



This month's services

5 Oct	—9.00 am Rev Marion Latham HC
	10.45 am Rev Marion Latham HC
12 Oct	—9.00 am Wayne's Team
	10.45 am TBA
19 Oct	—9.00 am Café Church
	10.45 am Rev Marion Latham
26 Oct	—9.00 am Rev Marion Latham
	10.45 am Drys Lay Team

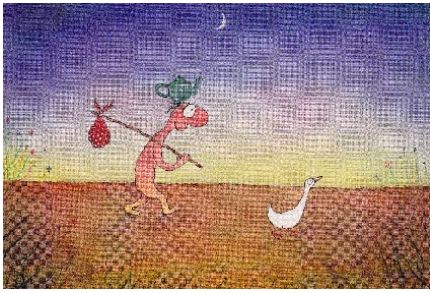


The year's theme was anything but a rest with five long days of listening, discussing and discerning. It was also not a time of much movement as we sat mostly at tables. There were more than 300 participants considering the future of the church. Topics included:

- ◆ **Uniting our Future**—to receive a report on the almost finalised process, to grieve further about the cause and process, and to note the learnings of more governance and better communication and consultation.
- ◆ **Moderator Elect**—electing Rev Sharon Hollis as Moderator for 2016-2019. There were two other excellent candidates.
- ◆ **Christian Religious Education Schools**—This took many attempts to resolve. Final resolution was to give Access Ministries until May to commit to changing their governance practices and structures, communication improvements and more consultation in developing program materials. If this commitment does not occur the UCA will withdraw from involvement.
- ◆ **Major Strategic Review**—to hear what has been done so far and to affirm the themes for further work to be done in 2015.
- ◆ **Wesley Upper Lonsdale Project**—to give support to the project that will see a major development alongside the Wesley church in Melbourne CBD and see the transfer of the Synod operations from the current building in Little Collins St.
- ◆ Reports from various Synod committees and groups.
- ◆ Social justice resolutions on alcohol reform, protecting people with disabilities, combating corruption, TAFEW funding, and ethical investment policy.
- ◆ Daily devotions—on the theme of “journeying together” using the Leunig cartoon as a focus.
- ◆ Bible study - led by Rev Dr Sunny Chen. He used Luke and Acts to talk about “The Shipwreck” being a climax to recognising God is with us and about the importance of the house as the place where we worship God.

We moved through lots of emotions during the Synod recognising the movement in the church over the last 18 months. And we did rest through God's word and work and the opportunity to re-engage with each other as followers of Christ. The Synod reports and papers are available for perusal if you are interested.

Wayne Myers



Happy birthday!

Paul Frew	1st Oct
Bob Stevenson	3rd Oct
Susan Duncan	4th Oct
Ariahn George	7th Oct
Nathan Polley	14th Oct
Marg MacGillivray	19th Oct
Nicola Morrish	21st Oct
Audrey Graymore	24th Oct
Sue Plummer	26th Oct
Archer Colley	26th Oct <u>3</u>
Margaret MacLeod	26th Oct

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FAREWELL

Phyllis Kon said farewell at the 10.45 service during the month as she moves to Melbourne to be closer to her daughter. Phyllis will now attend St. Johns UC at Lilydale.

VALÉ

In September member of the congregation, Johanna Borninkhof, passed away. Johanna had not been able to attend services for many years due to ill health. We sympathise with her family.

Congratulations for special birthdays this month to:

- Paul Frew** turning 40
- Bob Stevenson** turning 80
- Ariahn George** turning 21

May God’s blessings be part of your life for many years to come.



GARAGE SALE (really Hall and Yard Sale)

Saturday 22 November will be our next fundraising venture. It is also a good chance for us to have a clean up at home and get rid of the unwanted bric-a-brac. But we also need your help to help set up on Friday, to staff the stalls on the day, to bake cakes and slices, to grow plants, to pray for a successful day, to come along a buy.

FROM THE AUGUST CHURCH COUNCIL

1. We agreed to send \$375 to UnitingWorld for a Well project to protect families from deadly disease. This was a portion of the proceeds from the Mid-year Dinner.
2. We prepared a response for the Assembly on the role of Elders in the Uniting Church. Since then we have also prepared a response on the Assembly Marriage papers.
3. We agreed to baptise Kameryn Frew in September.
4. Our bank balance at end of July was \$5323.25 and investment balance was \$16256.50



PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery report to Synod was by way of a video that included a picture of our mainly music group with Renee Colley and her children. It can be seen from:

<http://www.regeneratingthechurch.org.au/models/presbytery-report-to-synod-2014/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

18 Oct —Prayer Breakfast 8.00 am
21 Nov—Garage Sale



10.45	KITCHEN	DOOR	READING	ELDER/PRAYERS
Oct 5	Win/Andrea	Ken	Marg MacG	Pat
12	Marguerite & Gerald	Ken	Merrilyn	Bob
19	Irene & Bob	Mary & Marg	Vince	Ken
26	Marjorie & Audrey	Mary & Marg	Lay Team	Pat
Nov 2	Merrilyn & Vince	Wilma	Irene	Bob

W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
Oct 5	Graeme’s Team	Lynda Smith	Mary Grieve
12	Jenni’s Team	Ian McLaverty	Pat Handley
19	Denise’s Team	Colleen Diamond	Denise McLaverty
26	Wayne’s Team	Jenni Nickelson	Jennifer Davis
Nov 2	Graeme’s Team	Sue Polley	Val Lestrangle



As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in school.

Web site: <http://drysdale.unitingchurch.org.au>

Our Vision—Reaching out with God’s love and care