



Bulletin – October 2017

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

Connect, Collaborate, Converse for the Common Good

Open
State

Boundless opportunities when people connect

By the time this bulletin reaches you, the 2017 Open State Festival will have concluded.

Created by the Better Together Department of the SA Government, Open State's purpose is to connect global and local leaders with South Australians to explore new opportunities and address challenges. In 2016, sixty events attracted 25,000 attendees. This number is likely to be greater in 2017.

New thinking and action is inspired across six themes: Future Food, Future Human, Future Enterprise, Future Planet, Future Cities, and Future Democracy.

The generous interchange of ideas and networking embraced the trends of a "purpose economy," sharing and collaboration, and created optimism.

Some "grabs" from speakers at the sessions "Ageing Well," "A Village in Every Suburb," "New Foundations for Social Change" with UK Professor Indy Johar, and "Doing Good Better" with Dunstan Foundation Thinker in Residence: Allyson Hewitt:

The role of older South Australians as wise elders, and in designing products and services • relationship over digital • neighbourhood vitality and sustainability when not-for-profits and business collaborate • re-establishing community connections that contribute to vibrant, healthy local community • finding shared values • purpose rather than profit motivates Millennials • young people invest in their values • build capacity, build connections • identifying and mapping assets • moving from transaction to transformation • learning our way forward together • stop trying to fix things at the edges, and start thinking at a different scale – big scale transformation • through activism we have capacity for large-scale action • well-being is mind, body, soul • create convivial spaces for complex conversations • its time to unlock conversations • look up and look out conversations • create space where we can come together to discuss with respect • unlock the capacity of every person we meet • we lack network weavers • collaborate with people with opposing views • solve what it means to be human, not just create jobs • quality of relationship is more important • be multi-generational • be careful about rushing into action • do not hoard resources at centre • collaborate with people with opposing views • go on a learning journey together • NDIS could fuel a revolution in caring, compassion, and job creation • be patient and impatient • Renewal Adelaide has illustrated what is possible when property owners and creatives come together • mantra for Adelaide could be "more to life."

Collaborate • collaborate • collaborate...

The invitation to the church? Join in!

Videos, notes, and podcasts will be available through Open State and Dunstan Foundation websites.

Network News

November Gathering

Connected Church: Connecting Together

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

Brougham Place Uniting

*The home of the Centre for Music,
Liturgy, and the Arts*

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

Please advise of any dietary needs.



***Final Session
in the Public
Theology Series***

**Saturday
18 November**

**10.00 am
– 12.30 pm**

Pilgrim Centre

14 Flinders St. Adelaide.

Register your interest at
office@pilgrim.org.au

News, views, and events from UMN congregations and agencies

All Saints Uniting Church

364a Marion Rd., North Plympton

*A called people who, in response to God's love in Christ,
are inspired to praise and prayer, service, and mission.*

"The love of Christ urges us on." (2 Corinthians 5:14)

Seven years after South Australia was proclaimed, Wesleyan Methodists gathered together in the area which was to become known as Plympton. The original church building of lath and plaster, on the corner of Marion Road and Mooringe Avenue, was opened in 1847. In 1856 a more permanent and larger structure was built over the old building.

In 1969, Camden Methodist Church joined the Plympton congregation to form All Saints Methodist Church. In that same year, due to the widening of Marion Road, it became necessary to use the hall for worship and in 1974 alterations were made incorporating the stained-glass windows from the old church.



At that time, the Baptismal Font (1861) from Pirie Street Methodist Church was made available to the Plympton congregation. With the formation of the Uniting Church in 1977, the congregation became known as All Saints Uniting Church.

The congregation will celebrate its **170th** Church Anniversary on Sunday, 5 November. We would like to invite all who have some past association with All Saints to this service of thanksgiving for the contribution members (past and present) have made to the worshipping and witnessing community in the area.

Our worship is described as "traditional in form; contemporary in content." Following *Uniting in Worship*, and using a specially prepared order

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of worship, the congregation participates in prayers, readings, and singing. Members cherish fellowship in several activities, including regular after church hymn-singing (sometimes followed by a shared lunch), in addition to monthly lunches at external venues and a friendship club. Concern for others is expressed in donations to UCA agencies supporting people who are impoverished and to a range of aid organizations.

