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Lay Preachers Day

10.00am—3.00pm Saturday 24 November 2018

Longford Uniting Church
3 High Street, Longford

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Lay Preachers Day

This opportunity for Lay Preachers, Lay Worship Leaders and anyone else wanting to join us for the day, will include worship together, the opportunity to think through who we are and what we bring as worship leaders/preachers in the life of the church today. There will be chances to share ideas and support each other through conversations as well as the opportunity to meet in each of the regional groups. BYO Lunch to share. RSVP 19 Nov to UC Tas Office: tas.office@victas.uca.org.au or 6331 9784

Denise Savage
Presbytery Minister, Leadership Formation

Opportunities



Take the lead in our uniquely Australian Church.

Young adults in the Uniting Church in Australia - you're invited to the 2019 National

Young Adults Leaders Conference (NYALC). Come to LEAD and explore what it means to be capable and confident leaders in a world embracing diversity and difference. Take the LEAD in areas that are important to YOU. Come as you are and share your stories, hopes and dreams for the Uniting Church with our special guest, President Dr Deidre Palmer.

NYALC is for young adult leaders in the Uniting Church aged 18 years and over. More information at <https://nyalc.org.au/>

Sacraments Training for Lay Presiders

Mel Perkins will be conducting this training at Ararat in the Presbytery of Western Victoria in February 2019.

For those outside of Western Victoria partner Presbyteries could set up a learning hub in their spaces and connect via Zoom – we will livestream and record all sessions.

Please contact Mel Perkins at CTM if you wish to be involved mel.perkins@victas.uca.org.au

Also check out <https://ctm.uca.edu.au/ctm/events/> and

<https://ctm.uca.edu.au/ctm/group/lay-ministries/>



Reflection

The story of the song; The Righteous One

Our bible study group is currently studying ‘Acts – Seeing the Spirit at Work’ by John Stott. In study number 3 we read the story where Peter healed the man who had been a cripple from birth.

Peter speaks to the onlookers following the healing of the cripple at the gate called Beautiful and Peter said to them in Acts 3:14 ‘You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked a murderer be released to you’.

Our study question asked us to look at each of the titles that Peter gives to Jesus and consider how these speak to the uniqueness of Jesus.

I can’t remember when we studied this question but I believe it was somewhere between mid March to late April. Something resonated with me about those words ‘Holy and Righteous One’ and at some point, (exact dates I don’t have) I wrote some words that centred on the ‘Holy and Righteous One’. I guess I hoped they could be a song but given I have no musical ability this was a ‘longshot’.

I wrote down three verses and tucked the piece of paper in my bible for future reference – what that reference would be I did not know. There were times when I recalled the words ‘The Righteous One’; possibly using the words as a prayer when leading worship but they remained words in my mind as I never used them in worship.

On Friday night 3rd August 2018, I laid in bed unable to sleep. It was 10:30pm when I glanced at the clock. In a moment of stillness and quietness I said to the Lord “I am a sinner”. Once more my mind was filled with the words ‘Holy and Righteous One’.

The other part of me was thinking about the service of worship that I was to lead at the Sprent Uniting Church on Sunday the 5th August and I began to sing to myself the hymn Morning has Broken but not in an audible voice. Morning has Broken was the first song of worship that I had chosen.

What happened next was the beginning of something truly amazing and only possible by the grace of our amazing God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. The words that I wrote down some months ago albeit with a subtle change suddenly began to fit the tune of ‘Morning has Broken’.

In a short space of time God had given me the words to the first verse of the song; 'The Righteous One'. It is hard to describe the feeling at that point in time other than to say I was overjoyed. I did not write down the words but I was confident that I could remember them the next day.

The following morning after breakfast I went to complete some painting. I had one final coat to apply to a bedroom ceiling. After completing the painting and washing the rollers I came to the kitchen to make a coffee. At 10:30am, I went looking for the piece of paper that was tucked away in my bible. I sat at the dining room table and looked at the words to the other two verses I had written months ago. Again with subtle changes the Lord gave me words that fitted the tune and in the space of 30 minutes I had written down the final two verses to the song.

I then found myself hurrying to the computer to listen to a video of 'Morning has Broken' to see if the words fitted the song. With some subtle changes the words fitted the tune and once more I was overcome with joy - 'I was pumped'. I tried to sing the song but was overcome with emotion; tears trickled down my cheeks, God had blessed me beyond my wildest dreams.

