



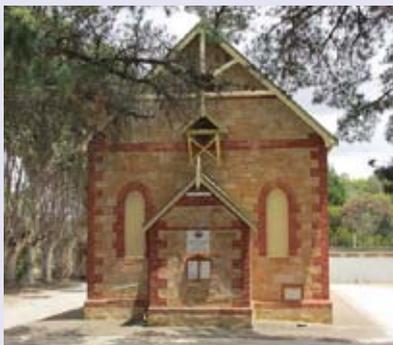
# Bulletin – September 2017

Encouraging each other in ministry and mission,  
sharing resources, providing mutual support.

## News and events from Urban Mission Network

### *Afternoon tea for ministers*

### Invitation from the Urban Mission Reference Group to



Ministers in Placement  
Ministers in Association  
Retired Ministers  
and  
Pastors and Students  
in Placement who are  
connected in some way  
with the Urban Mission  
Network



*to be our guests at the*

### ***Sandy Creek Wildflower Walk and Afternoon Tea***

This will be a guided walk in an easy walking area

**Thursday 28 September**

**Meet at the Sandy Creek church at 1.00 pm**

Williamstown Rd, Cockatoo Valley

Please RSVP to [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au) as soon as possible as numbers are limited, and Sandy Creek cannot hold spaces for us for too long.

You will be guests of the Urban Mission Network, who is purchasing a group ticket for this event.

If you require car-sharing, please advise with your RSVP.

**Note:** *The Wildflower Walk and afternoon tea is open to all. See details p. 4.*

## **November Gathering**

**Thursday 16 November**  
**6.00 pm for 6.30 pm**

**Brougham Place Uniting**  
193 Brougham Place, North Adelaide

Donation to cover the cost of the meal.

RSVP on, or preferably before, Thursday 9 November  
to [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au)

Please advise of any dietary needs

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# The Creative Ageing and Spirituality Collaboratory launched

The Creative Ageing and Spirituality Collaboratory, a project endorsed by Presbytery/Synod and sponsored and facilitated through the Urban Mission Network was launched at the Urban Mission August Gathering held at Modbury Uniting Church on 31 August.

Rev Dr Elizabeth Vreugdenhil presented some potential workshops on Spirituality in later life, and emerging trends she has observed as people explore meaning as we age.

Ken Burt gave an overview of how the Collaboratory came into being and the evolving structure that it may take. Ken stressed that this is not centre but rather a vehicle for collaboration. Interest in progressing potential partnering opportunities, some that have come from conversations with university professors, various

government departments, church agencies, individuals, and non-profits in the modern ageing space.

On the night, some churches expressed interest in the spirituality resources and the Urban Village concept that can be described as naturally organising retirement communities in local neighbourhoods.

The power points from the gathering will be on the Urban Mission Network website shortly. We hope the Creative Ageing and Spirituality Collaboratory website will be "live" soon.

In the meantime, if you require information and wish to be on a mailing list, please e-mail [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au) or contact Ken Burt on 0455830292. Use the subject line: Creative Ageing and Spirituality Collaboratory

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Urban Mission Network members **Rev Sandy Boyce, Rev Judy Knowling, Rev Christa Megaw** who were elected to positions at the recent DIAKONIA World Federation Assembly in Chicago.

Rev Sandy Boyce was re-elected for the second term as President, Rev Christa Megaw was elected as co-Vice-President of DIAKONIA Asia Pacific region (DAP) and will serve on the World Executive, and Rev Judy Knowling was elected to the DAP executive.

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## News and events from UMN congregations and agencies

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### Christ Church, Wayville welcomes a new ministry team

On August 6, Christ Church Uniting, Wayville welcomed Rev Sarah Williamson and Rev David Williamson to ministry with Christ Church Congregation and the Effective Living Centre, and engagement with the wider community on and around King William Road. The congregation also welcomed their sons Kaden and Jai into the community. The Christ Church website tells that:

Sarah is a Deacon in the Uniting Church. She has held roles at Keiraview and Kingscliff Uniting Churches and is now at Belair Uniting Church. Sarah also served as the Synod of SA Solidarity & Justice worker for four years from 2011. Sarah believes her "sense of justice to be an insightful gift that speaks into making connections with who we are and who God calls us to be." Sarah writes that as a Deacon, "I found my 'home' in ministering in service, with peace with justice, and often, for the most marginalised of people."

Dave has nineteen year's experience across four Uniting Church synods. He currently holds a 0.5 placement at Oasis – Flinders University. In his own words, he has "a love and joy of facilitating meaningful and engaging Christian worship and sacred spaces" and "a commitment to diversity, inclusivity, equality, and hospitality." Dave is also into triathlons with the associated training and competition.

Christ Church is excited by the gifts and talents Sarah and Dave will bring to the church and the Effective Living Centre.



