



UCA News from around YP

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Our Vision

Reaching the whole community with the abundant love of Christ.

Our Mission

Reflecting the hope we have in God's love and compassion, by engaging with the people in the community.

1Peter 3:15

Worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it in a gentle and respectful way. (NLT)

Congratulations

Yvonne Correll, Lois Paterson and Lyn Routley of Kadina and Ali Adams and Julie..... of Weetulta, have just completed their training/retraining to officiate at the Sacraments. There will be another course for any other interested persons in the second half of the year.

Small Congregations

Malcolm Wilson of Wimala Presbytery and Marty Rosenberg of Generate Presbytery visited some Yorke Peninsula congregations in February/March to assess their vitality and viability. Malcolm recommended closure for Warooka and a period of grace for Curramulka. He commended Weetulta on its vitality. Marty agreed to keep Clinton Centre, Cunliffe, and Dowlingville open for another year, but with the proviso that they should design and begin to implement a mission plan within that time. All the Peninsula is asked to pray for and assist where possible the congregations concerned.

Lenten Studies

These were held at Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta, Minlaton and Ardrossan. Some sites had people from more than one congregation attending, which is encouraging. Each group had about 6 or 7 people attending and all groups participated well. The studies focused on what renewal might look like in our churches and asked all to consider what might be the way forward for us. Unfortunately, an outbreak of Covid among Stansbury members meant that the study scheduled there had to be postponed. It will now be held in May/June.

YP Combined Service

On March 7th we had a return visit from the Rev. Prof. Bart Breuhler who conducted an excellent study on the Gospel of Matthew and on Sunday March 8th preached at our combined service at Maitland. Both occasions produced a very positive buzz from participants. Thanks to Maitland for their hospitality. Afternoon tea Sunday was fantastic. If you haven't been to one of these gatherings, think about it next time. It's good to get together.

Just a thought or two:

- Jesus gives us real eyes so we can realise where the real lies.
- A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.

Cluster Meetings

The Northern Cluster met at Kadina on Mar 10th and the Southern Cluster at Minlaton on Mar 12th. The format enabled people from different congregations to share what they were doing with each other and a better understanding of each other was reached. The ministry team sees these meetings as an important part of helping us understand how to be a cohesive group of congregations on YP. All people are invited to attend and get to know each other. The next get together will be in June. Further details next month.

Back Roads

Those of you who watched the episode on the Cornish Festival recently will have seen two of our YP church family featured. June Ladner was teaching pasty making and Lilian James (Moonta Mines) was interviewed because she is Australia's oldest living bard of Cornwall. It is hoped the program will boost attendance at the next festival.

Easter

Easter was well celebrated throughout the peninsula, with services in all those churches that meet weekly. There were some beautiful and moving services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday reported to us and the Easter Sunday celebrations were well attended. Indeed, the visitors at Ardrossan packed out their church on Good Friday and almost filled it on Sunday.

We give thanks to God for this time of celebration.

Easter Studies

In our last newsletter we advertised post-Easter Studies beginning in April. The ministry agents have decided not to proceed with these as April will be a busy month on YP. Instead, we will begin our second series on reaching out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ towards the end of May. More details in the next newsletter. This second session on renewal is part of the funding supplied by a grant from Synod to help us stimulate renewal on YP. If you were not able to make our first series, come to this one. They are independent of each other, though, of course, related.

Meditation Retreat

The weekend of the 22-24 May will see a retreat held at the Maitland Uniting Church, which will feature worship, prayer and meditation. Meditation was not a serious focus of the denominations which combined to make up the UCA, but it is a time-honoured tradition of the Christian church continuing since the first century desert mothers and fathers.

A brief summary of the program:

Friday 22 nd , 7-8pm	Taize service (ecumenical)
Saturday 23 rd , 9-4	various activities. BYO lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided
6.00pm	dinner at a local hotel
7.30 – 8.00pm	meditation
Sunday 10.30 am	worship at Maitland UCA

If you have always wondered about meditation, now is a good time to learn.

We hope this event may catch the interest of people who are not usually at church. Interested people should contact Cath Dinnie (cathdinnie1@gmail.com) for further information.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

Have you ever read the whole poem from which “The Ode” is taken?

“For the Fallen” was written in 1914 by Laurence Binyon, who worked with the Red Cross near the Western Front. The extract called “The Ode” expresses feelings of respect and loss that Australians have for those who have died as a result of their service to our nation.

(ANZAC portal, Dept. Veteran's Affairs website) Don't forget to turn up to your community event.