In 2016, a Consultation was undertaken to assist the congregation in seeking God's leading for future life and witness and, led by Susan Burt, the congregation is currently in a Period of Discernment to prayerfully consider the future. The current Pastor, Dr Rodney Fopp, retires in mid-January 2017.

At our **170th Anniversary**, we will celebrate what God has done through All Saints in the past, and honour the stewardship of our forebears to God's faithfulness as we, in turn, look forward to the future in God's hands.



**Previous members and friends of All Saints
are warmly invited to share with us at the
170th Anniversary on Sunday 5 November 2017**

RSVP 8293 2522 or plymuca@esc.net.au, rodney@mafoo.com or 438 811 042

Book Review

Alison Whish

***Spiritual Care of Dying and Bereaved People* by Penelope Wilcock, new edition.**

(The Bible Reading Fellowship, Abingdon, 2013). My copy of the book was borrowed from the library.

Given the discussion at the last meeting of the Urban Mission Network, I thought this an excellent and accessible book about the care of people at the end of life, and in other situations where people have experienced loss.

Penelope Wilcock is a Methodist Minister currently living in Hastings UK. She has worked as a chaplain in hospice and hospital settings, and taught about spiritual care in palliative care for the National Health Service. She is also an author, writing about simple, spiritual lifestyles. She has a blog "Kindred of the Quiet Way." At present, she is a full-time writer, and also the author of the "Dove and the Hawk" series of novels.

The opening sentence of this new edition proclaims "This book is about life, not death." The book is certainly about life until death is met. Drawing on her extensive chaplaincy experience in hospices and her own family's experience, Penelope reminds the reader that spiritual care is not the special province of the clergy. She then goes on to some excellent discussion of our images of God and how that shapes our ability to be with those who are dying

or care for those who have experienced grief.

Part 3 speaks of losses that occur without death. The author speaks intimately about her experience of separation from her first husband, an experience that she said "...broke my heart and reduced my soul to ashes."

The final part of the book is an excellent discussion around funerals, how to prepare them, and how to be authentic in expressing your own faith when the family you are working with is amongst those who in our present times would call themselves "spiritual not religious." It is a good discussion that would help any ministry agents who are called to conduct funerals for those beyond their congregations, or for those whose family members are not members of the church.

Animal blessing service

Sandy Creek Uniting Church

**Sunday 29 October 2017,
10.30 am**

**in the bush chapel
162 Williamstown Road, Cockatoo Valley**

All welcome

Bring along your pets.

Dogs and large animals on leads, cats and small animals in cages.

A light lunch will follow the service.



Yilki Uniting Church

An Evening of Asian Delights

Yilki Uniting Church Hall

28 Giles Street, Encounter Bay

Saturday 14 October

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Superb Asian gourmet meal
(tea/coffee included, B.Y.O. drinks)

Musical entertainment by Neville Willis
\$20 per person (special family rates)

As space is limited bookings are essential.

Phone 0418 845 989 or:

e-mail: dawn60@tpg.com.au

Pet Blessing Service

Yilki Uniting Church

Giles Street, Encounter Bay

Sunday 15 October, 10.30 am

This occasion is around the time of the celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. It is an acknowledgement of the significance of these wonderful animals in our lives and the companionship they offer, particularly at times of great need.

Pet nibbles supplied

Payneham Road Uniting Church

Craft Fair and Market

Saturday 21 October at 9.00 am

Crn Payneham Road and Lower Portrush Road

Handmade crafts, including handbags, children's clothes, soaps, etc., along with Devonshire tea, plants, cakes, BBQ and Korean pancakes.

Morialta Uniting Church

Open Garden Party

in a private garden



call 8331 9344 or e-mail office@morialta.uca.org for details

Saturday 21 October, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Entry and Devonshire tea \$15

Hats, hats, and more hats

This is this is the occasion for hats – the choice is yours!
Wear a sun hat, picture hat, bonnet, cloche, boater, cap, Panama, Akubra, top hat, fascinator...or any other hat
Wear comfortable, safe shoes for walking the garden paths and steps

Mighty Magill Christmas Market

Saturday 18 November, 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

Morialta Uniting Church

26 Chapel Street, Magill

Christmas gourmet goodies; home-made cakes; books; Christmas gifts and crafts; plants; bric-a-brac; come-again boutique; sausage sizzle; morning tea and light lunch

Phone: 8331 9344; e-mail office@morialtauca.org.au; www.morialtauca.org.au



Cnr Fullarton Road and Grenfell Street, Kent Town

Now in its tenth year, the popular community concerts at Kent Town continues. Admission price is \$10, which includes a generous afternoon tea.

