



Crows Nest Uniting Church

'A welcoming, spirited community for today'

<http://crowsnestuniting.org.au>

20th August 2017

Annual General Congregational Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday August 27 after the church service. Please put this date in your diary. A usual agenda item is the re-election of retiring members of the Church Council. Those retiring this year (Kate, Erin, Paul and Lin) have agreed to nominate for a further 2 years. Of course, any other member is entitled to nominate for election to the Council, so if you wish to do so, please talk to Bruce Roy.

Study Programme

Rev Prof Clive Pearson has kindly agreed to run a number of studies during his time with us.

A few more details have yet to be confirmed e.g. start time for the Sunday studies and whether meals are to be included. You are invited to put your name down on the sign-up sheets in the tea room if you would like to attend.

Series One: Tuesdays at the Manse (7.30 pm to 9.00 pm)

Theme: Faithful Neighbours: Relating to Islam

22 August: Living faithfully in the midst of many religions

29 August: Living with the neighbour who is Muslim

5 September: Exploring our differences

Series Two: Sundays at the Manse (Time TBA)

Theme: On the way with Mark

1 October One gospel at a time.

8 October Who do 'you' say that I am?

15 October On the way

22 October The cross-bound Christ

Future of the Uniting Church

On 30 August, 7:30 – 9:30 pm a discussion evening with Rev David Gill at Willoughby Uniting Church (10 Clanwilliam St Willoughby)

A discussion based on the sermon marking the 40th Anniversary of the Uniting Church preached by David Gill at the Willoughby Uniting Church will take place on Thursday 22 June 2017 [Original sermon by Rev David Gill \("Are we there yet?"\)](#) RSVP 9415 2100 or office@willoughbyuniting.org.au.

The Uniting Church – A Multicultural Church

In 2017, there are 193 specific language groups connected with UCA Congregations. Services take place in 26 different national languages, as well 15 Indigenous languages. Fifty-nine Congregations have explicitly determined they are cross-cultural Congregations. There is one Presbytery in our Synod which is solely for Korean Congregations, while national conferences take place each year for 12 racial groups

A Questioning Pilgrim's Progress – Val Webb

WEEKEND 25-27 AUGUST. EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH.

The latest Census shows a dramatic shift in Australia's religious climate: increasing diversity; declining interest among Gens-X & Y and the Millennials; established churches in retreat.


Dr Val Webb will lead a searching exploration of some of these winds of change. As a trained theologian and scientist, she has catalysed discussion on the directions of Christianity in England, America and Australia. Her latest, eleventh book is *Testing Tradition and Liberating Theology: finding your own voice*.

Topics for the sessions will include:

- *Our faith journey: asking questions and questioning answers;
- *Theological hospitality: diverse views sharing their faith journeys;
- *New directions, new faith paths and new catalysts

Join us in getting to know Val over a light dinner on Friday evening, three inter-active sessions on Saturday and a service on Sunday.

Cost \$25 for Friday and Saturday, \$20 for Saturday only and students.



St Stephen's Hymnfest

*500th Anniversary of the
Reformation*

Choirs, Brass, Timpani and Organ
Hymns and anthems

Sunday 10th September 2017

2:30pm

Programs \$15, \$10 conc. (incl. afternoon tea)

St Stephen's Uniting Church

(opp. Parliament House)

197 Macquarie Street, Sydney

MARTIN LUTHER

(02) 9221 1688

www.ssms.org.au

If you wish to join the Choir, please email **Mark Quarmby**, the Director of Music at St Stephen's indicating what range you sing.
Email: mark@ssms.org.au

Thank you to all who have contributed to our worship this morning **Lorna** (reader), **Gill** (prayer leaders), **Karen K** (organist), **Barbara** (welcomers), **Margaret & Judy** (morning tea), **Joy** (counter), **Deb** (Kids Alive) and **Karen G** (flowers)

For next Sunday – 27 Aug

Readings:

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20



Rosters:

PREACHER:	Rev Clive Pearson
READER:	Bev C
PRAYER LEADER:	+1
ORGANIST:	Keith Asboe
WELCOMERS:	Simon S +1
MORNING TEA:	Joy C +1
COUNTING OFFERING:	+2
KIDS ALIVE:	Deb L
FLOWERS:	+1

*Please send items for this news sheet
to Lorna (lbassett@tpg.com.au) before Thursday*

We worship on land that is sacred to, and has been cared for by people of the Cammeraygal and Wallumedegal clans, part of the Kuringgai tribe.
We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

CHURCH OFFICE: SHIRLEY RD CHURCH,
122 SHIRLEY ROAD WOLLSTONECRAFT, 2065
PH: 9439 6033
ADMINISTRATOR: JOYCE LUM
CRNESTUC@BIGPOND.NET.AU