy Week, Elaine's lecture will be followed by a combined choir presenting *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer at 3.30pm.

There are other celebrations planned for 2015 including the launch of a book at Prince Alfred College on the history of Wesley church written by Dr Marlene Edwards and a Thanksgiving Service in August when Rev Dr Keith Garner, Superintendent of Wesley Mission in Sydney will be the guest preacher.

Beth looks forward to sharing with colleagues the joys of and challenges of our changing ministry context.