At approximately 11am on the Saturday the song 'The Righteous One' was born. After about the fourth attempt I managed to sing the whole song – again I was pumped. I sat in front of my computer barely able to comprehend what had taken place from 10:30pm on Friday night to 11am the following day. God is truly amazing and to Him be all praise, glory and honour.

The words are included should you choose to praise God with them. This is my story.

Wayne Bounday, Ulverstone Uniting Church

The Righteous One

*Holy and Righteous
you came from heaven
we are the sinners
you came to save
yours is the glory
ours is the rapture
bless us each day Lord
bless us each day*

*Holy and Righteous
slain on the cross
you offer redemption
paid for in blood
creator of heaven
born of the virgin
we are your children
bless us O Lord*

*Holy and Righteous
redeemer of sinners
laid in the tomb
left all alone
you are my saviour
you are my Lord
bless us each day Lord
bless us each day*

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Wayne Bounday
4/8/2018*



Kathryn McGuiness, Chair of the Congregation, Rev. Ann Perrin, Minister Clarence Uniting Church, Rev. John McRae of Climate Action Hobart and members of the congregation receive the awards from Jessica Morthorpe (second from right), Director of the Five Leaf Eco-Awards

Clarence Uniting Church Wins Tassie First Environmental Awards!

All ages rejoiced at Clarence Uniting Church on Sunday, as the community celebrated the presentation of two prestigious Five Leaf Eco-Awards, making them the first church in Tasmania to be recognised for their environmental achievements. The church received the Five Leaf Eco-Awards Basic Certificate and Eco-Worship Awards in recognition of their long term commitment to worship with ecological themes and eco-theology, and their work for the environment, including

their energy efficient lighting, energy audit and efficiency measures, paper use reduction, Op Shop, participation in Clean Up Australia Day and the Season of Creation and congregational environmental actions.

Director of the Five Leaf Eco-Awards, Jessica Morthorpe, travelled to Hobart for the presentation. She said her warm welcome included lots of stories: "Everyone had a story to share," she said. "About what they were doing for the environment at home, about this church worshipping outdoors, about their op shop or the charity blankets they make from old jeans, and about retrofitting and insulating the manse and church for energy efficiency. Meanwhile the children were exploring the story of creation with Godly Play, and I shared a bit about what other churches around the country are doing for the environment."

Grateful mention was also made of previous minister Rev. Dr. Paul Chalson, who inspired the church to begin their ecological journey, over a decade ago. Rev. Chalson was very excited to hear about the awards, and said of the congregation, "They're the champs and the fact of the work being continued is what really makes me happy."

"It's great to see the energy," Ms Morthorpe said. "It's a pleasure and a privilege to be here to present these awards, and it's particularly exciting that this is the first church in Tasmania to receive an award," she added. "Hopefully this will encourage lots of other churches in the area to pursue an award and be recognized for their environmental efforts." More information on the Five Leaf Eco-Awards is available at www.fiveleafecoawards.org



KUCA Camp Out



20 — 21 Oct 2018
Scotch Oakburn College Valley Campus

KUCA camp out 2018 was simple, small and still successful. Adults from across Tasmania provided quality, thoughtful, prayerful and faith filled contributions to the camp.

The KUCA camp out theme was great this year. The theme was "Reflect the Light, the Light that Gives Life" which allowed everyone to engage in multisensory and multifaceted ways. People (campers, youth leaders and adults) were respected in who God has created them to be and they were invited to rediscover who Jesus is and how we can reflect His light in their everyday lives.

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Graham Booth's candle lit "Big Bible Story" on Saturday evening was spectacular.

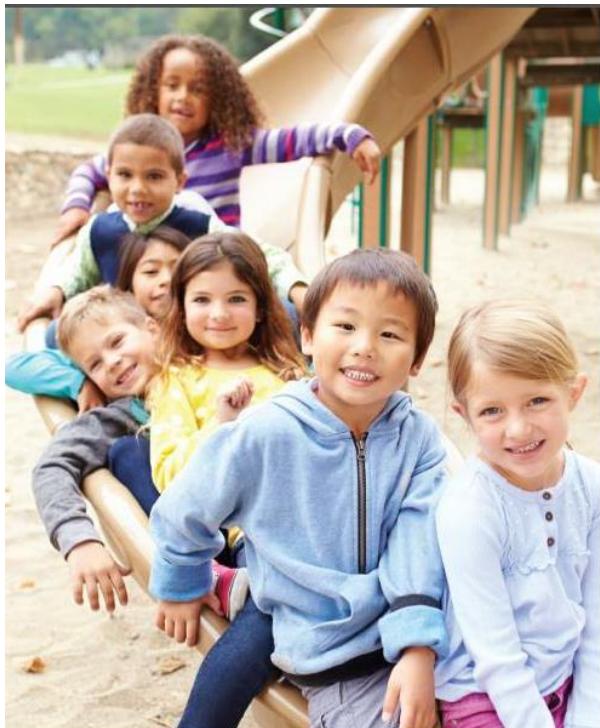
A special thanks to Elvis Portors for sharing his catering skills with everyone.