## Gawler, Sandy Creek, Williamston Uniting Churches

welcomed the “newly minted” Rev Josh Scherer, Eloise, and Mackenzie to their congregations on August 15. Josh was ordained just two days earlier.

Hopefully, we will learn a little more about Josh and his ministry with Gawler, Sandy Creek, and Williamston through the October bulletin.



## Public Theology Workshop

with

**Professor Linda Woodhead  
from the University of UK**

**Saturday 16 September  
from 9.30 am – 12.30 am**

with morning tea supplied

**Pilgrim Uniting Church**

**Pilgrim Hall, 14 Flinders Street, Adelaide**

Linda Woodhead MBE is a British academic specialising in the sociology of religion. She is best known for her work on religious change since the 1980s, and for initiating public debates about faith. She conducts workshops for congregations all over Britain.

Linda will be sharing with us the insights she has gained from working with congregations in Britain as they identify ways they can make better connections with their local communities. We will have opportunities to discuss with Linda the implications for our congregation and to identify some of the actions we could take to increase our communication with the people of this city. This is part of a series during this year focused on what we can learn from others about how we can achieve our vision of being a public voice in the community and join with others with visions for a flourishing society.

Please contact the Pilgrim Church Office if you intend to attend so that catering can be arranged. [office@pilgrim.org.au](mailto:office@pilgrim.org.au); [www.pilgrim.org.au](http://www.pilgrim.org.au)

Parking will be available

## Pilgrim Symposium and RSSLR Oration 2017

*Is “No Religion” the New Religion?*

**Pilgrim Uniting Church**

12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

**Monday 18 September, 7.30 pm**

**Oration by Professor  
Linda Woodhead MBE,  
Lancaster University  
UK.**



**Symposium supporting  
panel:**

Rev. Christy Capper, Director of Missiology,  
Uniting College for Leadership and Theology.  
Rev. Dr. Greg Elsdon, former CEO Churches of  
Christ (SA & NT)

Includes Q and A session followed by supper.

**Cost:** \$15, \$10 unwaged. <http://www.pilgrim.org.au/symposium/2017.php>



Pilgrim  
Uniting  
Church



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



**September Friday  
Forum**

**The Rev. Charles Strong  
A Pioneer Progressive of the  
19th Century**

**22 September 2017  
at 7.30 pm**

**Effective Living Centre**

**26 King William Road, Wayville**

Charles Strong founded the Australian Church in 1885. Strong held that Christianity should follow the way of love found in the life of Jesus, escape dogmas and infallible books, and present itself in a spiritual way of life that makes society a place of justice, goodwill, and empathy for all. Strong was also a pioneer pacifist in Australia.

A Panel, led by Norman Habel will explore the progressive church, progressive beliefs, progressive social role and progressive spirituality of Charles Strong.

**Cost** \$15 Adults; \$12 conc.; \$10 Friends of ELC

**Bookings essential:** [trybooking.com/299947](http://trybooking.com/299947)

Phone bookings: Effective Living Centre:  
Tuesday-Friday 10am-2pm (08) 82710329

## **Positive Parenting**

Positive Parenting courses are designed to support and encourage parents in their vital role of nurturing and empowering children and helping them be the best people they can be. They have been supported by the City of Unley for more than ten years.

Designed for parents and carers, all courses are held at the Effective Living Centre, 26 King William Road, Wayville. They run from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

**Cost** for each Positive Parenting session \$15 adult; \$12 concession; \$10 friend of ELC; \$24 per couple

## **Coming Events**

### ***Eight Going on Eighteen – Parenting Pre-Teens 1***

**Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 7.30 pm**

Pre-teens present specific challenges such as exposure to commercially ruthless adult themes and cyberspace dangers. These flexible sessions deal with particular interests and concerns and cover parental approaches to developmental tasks, on-going attachment needs and keeping pre-teens safe.

Booking online at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=256139>

### ***Eight Going on Eighteen – Parenting Pre-Teens 2***

**Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 7.30 pm**

**Presenter:** Vina Hotich – is a child and family counsellor and has specialised in the areas of attachment work and using body-inclusive approaches for working with psychological trauma. Her work is also influenced by years of yoga, meditation, and other personal growth modalities

Booking online at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=256141>

## **Kent Town Uniting Church**

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

Now in its tenth year, the popular community Concerts at Kent Town continue to go from strength to strength as it opens the doors of the historic Wesley Church, Kent Town for another season of welcoming, monthly Wednesday afternoon concerts. Admission price is still \$10 which, includes a generous afternoon tea.

The 2017 Concerts at Kent Town series runs from July to November. September and October dates are as follows:

### **Wednesday – 20 September at 2.00 pm**

Marryatville High School  
Music Ensembles

### **Wednesday – 18 October at 2.00 pm**

Douglas McNicol – Baritone,  
Madeleine Stewart – Flautist

## **Wildflower Walk**

### **Sandy Creek Uniting Church**

162 Williamstown Rd,  
Cockatoo Valley

### **Thursday 28 September**

A guided walk  
through an easy walking area

**Meet at the church at 1.00 pm**

**Cost** \$12, including afternoon tea

**Book** in early with Leslee Carle (details below) as numbers are limited. You are invited to book as an individual or a group.

