

Adare Uniting Church Update No 40

October 22nd 2021

PEOPLE:

We still have a very large list of people who would welcome your prayers and perhaps a call or card. Ross Ford has had a fall and stitches in his lip. Beth Baker is now home from hospital and with family. Milton Hender is improving once again. Beth Duke has had a fall and hurt her head. Sven Thorvaldsen is home again from hospital following some heart issues. Marg Mathieson is having tests for angina and back issues. Les Barnes would appreciate some relief from respiratory problems. Leon Parsons is doing it tough. Pat Keep has spinal issues requiring surgery. You are probably aware of others deserving of our attention and prayers.

Amanda (Dixon) is having a formal wedding in our church on Sat 13th November, and church members are welcome to attend. Rev Barrie Carbins will officiate as vows are renewed.

WHOLE OF CHURCH LUNCH TOGETHER:

We have locked in the date of **14th November** for a 'whole of church lunch' at the VH Bowling club. They have a new chef, but will still do the meals at the same price for us as last time (**2 courses for \$22/head**).

John Read and Peter Manuel will collect your money and take your orders after church on 24th and 31st October, or 7th November.. For the moment we need names of those choosing to attend. If possible, bring the correct money. If it is in an envelope, then add your name (and order) to the front of the envelope.

MAINS:

- Porterhouse Steak
 - Chicken Schnitzel
 - Seafood Platter
 - Chicken Fillet Mignon
- all served with salad and chips - gravy on the side.

DESSERTS

Apple or apricot crumble with ice cream.



Come and listen to

LOBETHAL HARMONY CLUB

Male Voice Choir

CONCERT

On Sunday 24th October 2pm.

Adare Uniting church Victor Harbor

To aid Frontier Services SA

Tickets Adult \$15.

Covid restrictions apply

Tickets available

"Church Members Swans Pharmacy
or at the Door"

OUT AND AROUND THE TRAPS!

There are many Christian Churches in Victor Harbor, and most if not all, wish to reach into the community to provide care and support. This is part of the mission of our churches, and we have been asked to publicise some of their activities. This page includes some that have come to our notice in recent days.

LOCAL GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:

We have finalized our program for the locally hosted Global Leadership Summit sessions (see attached).

- Venue: Victor Harbor Church of Christ, 9-13 Seaview Road, VH
- Dates: Friday evening & Saturday, 5th & 6th November

If you would like to be a part of this event, pre-registration is essential.

I need to register your name, your church & your email address with GLS Australia, along with an all-inclusive registration fee of \$75 per person. You can then reimburse me either in cash or electronically:

- Account name: C & S Healey
- BSB number: 105 013
- Account number: 078413740
- Use the reference: GLS

This promises to be an encouraging and instructive time of learning together.

Any questions? Please contact Clive on 8552 6032 or clivehealey@bigpond.com



Sunday 31st October
5:00pm

Victor Harbor Church of Christ
9-11 Seaview Road

You're invited to an informal time of Praise and Prayer. We would love for members of other local congregations to join with us.

To assist us to comply with Covid requirements could you kindly call our Church Office on 8552 5029 between 11:00am and 2:00pm Monday – Friday or email church@vhcoc.org to register your planned attendance. We look forward to you sharing with us.



Victor Harbor Refugee Support Group
is supporting refugees arriving
in S.A. by presenting at the

Victa Cinema

Rosemary's Way

Tickets \$20

This prize-winning film from the Sydney Festival tells the inspirational story of how one African woman affected a whole community.

Thursday 18th November at 7 pm

The film is 78 minutes long
followed by tea, coffee and cake

Contact: Marjorie Keeble 0408 586 854
marjoriekeebble@gmail.com



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AT NEWLAND

On **Monday November 1st at 1.30pm, All Saints Day, a Remembrance Service is going to be held at Newland Memorial Uniting Church on Victoria Ave Victor Harbor.**

At this service we will remember those who are no longer with us, but are forever in our hearts and minds. All are welcome to attend, and are invited to bring a photo of their loved ones.

Afternoon tea will be offered after the service.

SPIRITUALITY OF AGING

Guest Speaker: Rev Dr Elizabeth Vreugdenhil from Stillpoint Spirituality Centre.

When? Wednesday 27 Oct at 2.00 pm

Where? Yilki Uniting Church Hall, Giles Street, Encounter Bay

Entry \$5 Donation

Register with Patsy Jones
0407 330 839

Anniversaries

Christine & Grant Dixon	10/11/1979
Helen & John Williams	13/11/1993
Bob & Sheila Arnold	14/11/1959
Christine & Wayne Abbott	28/11/1970

Birthdays

Grant Dixon	23/10
Amanda Pearce	25/10
Max Davies	30/10
Pip Schmidt	05/11
Ruth Keith	09/11
(80)	
Doris Lush	10/11
Leon Parsons	10/11

Summary of the combined churches meeting held at Port Elliot on the 21st of October 2021

The meeting was led by the Rev Ian Dow, and began with general discussion of the following items identified at the previous meeting as important in considering our future.

- Joint website
- Pulpit sharing prayer meetings
- Visiting each other's congregation
- mission together (such as 'messy church' and 'neutral' fellowship)
- the mapping of available resources
- having a shared church council

The following points emerged from her discussions.

- Growing congregations is more important than finding ways to come together.
- We need to learn to trust one another.
- We need to understand each other, what we are like, and what we are doing.
- Are there things we could do better together?
- What do we have in common?
- How can we become more comfortable with each other?
- Can we identify common ministry areas?
- Should we have a long-term financial planning goal?
- Could we have a working party look at these things?
- Could the four chairs of church councils meet on a regular basis?
- Can we share a common Bible study?
- What are the strong points?
- Can we get to know one another better through shared meals or social activities?
- Can we establish a suitable 'landing page' that links the church websites?

While no conclusions were reached my observations are as follows:

- We need to build a greater awareness of our mission role as Uniting Churches of the Southern Fleurieu.
- We need to continue dialogue – certainly at the leadership levels (chairs and ministers)
- We need to build on our strengths and where possible share member expertise
- Port Elliot and Newland Churches will actively look at shared possibilities by working together
- We will publicise our activities across each of the four churches
- We will be proactive in sharing
- Any movement towards amalgamation will need full support from the congregations who need to be included in any discussions and given time for proper debate.

No date has been set for future meetings, but church councils need to be alert to possibilities that enhance our future as UCA churches. (Peter Manuel).

Church Gossip



Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed arbiter of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose in the other members' private lives. Church members were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny; he said nothing.

Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house... and left it there all night!

Obituary



Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember -- we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