The contribution of one volunteer can be a game changer. For example, a new adult volunteer helped with tent logistics and this made our lives so much easier.

The skills and leadership of the youth was something that really stood out to me. We had 12 teenagers who arrived at the Fingal Valley Campus on Friday night for community building, faith formation and fun. On Saturday these young people provided leadership in setting up the campsite to welcome the campers, and hosting small groups in dance, drama, photography, construction, craft and sport. One youth leader travelled all the way from Wynyard and showed servant leadership by diligently and patiently caring for the campers that came with him.

We hope to have a specific Youth Camp in 2019 so please pray for this."

*Anthea Maynard
Presbytery Minister
Leadership Formation*



Check out these changes to Safe Church Training!

If you are one of the 2,550 or so people in the Synod of Vic/Tas who has undertaken Safe Church Training (SCT), you are making our church a safer place for children. Thank you!

Originally, the Culture of Safety Unit said training updates would be needed every two years. It is now clear that three-yearly updates will keep your skills and information fresh. Please take note of what you need to do, using this information:

WHO	WHAT AND WHEN
Trained since July 2017	SCT refresher after 3 years
Trained before July 2017 (manual with a blue cover)	Basic SCT by end of July 2019
New leader – lay or ordained – and no SCT since starting	Basic SCT as soon as possible
All future leaders	Basic SCT before starting or as soon as possible
All leaders	SCT refresher every 3 years whilst in leadership

If you are not sure when you did SCT, please check with your congregation. Check out the website for answers to frequently asked questions:
<https://ucavictas.org.au/keepingchildrensafe/>

On behalf of the children of Victoria and Tasmania,
thank you for taking steps to keep them safe.



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The Outbreak of Peace

Many churches in Launceston are joining together to celebrate the centenary of ‘the outbreak of peace’ on Sunday 11 November. The Sound of Peace will take over Princes Square between 11.30am and 4pm. We hope to have music, dance, short talks and multi-cultural contributions, as well as food and drinks.

City Baptist Church (13 Frederick St) will be available as a venue offering a quiet space for reflection and a number of prayer stations.

Stephanie Sebastian (Regional Coordinator North, Scripture Union) will be the coordinator of our celebration. **For more information you can contact Stephanie on 0427 553 424.**



Please plan now how your church can be involved on 11 November. As Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Jeff McKinnon, City Baptist



UnitingWomen is a national Uniting Church women's conference. The third Uniting Women conference was held in September 2018 in Brisbane and was hosted by the Queensland Synod. Twelve women from Tasmania attended this conference, some of whom were assisted by Go Grants from the Presbytery of Tasmania.

Below are some personal responses:

"It was a help to see how God has helped so many people through hardships and given them such a positive outlook. The fellowship of all women in Christ from all walks of life. The spirit and courage of the Aboriginal Elder to keep the tradition of her people going and bringing them to God."

"It gives me strength and new mission to live and testify who I am as a woman in a new environment to share my stories with the people and to save others from personal and family problems."

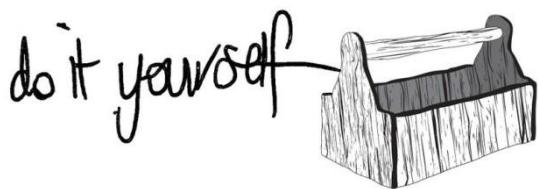
"It was a really amazing opportunity to meet with women of the Uniting Church, especially from other cultural backgrounds or with specific societal concerns (eg. Domestic Violence). It has also raised the absence of the feminine in our representation and thinking about God."

We were encouraged to have a go even when we were not capable. Workshops were interesting. Remembering the circles and sharing with each group. Great music.

The aspects I saw and experienced at the conference will be of use in leading worship.

This conference gave me the chance to be part of many inspiring, brave, resilient, friendly, practical and open women and to share their stories. The messages and stories that everyone shared were helpful for encouragement and building up. I really appreciated the opportunity to attend.

DIY “Do-it-Yourself” Modules



Any small group can explore a wide range of issues in the life of disciples, leaders and congregations in the Uniting Church. With these small-group educational resources you can do it yourself!

