



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**Synod of Victoria and Tasmania**  
**Presbytery of Yarra Yarra**

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## **Notes and news for Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions**

*As usual, the newsletter contains two sections. The first has information directly related to Yarra Yarra Presbytery, and this is followed by information about items which may be of interest to your congregations.*

*Please identify other items relevant to your community, and promote the issues and events listed below through your own newsletters and other communication channels as appropriate. There is much going on, so please take a few minutes to review.*

*Please ensure that items for the next edition are sent in by the end of the month.*

### **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

#### **New Year Greetings**

The whole leadership team at the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra sends greetings to you as we commence the New Year. The Presbytery office will be open throughout January but there will be a little coming and going of the various personnel. Emails and phones are being monitored, so if you have an issue, please be in contact.

#### **Presbytery Meetings in 2019**

At the recent Presbytery meeting it was agreed that Presbytery meetings in 2019 will be held on the following Saturdays:

23<sup>rd</sup> February, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> August and 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Please note these dates for your local calendars, and plan to avoid clashes so that it is possible for Ministers and other Presbytery members to attend.

The first meeting is likely to be held in Box Hill at the Hanbit-St Andrew's complex in Whitehorse Road. Confirmation will be provided closer to the date.

#### **Presbytery Celebrations – Inductions and Ordinations**

The next couple of months will be busy for our Chairperson with a number of inductions and two ordinations. The details follow, so please take note and publicise these widely. Presbytery members, in particular, as asked to make every effort to attend services in their own regions.

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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January: Induction of Rev Paul Blacker at Banyule

The service will be at the Scots Heidelberg Church, Burgundy Street, Heidelberg at 2:30pm. Presbytery members are invited to gather in the Drop-in centre.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Ordination of Sarah Tomilson at Fairfield

The Alphington/Fairfield church is at the corner of Gillies and Duncan Streets, Fairfield. And the service will be at 2:30pm, and parking is available in the car park next door. Sarah will be ordained by the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra prior to taking up a placement at Castlemaine.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January: Commissioning of Rev David Moore at Kensington.

The Anglican Diocese will commission the new Minister at the joint Anglican-UCA congregation of Christ Church Kensington at 7pm. It will be good to ensure that the UCA is well-represented. For further information, contact John Curnow at [treasurer@cckensington.org.au](mailto:treasurer@cckensington.org.au).

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Induction of Rev Dr Jong Soo Park at Banyule

This service will be held at the Rosanna church, 21 Arden Crescent, Rosanna, at 7:30pm.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February: Ordination and induction of Deborah Kottek at Burwood Heights

Deborah will be ordained to the ministry of Deacon at her home congregation, Burwood Heights, at the corner of Burwood Highway and Blackburn Road, Burwood East, at 2:30pm. The service will also mark her induction to a Synod placement as Senior Prison Chaplain.

### **AN AFTERNOON WITH ICONS**

Take this opportunity to meet and hear from Philip Davydov, a world class Russian iconographer and teacher. Philip and his wife, Olga Shalamova conduct icon classes in Russia, USA, New Zealand, Canada, Italy, and Australia. They return to Melbourne each January to teach the ancient craft of icon painting for a contemporary church. You can find out more about their work at <https://sacredmurals.com>. The event is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January from 2:00pm at the Auburn Uniting Church Hall, home of the Uniting Church Icon Schools. It is free, but please register at <https://goo.gl/forms/AP1j5SZZv9kYzzFk2> or contact Peter Blackwood at [pdblackwood47@gmail.com](mailto:pdblackwood47@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend.

## **GROWING INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY**

Now that the “Why” of intergenerational ministry is well-established, more and more leaders and their churches are wanting to explore the “How” and the “What”. It’s one thing to know that an intergenerational approach is vital for sustainable, long-term faith formation and discipleship for *people* of *any* age, it’s another thing entirely to implement such an approach in your own context. **Generate 2019 – Growing Intergenerational Ministry**, on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February at CTM, Parkville, will assist all shapes and sizes of churches, and their leaders, grow in their capacity to develop a genuinely intergenerational culture. *Friday* will focus on the Intergenerational Ministry *Foundations* and *Saturday* on the Intergenerational Ministry *Practicalities*. Register for either day or, ideally, both!

Cost: \$40 per person per day, with discounts for groups and for early registration (by 11 February)

Register: <http://ucavt.goregister.com.au/generate2019>

Registrations appreciated by Tuesday February 11

More information: [ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au), tel 9340 8815.

## **THRIVING MINISTRY LEADERSHIP**

Andrew McDonough, best known as the author and illustrator of the *Lost Sheep* books, is coming to Victoria! Drawing on his wide experience in ministry, including working as a pastor amongst the homeless, supporting people struggling with addictions and advocating for refugees, Andrew will be facilitating a series of workshops entitled ***Thriving Ministry Leadership: lessons from a duck, an echidna and a caterpillar***. Focused on those in ministry leadership, such as ministers, deacons, pastors, chaplains, lay preachers, church council members and those with specific responsibility for children, young people and families, these sessions will be immensely inspiring, encouraging and practical. Andrew will also highlight his latest book - *Jesus was a refugee*.

The Yarra Yarra session will be on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at Surrey Hills, from 2:30pm, and the cost is \$20. Other sessions will be at Murrumbena (28<sup>th</sup> February), Bendigo and Wodonga. More information and registrations: [ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au), tel 9340 8815.

## **TRAINING IN THE SACRAMENTS FOR LAY PRESIDERS**

Mel Perkins, the Synod’s Lay Leadership Development Coordinator in the eLM unit, will be facilitating a training weekend at Ararat in February 2019 for those interested in learning more about the Sacraments and for those who are already a Presider and in need of a refresher.

More details: <https://ctm.uca.edu.au/ctm/events/sacraments-for-lay-presiders-training/> or ring Mel on 9340 8843

### **UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO CONFLICT**

On 1<sup>st</sup> March Terence Corkin and Julia Kuhn will present their workshop for Ministers and Church leaders, “Understanding and Responding to Conflict” at CTM from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Cost is \$45.

More information: [ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au), tel 9340 8815.

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*If you have information that you wish to have distributed through this newsletter, please ensure that it is submitted by the start of the month in which the item is to appear. I plan to try to send newsletters out in the third week, so that means if your event occurs early in the month, you will need to have it submitted by the start of the **previous** month.*

*The newsletter is sent to Church Council Secretaries. If you should not be receiving it, please contact me at [pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au) with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person.*