Wednesday – 18 October at 2.00 pm

Douglas McNicol –Baritone,
Madeleine Stewart – Flautist

Wednesday – 15 November at 2 pm

String ensemble
Leader: Janet Anderson – Violinist
John Hall – Organist

Singing for Fun, Singing for Everyone

**Friday 27 October,
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm**

**Effective Living Centre
26 King William Road, Wayville**



Led by Libby Druce

Come and experience the joy and connection that comes from group singing in a safe and welcoming environment. This is an event for everyone... those who think they can sing, and those who think they can't! Singing is a natural human thing to do. It engages mind and body, lifts the spirits, gives a welcome break from the everyday and respite from work and worries.

The evening will be led by Libby Druce of the Tonto Road Singing Company. (<http://www.thetontoroadsingingcompany.com.au/>). Libby has facilitated many a cappella singing groups and project choirs in health and community settings. Libby has a special interest in helping others to find their voice and experience the joyful and transformative power of music.

Contact: Effective Living Centre 08 82710329 or office@effectiveliving.org

Online bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=255100>

Art and Religion Part 4

Aboriginal Dreaming

Come and delight in Tarnanthi: the Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Art, as we focus on ATSI Dreaming, its contemporary understanding and practice

When

Friday 3 November 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Meet in the atrium of Art Gallery of South Australia (AGSA) North Terrace

An art gallery guide will introduce the concept of Dreaming, using art displayed in the Tarnanthi exhibition

Stay on and join in the celebration of Tarnanthi First Friday: ATSI music, dancing, food, and wine

Cost \$10, \$7 conc. \$5 member of ELC

Saturday 4 November 2 – 5 pm

Meet at SA Museum North Terrace to continue our exploration of Dreaming in Tarnanthi exhibition NGURRA Home in Ngaanyatjarra Lands

Walk to SA Migration Museum to pay respects to the Ancestors in Tarnanthi Barangaroo Ngangamay

Try your hand at making sea sculptures (totems) from ocean debris in AGSA studio inspired by artists from Erub Darnley Island in Torres Strait Islands



Freda Brady, Wawiriya Burton, Angkaliya Eadie Curtis, Tjangili Tjapukula George, Sandra Goodwin, Beryl Jimmy, Nyurpaya Kaika Burton, Iluwanti Ungkutjuru Ken, Sylvia Ken, Tjungkara Ken, Manyitjanu Lennon, Betty Muffler, Matjangka Nyukana Norris, Mary Katatjuku Pan, Betty Kuntiwa Pumani, Antjala Tjayangka Robin, Alison Munti Riley, Tjariya Nungalka Stanley, Carlene Thompson, Maringka Tunkin, Jeannie Wallatina, Judy Wallatina, Puna Yanima, Yaritji Young, Kungkarangkalpa – Seven Sisters, 2016, Fregon, South Australia, synthetic polymer paint on linen; Acquisition through TARNANTHI: Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art supported by BHP 2017, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide. © the artists, courtesy of Ernabella Arts, Iwantja Arts, Kaltjiti Arts, Mimili Maku Arts, Tjala Arts, Tjungu Palya, photo: Saul Steed

Afternoon tea for purchase at own cost after at AGSA café

Cost \$10, \$7 conc., \$7 ELC member

Numbers strictly limited to 20 for both events, so book early to avoid disappointment

Effective Living Centre 08 82710329 or office@effectiveliving.org

Online bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=268384>

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 receives 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 or 08 8552 7306

Uniting Church Calendar of Commemorations Icon Display

In conjunction with the *Write Your Own Icon* course being conducted at **Newland Memorial Uniting Church** there will be a display of icons in the church.

The church will be open **12 noon – 2 pm** each day from **Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October**.

The icons on display have been painted by the course tutor, Rev Dr Peter Blackwood and depict a range of Saints commemorated in the Uniting Church Calendar of Commemorations. They are a mix of more modern saints such as Oscar Romero and those more ancient such as John the Theologian.

You are invited to visit the exhibition and explore prayer with the icons.

News and events from the wider church

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 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/>