This set of learning modules is available on the CTM website at <https://ctm.uca.edu.au/lay-ministries/diy/>.

The latest module to be added is **Dementia Friendly Congregations** which shows how congregations and faith communities can welcome, include and nurture people who have dementia and those who share their journey. This module includes information, advice and resources to explore in more depth, a leader's guide and five handouts for participants. Check out this module and browse the thirty three others. You may find something helpful.

Give Me

Give me
Give me bread
Give me the bread of life
Hunger satisfying
Beaten, kneaded
Licked by fire in the oven
Give it to me now



Give me
Give me water
Give me the water of life
Thirst quenching
Living, swirling
Life through drowning
Give it to me now

Give me patience
To wait
To watch
For the morning

For more prayers and worship resources have a look at the Presbytery website here: <https://ucatas.org.au/faith/worship/prayers/>



Leadership Formation

I recently shared with others in a Godly Play Core Training opportunity. In those three days I saw several people experience an alive moment. When they went from not being sure about sharing and leading a story, to being on cloud nine because they did what they didn't think they could do. I saw deep insights emerging as people pondered their learning from the experience of having a go.

These were moments of life seeming to be full - alive.

Think of a time when you felt alive, when every fibre of your being could be felt. How old where you? What was going on for you at the time? What were the circumstances around that moment?

God invites us to live a full life. Often these moments of life being full, when we know we are alive, are also moments when we grow, when we change a little. When we adapt to something different being a reality in our life.

This is healthy and important for ourselves, and for the relationships we share with others. God does not invite us into stale and stagnant places in life. Think of the biblical stories where God changes someone, when someone experiences an alive moment. What do you see God doing in their life?

Our lives are part of the biblical witness of God at work in our world. When we are open to those moments we will see God working the lives of others around us too. You might like to have a conversation with the other person about their alive moment. What was it like for them? What was going on for them? Why did it feel alive? What do you see and hear the other person doing that helps you know that they are experiencing or talking about an alive moment?

When we wonder about what God is up to, we discover God is up to a lot. Let's be brave in having conversations with each other about that.

If you would like Denise to visit your congregation, to listen and share around leadership formation, contact us via the Presbytery Office 6331 9784 or Denise 0427 647 395 or denise.savage@victas.uca.org.au

Rosie @ Pilgrim Child Care Centre

Rosie and I sit down at a children's play table on little blue chairs, as purple playdough is being cut into lozenges by an upside-down red plastic knife. Other childcare staff are supervising the making of a coral display of crayon coloured coral, supported by pale pink papered cardboard cups and the jumping room is busy. Children are talking and laughing and wondering what we are doing.



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Rosie has been a part of such happy surroundings for nearly thirty years of child care, here at Pilgrim Child Care Centre Launceston. Having started at the Centre in 1989 while doing her practical for her original TAFE qualifications, Rosie has seen the breadth of the Centre's changes and workings throughout her career. A career that has seen her in various roles expanding her education and experience from student to Assistant Director and her current role of Senior Educator.

The Child Care Centre Launceston can hold up to twenty-five children of mixed ages mostly between twelve months and five years of age, with a large community of CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) families who use the facility including from Afghanistan, Bhutan, China and Saudi Arabia. There is the ability to choose from all day, half day or two hour sessions which enable carers to attend to appointments or have a coffee break and know that their children are safe and well looked after.

Changes have been happening in child care throughout her working life. Rosie takes them all in her stride as she says that whatever is the ethos of the time good child care always places the needs of the child and the family first.

The Centre currently follows the Emilio Reggio system, a teaching system that is child centred and uses self-directed and experiential natural learning in relationship driven environments. Child instigated learning in a family atmosphere is not new to Rosie, who says that little has really changed at the Centre as they always have taught and engaged the children by firing their imaginations. The parents are always included in the child's progress and often take home wonderful artworks and the stories that go home with them.

As a young girl, Rosie was influenced by her mother's compassion and example as she worked at Yooralla Crippled Children's School in Melbourne. Early experience of her mother's charitable heart, a lady who opened her home to those who needed support and care have stayed with her. This follows through into her work with the families and children that have gone through the centre.

Some of Rosie's greatest joys have been seeing people that she has looked after as children later in life and knowing that they are living well. One of her earliest charges who had autism, and showed a talent for art, she discovered twenty years later had become an artist!



When asked the question, "What in your work here brings you joy?" Rosie answers positively, "Children, when they are proud of their accomplishments."

Her dream for the Pilgrim Child Care Centre is to have it expand, so they can help more families. "All the children who come through here are loved, looked after and their needs are met."

