

News for Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions February 2024

Please ensure that items for the next edition are sent in by the end of the month. It is helpful if you can provide text, rather than copies of fliers which need to be transcribed and summarised. Please include contact information for those seeking more information.

Presbytery News

Presbytery Meeting - 1:30pm - 24th February 2024

Our February Presbytery Meeting will be held at Manningham UC. We are most grateful to the congregation for the use of their facilities for our first meeting for 2024.



The February Meeting will be held in the afternoon starting at **1.30pm**, followed by the Installation of our new Chairperson Rev Heather Hon and Commissioning of the leadership team for 2024-25.

Manningham UC is also holding a Workshop on the morning of 24th on the Book of Mark. The Rev Dr Robyn Whitaker has been invited to talk about her latest book at this workshop.

For further information and to register for the Workshop held by Manningham UC, please follow the link below:

<https://manninghamuc.org/markgospel>

Our Presbytery meeting will start after lunch. For those attending the morning workshop, lunch can be purchased at Manningham Café, or bring your own, with our Presbytery Meeting at **1:30pm** in the Auditorium.

Further information on both these events will be sent to Presbytery Members in the next 2 weeks.

Hosting Presbytery Meetings for 2024

If your congregation would like to host one of our face to face Saturday meetings, please contact Ann in the Presbytery Office on pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au

Requirements for Presbytery Meetings is a space that can hold 80 to 90 people, sitting around tables. Internet access would also be needed. Many thanks.

Vacancies - Presbytery Committees - New Members Required

We are still short of committee members serving the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra.

Below is a list of where there are shortfalls. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to contribute to any of these Committees. The more members each have the greater the benefit and the lighter the workload is for all.

Committee	Members
Standing Committee	Lorraine Woolley, Salesi Faupula (4 vacancies)
Pastoral Relations Committee	Nancy Cox, Ruth Crawley, Lavingi Tupou, Clare Brockett, Barbara Strickland (3 vacancies)
Ministry Formation Committee	Fiona Ensor, David Howie, Margaret Lade, Lauren Mosso, Jenny Preston, Tom Rose, Steve Crump, Lavingi Tupou (4 vacancies)
Property and Resourcing Committee	Ross Roberts, David Rowe, Ken Tabart, Toni Vaka, Simon Watters, Frances Wright, Jacob Westley (5 vacancies)
Presbytery Lay Preachers Committee	Lay Persons: Bennet Osafo-Kwaako, Mark Sheppard Ministers: Peter Mallen, (one vacancy)

If you would like to find out more about one of these Committee's, please contact the Presbytery via pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au and we can put you in touch with one of the existing members to discuss further.

Vacancy – Presbytery Secretary

We are also in need for a Presbytery Secretary urgently. The role of Secretary to Presbytery has been eased with the employment of an office person responsible for all the administration tasks involved, but someone with some knowledge of how the Uniting Church works would be a great benefit to our Presbytery in the role of Secretary.

If you can assist or would like to find out more please contact the Chairperson via pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au

*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 and Presbytery members. If you should not be receiving it, please contact me at pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person.

Presbytery Database Update

We are currently updating all contacts for congregations throughout the Yarra Yarra Presbytery.

This will enable us to contact the correct people when reaching out to the various congregations.

Thank you to those who have been able to respond to the email request sent out in January. For those still needing to send us any changes to Office Bearers or other contacts in your congregation (including changed emailed and mobile numbers) please forward to pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au

Ministerial Leave Portal

It is a responsibility of Church Councils to monitor, approve and report on all leave taken by Ministry Agents, including Ministers of the Word, those classified under the Ministry of Deacons, and Pastors.

The Ministerial Leave Portal can be accessed from the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra's website, under **Resources and Documentation**.

This electronic form is to be used by Church Council Secretaries to report annual and sick leave, and leave taken as a study leave entitlement for Ministry Agents.

Note that Long Service Leave requires a separate form, available on the Synod web site, to be submitted by the Ministry Agent to the Presbytery for approval after discussion with the Church Council.

There is also a Ministerial Leave Manual available on our website, under Resources & Documentation to guide you.

Other News within Our Presbytery

Organ Recital – Sun 25th February 1pm

Wesley Uniting Church Box Hill is delighted that our church organist Reuben Johnson will present his first organ recital "**Bach's Organ Favourites**" for 2024 on **Sunday 25 February 2024 at 1:00pm**. Music of JS Bach, Messiaen, Boëllmann and others will be played on the 19th century Henry Willis pipe organ built in 1877. This pipe organ of great musical and heritage significance is the only example of Willis's work in Victoria.

Venue: 2-6 Oxford Street, Box Hill (corner of Station Street & Oxford Street).



