



News for the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

Calendar of Events – Nov-Dec 2024

Date	Time	Event
Sun 24 Nov	10am	Celebrate the Life of Croydon North Congregation
Sun 24 Nov	2pm	Christmas Celebrations at St Margeret's Mooroolbark
Sat 30 Nov	9:30am	Presbytery in Council Meeting, Ringwood North
2025 Feb-Jun		CPE Program

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

Presbytery Chair's Message

Greetings to all members of Yarra Yarra Presbytery,

I am particularly looking forward to seeing you at the Presbytery in Council meeting to be held Saturday 30 November at Ringwood North Uniting Church (14 Dickson Crescent, Ringwood North). It has been a while since I've seen some members as I was not at our October zoom meeting due to the death of my mother-in-law. May I take this opportunity to thank members for their kind messages during this sad time. The beautiful flowers sent on behalf of Presbytery were really appreciated.

As we come towards the end of year, I acknowledge that this is a very busy time for many of us. My prayer is that amidst the competing priorities of the season, we will each be able to take some time to reflect on the blessings of the year that has been, as we hope for what 2025 will bring.

Please accept my thanks for your commitment to Yarra Yarra Presbytery, and your congregation, this year. It is really appreciated.

Blessings - Rev Heather Hon (she/her).

Presbytery News

Presbytery In Council Meeting – 30th November

Our next Presbytery in Council meeting will be held on Saturday 30th November, starting at 9:30am at Ringwood North UC. It's a jam packed session with a Christmas themed lunch at 1pm. Hope to see you there. Further details of Agenda items will be emailed to Presbytery Members next week.

Hall Hire and Church Council's Responsibilities

A reminder to Church Councils regarding their responsibilities to ensure any rental arrangements are in line with UCA ethos and values. We, as Church Council's can say no to organizations that do not share the UCA ethos.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Semester 1 2025

This Centre, with its particular focus for people engaged in community-based pastoral ministry contexts, is under the auspices of the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. The Centre for Theology and Ministry, based at Pilgrim Theological College, will be the venue for in-person seminar sessions. (Please see schedule on the reverse.) Set in beautiful surrounds, it is an excellent location that is disability accessible and close to public transport. APPLICATIONS CLOSE: **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

Invitation from Croydon North UC

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to join us for the Final Worship Service at Croydon North Uniting Church, to be held on **Sunday 24th November 2024**, at 10:00am. This will be a time to celebrate and recognise the achievements attained during the past 88 years of Worship presence on this site in Croydon North.

Refreshments will be available following the service.

Please RSVP by email to croydonnorthunitingchurch@bigpond.com

Croydon North Uniting Church, 387A Maroondah Hwy, Croydon North.

New and Free Advent Resources

The new 2024 Intergen Advent Resources are now available.

A combined resource pulling together the individual resources for Advent 1-4 and Christmas Day. Each week looks at a different theme – seeing, listening and hearing, rejoicing, feeling, ending with Christmas Day which rejoices and celebrates!

<https://intergen.org.au/yearc2025adventchristmas>

Lenten Study 2025

Would your congregation be interested in being part of a "wide" Lenten Study in 2025? The Parkville UCA congregation will be running a couple of study groups on [Rowan Williams' *Christ on Trial: How the gospel unsettles our judgement*](#), and would love to have others join us or run their own local groups as part of a common study, with a view to having a number of group options available to maximise participation. If this interests you, please get in contact with Craig Thompson (craigthompsonxyz@gmail.com).

Australian Hymn Association

The Australian Hymn Association was formed at a gathering at StPauls Cathedral Melbourne, earlier this year. All who are interested in the singing of, the research of or the writing and music of hymns are welcome to join. The Association is non-denominational.

Please visit the website at www.australianhymnassociation.org

December Newsletter Deadline: 14th December

Please forward articles and other information you wish to share with the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra to ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au by 14th of the month.

A Celebration of Christmas

with carols and readings

St. Margaret's Uniting Church

Hull Road Mooroolbark

2pm Sunday Nov. 24

\$15 per person

Tea/coffee & biscuits



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