



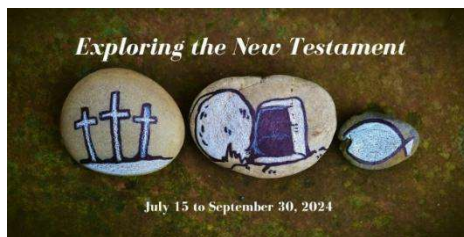
News for the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

## Calendar of Events – August-Nov 2024

Date	Time	Event
Tues 20 Aug	10:30am	Midwifery & Mission Sculpture “Unveiling”, City.
Sat 31 Aug	9:30am	Presbytery Meeting, Burwood Heights UC
Sun 8 Sep	10am-4pm	Electrify Boroondara Expo 24
Mon 9 Sep	7:30pm	Wesley Conversation with Reverend Dr Garry Worete Deverell CTM Café, 29 College Cres, Parkville
Mon 9-Tues10 Sep	6-8pm	Assessable Worship Workshop, <i>OR</i>
Thurs 19 Sep	1-5pm	Assessable Worship Workshop, ONLINE
Fri 20-Sun 22 Sep	Fri 7pm	Feast of Faith: weekend for UCA CALD members aged 18-40. Start Fri 7pm until mid morning Sunday.
Sat 21 Sep	9am-3pm	An Event About Hope: Sharing indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing...., Box Hill Town Hall
Thurs 3-Fri 4 Oct	10am-4pm	Pause & Paint: An icon-painting workshop for teens.
Mondays 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct to 25Nov	7-9pm	eLM: Exploring Worship in the UCA, Zoom.

***FURTHER DETAILS OF THESE EVENTS ARE IN THIS EDITION OF PYY NEWS***

## Education and Formation for Leadership Team, eLM



We will be running *Exploring Worship in the UCA* in Semester 3 from 21 October to 25 November.

Both on Zoom, Monday nights, 7-9pm.

Please register at

<https://events.humanitix.com/exploring-the-new-testament>

## Presbytery Committee's – Resourcing & Property Committee

*Are you interested in playing an important role within the life of Presbytery?*

*In this edition of PYY News we are taking a closer look at the role the Resourcing & Property Committee plays as part of our Presbytery.*



The Resourcing & Property Committee (R&PC) of the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra handles all property-related applications on behalf of the Presbytery under delegated authority. These are set out in the Regulations, and details are available on request.

It also, in conjunction with the Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC), exercises the Presbytery's general oversight over all congregations, studying their annual reports and financial statements. The current Chair is Alan Chuck, a retired civil engineer from the Auburn Congregation, and Frances Wright assists with minutes and correspondence. There are 10 elected members, whose term expires at the February 2025 Presbytery meeting.

However, a significant part of the Committee's work takes place between meetings, when individual members represent the Presbytery in Project Control Groups, and one or two specialist members conduct Manse inspections, or provide Pre-placement financial reports, at the request of congregations.

There is often a vacancy on the Committee, and expressions of interest are particularly invited from members of Presbytery who are younger, female or ordained. You are welcome to attend a meeting as an observer before committing to membership.

Meetings are held in the **evening on the third Thursday of every month** from January to November. Meetings are often held at congregational properties, or at Presbytery Office, or via Zoom.

Enquiries: Alan Chuck 0409 224442 (after 18 Sep) or Frances Wright 0419 379551

## Midwifery and Mission Sculpture “Unveiling” Ceremony at New Location



On Tuesday **August 20**, the Congregation of Mark the Evangelist (UCA Parkville) will be "unveiling" the relocated Midwifery and Mission sculpture and presenting it to the CTM/VicTas Synod as part of the congregation's relocation to the CTM.

Commencing at 10.30am in Yuma Auditorium in the CTM, the occasion will include a presentation on the themes and development of sculpture by Rev Dr John Smith, minister of MtE at the time of its 150th celebrations. We will also be joined by Anna Meszaros, the sculptor.

You are most welcome to join us! Please register an intention to attend via the link at [www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au).

*(Please note that there is no parking available on site at the CTM for this event; parking can be found in the streets about College Crescent or alongside the Melbourne General Cemetery.)*

## Wesley Conversation Event -

Please join us on **Monday 9th Sept** for a conversation with the Reverend Dr Garry Worete Deverell about “Doing Theology in an Aboriginal Frame.”

Garry is a Trawlolway man and leading Indigenous theologian. Come along for what should be a rich and enlightening conversation.

**Where - CTM Café, 29 College Cres, Parkville**

**Doors open @ 7:30pm Conversation @ 8pm**

**Drinks and Nibbles Provided.**

OR ONLINE - via our friends at Sonderverso will be providing a live stream. Look for OddSonder on the page below and join the Twitch stream.

<https://www.sonderverso.org/calendar>

RSVP Here - <https://www.facebook.com/share/VDAKbigb4uj1uo2n/>

## Accessible Worship

### *Free Online Training for all Church Leaders –September 2024*

As part of the Synod's 2023-26 Disability Action Plan, eLM is offering **free online training** for all Ministers, Lay Leaders and Church Councils in September to help Church leaders ensure that worship is accessible to people with disabilities.