For more information, contact Leslee Carle, phone 8524 4086 or 0417 863 325





## Service of Induction

**Rev Dr Greg Elsdon**

Minister of the Word

**Pilgrim Uniting Church**

12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

**8 October 2017 at 7.00 pm**

You are warmly invited to attend the Service of Induction for Rev Dr Greg Elsdon as he begins his placement as Minister of the Word at Pilgrim Uniting Church.

**Preacher:** Dr Deidre Palmer (ex Moderator, SA UCA Synod, President-elect, Uniting Church in Australia)



## 170<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

**All Saints Uniting Church**

364A Marion Road, Plympton

The congregation of All Saints Uniting Church, Plympton, invites past members and friends to celebrate our 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday 5 November 2017 at 9.30 am**

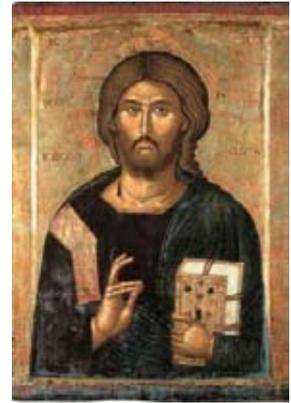
Following worship, please share with us over morning tea

**RSVP** by October 29 to Pastor Rodney Fopp on 8350 0185, 043 8811 042 or [plymuca@esc.net.au](mailto:plymuca@esc.net.au)

## Write Your Own Icon

### Praying with a paint brush

Paint an icon in the tradition of Eastern Orthodox Churches under instruction from an experienced iconographer. No previous painting or drawing experience required. Places are limited to ensure each person gets individual attention. Start with a bare board and with virtually no experience on Monday morning and have a nearly or completed icon by the end of Friday.



### Newland Memorial Uniting Church Hall

30 Victoria Street, Victor Harbor

**Monday 23 – Friday 27 October**

**9.00 am – 5.00 pm**

**Teacher: Peter Blackwood – Uniting Church Icon School Melbourne**

**Cost \$250**

More information and enrolment: Alison Whish, [roy@uniting.com.au](mailto:roy@uniting.com.au) or 08 8552 7306

## Quiz Night

**Morialta Uniting Church**

26 Chapel Street, Magill

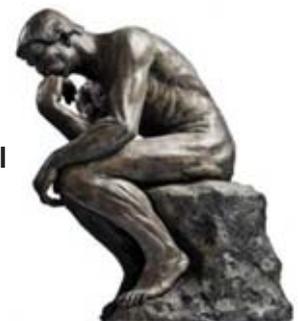
**Saturday 23 September**

**7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start**

BYO basket supper. Tea/coffee available  
Make a table of 8 (max) or come solo and make new friends

**Cost \$15 per person**

Bookings: 8331 9344;  
[office@morialtauca.org.au](mailto:office@morialtauca.org.au);  
<http://www.morialtauca.org.au>



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# News and events from the wider church

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## Regenerating Places of Faith

**Monday 30 October**  
**9.00 am – 4.30 pm**

**Clayton Wesley Uniting Church**  
Corner The Parade and Portrush Road, Beulah Park

South Australia has many historic church buildings that have served their congregations and communities well over several decades. They have enabled congregations to worship and engage in missional activities, and communities to benefit in a wide range of ways.

These beautiful edifices were imagined and constructed in times quite different from today. Recently, in too many cases, congregations have been shrinking, ageing and struggling to maintain these places of faith.

The Regenerating Places of Faith Conference in October of this year will address the complexities and possibilities that our current situations present. How can congregations re-imagine their life and their role as stewards of these buildings? How might congregations, other community groups, and local businesses work in partnerships to restore and re-purpose historic church buildings as functional centres of community development? What wider community resources, including state and local government, can be harnessed to maintain, restore and re-imagine our historic churches?

Regenerating Places of Faith will address

these questions by bringing together members of local congregations who have responsibility for historic church buildings; denominational leaders; people involved in local government; the National Trust; the State Heritage Unit of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources; heritage architects; and all who are interested in South Australia's historic buildings and in how they might continue to be used to bring life to local communities.

A keynote speaker at Regenerating Places of Faith will be Peter Worland, Executive Director of UnitingCare, the services and advocacy arm of the Uniting Church in New South Wales and the ACT. This organisation is one of the largest welfare and community development agencies in Australia. Peter works across New South Wales seeking to bring churches and communities together in community projects and delivery of services.

Other speakers will present case studies from Australia, the UK, and Canada.

To book for this conference and download the program go to: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/regenerating-places-of-faith-conference/>

