



Bulletin – November 2016

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November Gathering

**Thursday 24 November
Morialta Uniting Church**

26 Chapel Street, Magill

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Ministry on the Edges: Mental Health

**Guest presenters: Rev Wendy Prior
and Rev Mark Boyce**



People with mental illness are often marginalized in a way not done to those affected by other forms of illness. Fear of it creates a wall of silence around people with mental illness and leaves them isolated, with feelings of possible rejection and discrimination, and with little or no help. To overcome the fear, education on mental health is important.

At the November Gathering, people who have experienced mental health problems will tell what worked, what didn't, how faith was important in their recovery, and what might assist in recovery.

As with other gatherings, this time will include worship, a meal, and a time for congregation representatives to meet, relax and share ministry achievements.

Donation to cover the cost of the meal.

RSVP on, or preferably before, Friday 18 November to susan@urbannetwork.org.au.

Please advise of any dietary needs.

On Wednesday, 2 November, **Rev Sue Ellis** was installed as the new Moderator for the Presbytery and Synod of South Australia, following on from the excellent work of Dr Deidre Palmer who has now completed her three-year term.

Sue was a school teacher before entering ministry, beginning as a parish assistant in the Flinders Parish and then a Lay Minister. As an ordained Minister, Sue has served in both rural and urban ministry placements. She has experience in aged care and police chaplaincy, and is keenly interested in discipleship and intergenerational worship. Sue is forward looking and future oriented. She has contributed to the work of the Synod in a variety of roles and on Assembly committees.

Sue is married to Rob, and they share a blended family.

Sue's vision for the Presbytery/Synod is linked to mustard seed image in Matthew's gospel, which shelters, nurtures, and provides. Deeply rooted in Christ, the Church is called to grow into a place of nurture and discipleship, hospitality and caring compassion.

Please pray for Sue as she begins her three-year term as Moderator.



How Does a Local Public Theology Work?

2017 the 40th anniversary of the UCA

As learning communities, congregations are empowered by insights from the global Public Theology conversation and by reflecting on our experience. Missional congregations express their faith, hope and love in their commitment and action taken in local settings and have much to learn from each other. This was one of the core commitments made when the Urban Mission Network formed.

The Urban Mission Network, Pilgrim Church, and others are working on a 2017 program that will provide an opportunity for leaders of congregations in South Australia to meet on a quarterly basis and learn from our commitment to be public, hospitable churches on main streets.

The overall aims and objectives of this program in the UCA 40th anniversary year are guided by the Urban Mission Network's original charter.

- *Encouraging each other in ministry and mission, sharing resources and providing mutual support.*
- *Sharing our understanding of being called to give witness to the love of God in Christ as word and deed in environments which are primarily urban, secular and culturally diverse.*
- *Having a sense of mission in the wider community and sharing a conviction that we must engage with that broader community so that the Gospel may bring about both personal and social transformation.*

These aims also reflect the original *Inaugural UCA Statement to the Nation* on 22 June 1977.

We acknowledge with gratitude that the churches from which we have come have contributed in various ways to the life and development of this nation. A Christian responsibility to society has always been regarded as fundamental to the mission of the Church. In the Uniting Church our response to the Christian gospel will continue to involve us in social and national affairs.

While planning is in its early stage, provisional dates have been set for four sessions.

1. **Orientation and planning ahead**
Saturday 18 March 2017
2. **National UCA History Conference**
9–12 June
3. **Professor Linda Woodhead** from the UK
Saturday, 23 September
4. **Final session and evaluation**
Saturday, 18 November

Resources for this program may include a reading list for local book groups, workshops, continuing informal conversations, field visits, a blog. Resource people will be invited to assist, including guests from other Australian cities and overseas.

To provide continuity, leaders are asked to sign up for the series and make suggestions about topics and key areas of interest.

For further information contact, please contact Rev Dr Dean Eland at Pilgrim Church djeland@bigpond.com 0419 112 603, and check Urban Mission Network and Pilgrim websites in December for updates.

Centre for
Music, Liturgy & the Arts

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Resources, compiled through the Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts for an event exploring Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in 2016. These resources represent a broad network of creative worship leaders, songwriters, liturgists, scriptwriters and poets all who offer their gifts in their local communities. Generously offered to others who strive to create meaningful and engaging worship throughout the seasons of the church year.