The ACCESSIBLE WORSHIP workshop will be presented online by the Centre for Accessibility Australia, and will include:-

- Making your Worship Service accessible
- How people with disability engage with content
- Making your content accessible (Websites, newsletters and the promotion of church activities on Social Media)
- Policy and legislation on making content accessible

To make it as easy as possible for people to attend this interactive workshop, we are offering two options:

- One **4-hour afternoon** session on **Thursday 19 Sep, 1-5pm**, OR as
- **Two 2-hour evening** sessions on **Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th September, 6pm-8pm**

Bookings are now open via the VicTas Synod website at <https://victas.uca.org.au/event/accessible-worship/>

## Feast of Faith

The Younger Generations Team at eLM will be hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen CALD Young Leaders Retreat on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2024**.

Flyers for distribution are available from PYY Office ([ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au)).

This weekend, we will focus on what it means to be a 1.5/2nd Generation CALD member in the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA). We'll explore the joy we receive along with the struggles and obstacles we face, as 2nd Generation followers of Christ. We'll discuss how we can continue to equip, enrich, and empower each other in this journey of life.

**Where:** Peninsula Outdoors (Merricks)

**Who:** UCA CALD members aged 18-40

**Time:** Starts 7pm and finishes Sunday 11am (Morning tea time)

**Costs:** Full weekend \$100 (this includes all meals and accommodation)

**Registration Link:** [Feast of Faith | Humanitix](#)

**Cut off Dates for Registration:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

## An Event About Hope – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Whitehorse Friends for Reconciliation is running a forum at the Box Hill Town Hall on **Saturday, 21 September**, that may be of interest to Uniting Church people in the Yarra Yarra Presbytery, particularly those in the Whitehorse Council area.

Three indigenous leaders will make presentations, encouraging participants to consider how First Nations thinking may encourage hope in our day. The forum is free, but you need to register - <https://events.humanitix.com/being-hope>.

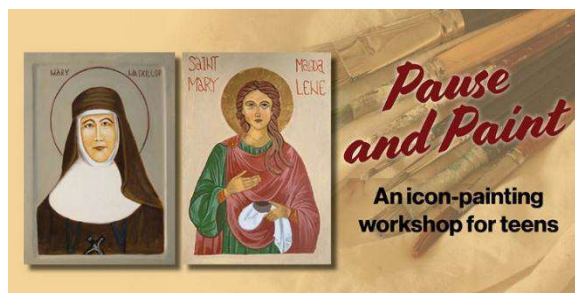
**When:** 21st September 9am for a 9:30am start, finishing at 3pm.

If you would like a flyer to distribute to others please contact Ann in PYY Office ([ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au)).

## Pause & Paint: An icon-painting workshop for teens

A two-day school holiday event for teens to learn the ancient art of icon painting.

Across the 2 days you will learn the skills you need to draw a face in perspective as well as the opportunity to try painting using the style artists used over 500 years ago using the same type of materials: dry pigments in egg tempera.



The workshop will be led by UCA icon painting teacher Peter Blackwood. There will be opportunities to pause and pray and reflect each day as you paint. Participants can also pause and walk the labyrinth on site at the church, or to enjoy an icon exhibition. If you enjoy art and like thinking about faith, then this is for you.

**When:** 10am-4pm Thursday October 3rd and Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Where:** Scots Uniting Church, 187 Burgundy St, Heidelberg.

**Cost:** \$20 to cover art materials and morning and afternoon teas. Lunch can be brought or purchased at the Sycamore Tree café on site, or at other nearby shops.

**Transport:** Scots church is 200m from the Heidelberg train station, and accessible by bus.

**Sign up:** To find out more contact [sandy.brodine@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:sandy.brodine@victas.uca.org.au) or the Younger Generations VicTas Facebook page.

## Brunswick Uniting Church – Student House



Brunswick UC Student House will have vacancies as of next year and would love for people connected to the Uniting Church to be aware of it in case they know of young people wanting to move to Melbourne.

A flyer is available from Rev Cath James ([studenthousebuc@gmail.com](mailto:studenthousebuc@gmail.com)) or PYY Office ([ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au)). Details in flyer below:

### **Moving to Melbourne for Tertiary Study?**

Are you interested in being part of a Christian student house in Brunswick?

Our program provides affordable housing close to universities and public transport in Melbourne's inner - north. Students explore their faith with other young Christians and actively participate in the life of Brunswick Uniting Church.

If you are interested in joining our vibrant community, and need more information, visit our website:

[www.brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au/student-house-program/](http://www.brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au/student-house-program/)

Or contact the student house support worker Rev Cath James at [studenthousebuc@gmail.com](mailto:studenthousebuc@gmail.com)



**Expo 24 - *Electrify your Life - it's simpler than you think***

Get ready to transform your home and lifestyle through electrification at Expo 24 - your ultimate destination to learn, explore, and be inspired to make the switch to an electrified future.

Come along to Expo 24 to:

- Speak directly with over 50 stall holders about induction cooking, heating and cooling, insulation etc.
- View live induction cooking demonstrations and EV and e-bike showcases
- Listen to insightful panel discussions with experts
- Participate in family friendly activities
- Visit the Ask me Anything Hub for one-on-one chat with experts and local residents.

Join us at Expo 24 to take the first step towards a brighter, electrified future! It's better for your wallet, your health and the climate.

**Sunday 8 September** | 10am - 4pm | Hawthorn Arts Centre | A free event

For details and registration visit <https://electrifyboroondara.org/expo24/overview>

*The newsletter is sent to Church Council Secretaries and Presbytery members. If you should not be receiving it, please contact myself at [ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au) with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person to receive PYY News.*

**August Newsletter Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Please forward articles and other information you wish to share with the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra to [ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au) by 14<sup>th</sup> of the month.