Rosie also has a dream for herself in the future as she talks about her retirement and the possibility of being able to "stay in bed". It is a dream to be a volunteer reader for children in a children's ward at the hospital. At seventy-one and still working two days a week, Rosie is an active personality who enjoys life and her work to the full!

At the end of our time together, looking around the room, Rosie gestures to the playing children, "They are just so beautiful."

Annetia Goldsmith

Accounting Support



Heather Ackland is the Director Accounting Services at the Synod Office. As part of her role Heather is offering various services to the church, some on a fee for service basis. These can include, but not limited to, being able to achieve economies of scale in purchasing decisions, IT and book keeping assistance and negotiating with the ATO.

If you are interested in exploring these possibilities further contact the Tasmanian Office in the first instance.

Praying for the Presbytery

This month please remember
in your prayers:

- For a lay preacher near you and for the lay preachers as they gather this month
- For Michelle Cook as she is released from our care and for her, James and Zane as they prepare to move to the Northern Territory

November Presbytery Meeting



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You are invited to attend a

Service of Release

for the

Rev Deacon Michelle Cook

as

Presbytery Minister Mission Development

Saturday 10 November 2018

2.15pm

Campbell Town Hall

75-77 High Street

Campbell Town 7210

Afternoon Tea to follow

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Other activities include:

Matt Harry – eLM New and Renewing Communities Catalyst – eLM
(equipping Leadership for Mission)

Mel Perkins – Lay Leadership Development Coordinator - eLM

Lisa Stewart – Uniting VicTas Mission and Ethos Partner

Opportunity to contribute to a review of Presbytery Strategic Directions

Next Presbytery Gathering - Saturday 16th February 2019 @ Hobart North

- Leprena offers a **Play 2 Learn** program on Tuesdays from 9.30 – 11.00am. For more information contact Cathryn Farrow on 0458 732 950
- The Tasmanian Office has copies of **Building Emotional Health and Wellbeing – A Pastoral Handbook for Ministry with Children and their Families** available at no cost.

- The Tasmanian Office has a **large Photocopier** in perfect condition and a **Data Projector Screen** available as well as a bracket for hanging a data projector from the ceiling. For more information contact the UCA Tasmanian office.
- **Free Online Course: Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education:** The Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia will offer this Massive Open Online Course (MOOC): **Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education** starting October 23rd. This **free** six week course supports professional and personal learning for advancing Indigenous priorities and reconciliation in community, education, and work settings. It runs asynchronously, which means you view materials and engage in the course at your own pace. There are many exemplars from Canada, Australia, the US, and New Zealand from which to learn. Register at: <http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/Reconciliation/>
- Stuart Davey, a **former case worker on Nauru**, will speak about the offshore detention of refugees at City Baptist Church, Launceston from 7-9pm (includes supper) on 14th November.
- **Uniting Spring Newsletter September 2018** Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

“Demand for our homelessness, housing and emergency relief services continues to increase. The enthusiastic response to our Winter Appeal demonstrates that, together with you, we are there when it matters for people who need it most.”

Read about how Uniting is helping out in these areas and more here: <https://www.vt.uniting.org/publications/> or ask the UC Tasmanian Office for a copy.

what's On

November

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| Fri 9 | 6.00pm | Messy Church, Launceston North UC |
| Sat 10 | 9.30am | Presbytery Gathering – Campbell Town |
| Sat 24 | 10.00am | Lay Preachers Day, Longford UC |
| Mon 26 | 10.30am | Resource & Development Meeting, Launceston |
| Thur 29 | 10.00am | Presbytery Standing Committee |

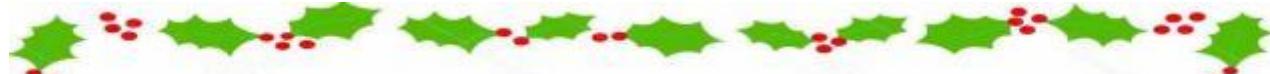
December

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| Tues 7 | 9.30am | Pastoral Relations Committee, Launceston |
| Mon 24 | 9.00am | UC Tasmanian Office closed (reopens Wed 2 Jan) |



UCA Presbytery of Tasmania Christmas cards (\$6 per pack of 10) and, calendars (\$5.00 each) will be for sale through the UCA Tasmanian Office from October. Information, order forms and catalogues will be sent to those who purchased cards last year. Proceeds from the sale of cards are donated to Frontier Services. Please call in or contact us for a catalogue and order form.

Christmas is about mission. God sending his son.



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