Organ Recital – Sun 25th February 1pm

Doors open at 12:30pm and recital starts at **1:00pm** for an hour. Tickets are available at the doors at \$15 per person, all are welcome and it is free for those under 25's.

Afternoon tea will be served at the end of the recital. All admission fee goes towards the maintenance of the organ to help preserve its great historical value.

For further information, please contact Reuben at reubenjohnson22@gmail.com.

Three new Life Members – VicTas UC Historical Society

Three members of the VicTas UC Historical Society have been inducted into life membership in 2023. The Committee has recognised the outstanding service given by these members over many years.

Janet Secomb, Alison Head and Rev Peter Aumann have worked voluntarily in the Synod Archives to make our church records more accessible to all, as well as contributing to Society publications and events. Rev Aumann is the past President of the Society.

All are pictured being congratulated and receiving a life membership certificate from current President Ken Barelli.

Church members are invited to visit the Synod website for the Society's leaflet and membership form at:

www.victas.uca.org.au/resources/mission-resourcing/synod-archives

The Archive welcomes volunteers. Anyone interested helping maintain the records of the Churches' is invited to contact the Synod Archivist, Dr Jenny Bars, Jennifer.Bars@victas.uca.org.au



Photo: Wendy Hopkinson

Our current Chairperson Lisa Carey is taking on a new role in 2024 as the Chairperson for the Presbytery of Port Phillip West. We wish her all the very best in this new role. Below is an invitation from the Port Phillip West Presbytery to Lisa's Commissioning for those that would like to attend.

You are warmly invited to the Commissioning of Lisa Carey as Chairperson of the Presbytery of Port Phillip West and the Recognition of Rev Craig Madden as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia.

*which will take place on **Saturday 17 February 2024 at 10:00am***

at St Albans Uniting Church – Cnr of Elaine Street and East Esplanade, St Albans, 3021

Ministers if you choose to wear liturgical dress the colour is red or another culturally appropriate colour.

We invite you to participate in this significant Presbytery occasion, as we celebrate with Lisa, Craig, and their family and Friends.

Morning Teas will be served following the service where you may welcome Lisa and Craig

We look forward to seeing you on this day.

THE VOICE REFERENDUM

A UNITING CHURCH REFLECTION

Rev Sharon Hollis, National President UCA

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024 AT 2.30PM

FREE EVENT AT: Church of All Nations, 180 Palmerston Street, Carlton.

Or for a Zoom link, email: [**ken.barelli@bigpond.com**](mailto:ken.barelli@bigpond.com)

For enquiries call Ken on 0418 317 942

VICTAS UNITING CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Vacancy – Paid Role

Spiritual Care Manager

Uniting AgeWell (UA) Victoria and Tasmania – Full Time

Location: UA Wesley Place, Melbourne (some work from home capacity, some travel)

UA has an exciting opportunity for a Spiritual Care Manager, based in Melbourne and with capacity and willingness to travel throughout Victoria and Tasmania. We are seeking a highly skilled, motivated person to lead our spiritual care team to the next level of spiritual care practice and professionalism, in line with UA's Spirituality Framework and the Aged Care Quality Standards.

About Uniting AgeWell

UA is an organisation of the Uniting Church in Australia and strives to create and deliver innovative, high quality and accessible services to people through their ageing journey.

Role Purpose

To support the Director of Mission and Mission Team in embedding UA's vision for spiritual care through the management and guidance of chaplains and spiritual care practitioners, and the implementation of strategies and initiatives.

Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy at UA seeks to ensure the safe, person-centred, accountable provision of high level spiritual and pastoral care in response to the emotional, spiritual, and religious needs of residents, clients, and families. It also includes general support to staff.

The Spiritual Care Manager will:

- Lead, manage, and guide chaplains and spiritual care practitioners in the delivery and development of spiritual care and chaplaincy
- Encourage and develop strong teamwork and open, respectful relationships within the spiritual care team and across the organisation
- Participate fully in recruitment processes, lead monthly chaplain/spiritual care meetings, and conduct performance development reviews

Requirements

- Emotional and spiritual maturity and strong boundary-keeping practice
- Experience in aged care spiritual care strongly preferred
- 2 Units of CPE or equivalent training and experience in pastoral/spiritual care
- Theological Qualification – e.g. Bachelor of Theology or Diploma of Theology
- Membership of Spiritual Care Australia or other appropriate or relevant associations

UA's Spirituality Framework

<https://www.flipsnack.com/6AB5958A9F7/uniting-agewell-spirituality-framework-2022/full-view.html>

Closing Date: 29/02/2024

PD on Uniting AgeWell Website: <https://www.unitingagewell.org>

Expressions of Interest: Judy Fry JFry@unitingagewell.org or on 03 9133 5029 for more details.