Cost: \$20 and available through MediaCom Education Inc.
http://www.mediacomeshop.org.au/test/index.php?route=product/product&product_id=207



Concerts@KentTown

**2.00 pm
Wednesday
16 November
2016**

**Wesley
Church Kent
Town**

**Cnr Fullarton Road
and Grenfell Street,
Kent Town**

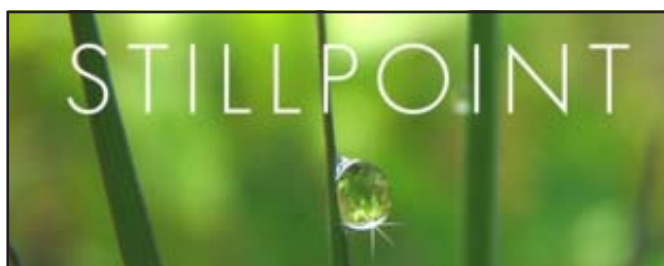


For the final concert in this popular community concert season, lovers of Mozart's music will be especially well served by members of the **Adelaide Symphony Orchestra** performing Mozart's 1st Piano Quartet.

Leading the ensemble is **Janet Anderson**, an award-winning violinist who has been a member of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra since 2007. Other members of the quartet are: **Michael Robertson**, Viola; **Gemma Phillips**, Cello and **Damien Mansfield**, Piano.

Presenting the final organ recital of the seasons will be **Andrew Ampt**. He has been an organist for numerous Lutheran churches around Adelaide since commencing regular Sunday playing in 1974.

Tickets at the door \$10 and includes afternoon tea



**Reflect, Rest, Renew
Quiet Days at Stillpoint**

**Saturday 12 November and
Wednesday 23 November**

There is no charge for this day, but you are invited to make a donation according to your means to help the ministry of Stillpoint.

For more information, phone: (08) 8178 0048 (Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 1:30 pm) or Gary Stuckey on 0488017187

Hope's Café

Hopes, Dreams & Coffee Beans

Barista and Bakery Fund-raiser

Saturday, 19 November

**10.00 am – 12:30 pm or 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm
Cnr of the Parade and Portrush Road,
Beulah Park**

Enjoy tasting an array of international desserts while exploring unique tea and coffee in this event to raise funds to support the barista training program at Hope's Café

Learn about the history of Persian tea and how it is made, indulge in some delicious Iranian sweets, and learn about the decorative Patch designs in embroidery and food. HG Coffee School will share the love of coffee with a fascinating and interactive demonstration on alternative coffee brewing methods including the V60 pour-over, cold drip tower, and siphon coffee.

All sweets and coffee are included in the ticket price.

Cost: \$20 per person, \$15 concession

Bookings essential – phone 8331 0356



Progressive Pioneer Still Inspires Yilki

The story of the life of James Jefferis is inspirational to the contemporary Yilki Uniting Church in the 21st Century, which seeks to demonstrate the relevance of Christianity in everyday life and pursue a ministry of social justice against a background of liberal theology.

Jefferis Memorial was established in memory of Rev. James Jefferis (1833-1917), Congregational minister, lecturer, and journalist, born Bristol UK.

Jefferis was offered an Oxford or Cambridge education with career prospects. Strongly attracted to freedom of thought of Congregational ministers, he chose, instead, to enter the Congregational Institution New College, which was affiliated with the University of London. Here, he learnt to reconcile scientific discovery with religious belief and encountered liberal theological tendencies.

He declined many offers and finally arrived in Adelaide on April 24, 1859 where he was installed as the Pastor of the new North Adelaide Congregational Church (Brougham Place), where his eloquence and liberal approach to religion attracted adherents from other denominations and helped swell the congregation. He was convinced that a preacher should relate religion to life and was an earnest promoter of education, particularly non-sectarian. He also contributed leading social and political articles to the press of the day.

Critics marvelled at his versatility and dogmatism, but Jefferis satisfied many that Christianity was relevant to contemporary issues. He gave trade unionism his blessing and maintained that Christianity was the true socialism.

In 1894 James Jefferis bought the Fountain Inn in at Encounter Bay, renaming it Yelki; in summer he held services in the old bar. He walked long distances daily and became well known as a fisherman in the area. He died peacefully at Encounter Bay on Christmas Day 1917 and was buried privately at the Brighton cemetery.

He had a daughter by his first wife, Mary Louisa, and two sons and five daughters by his second wife, Marian. Marian was zealous in philanthropic causes and donated land at Encounter Bay for the Congregational Church in the memory of James Jefferis.



Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler, Executive Officer, Mission Resourcing, Uniting Church SA, was the inspirational guest speaker when Yilki Uniting Church (Jefferis Memorial), Encounter Bay celebrated its 97th Anniversary on 30 October.

Minister of the Word – Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town

Applications are invited for a Minister of the Word to fill a vacant placement at the inner suburban Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town, SA.

The placement is initially for 0.7 FTE but could be increased to a full-time placement within three years if the growth in the congregation and its activities enables sufficient funds to become available.

Further information about the position can be found at <http://www.wesleykenttown.org.au/ministerial-placement/>



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