



# The Uniting Church in Wyndham News

3 September  
2023  
Pentecost 13

**We acknowledge the people of the Kulin alliance, the original custodians of the land which was never ceded and on which our buildings for worship stand and on which we gather.**



## OUR COMMUNITY NEWS FOR TODAY AND THE COMING WEEK

### Praise to God for God's leading

Last week's very positive decision to amalgamate the two congregations was something to celebrate, and the song (TIS 653) chosen for the conclusion of the preceding service was most apt. (Bev L)

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember, and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past, and leave behind our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

### What happens now?

Although the formal amalgamation doesn't take place until the 3rd of December when the Presbytery makes the formal decision to unite the two congregations, a lot of important decision-making will take place as the two church councils will now meet together to make plans for the new congregation's ongoing life. Issues that need to be resolved are matters such as a name for the new congregation, the election of a new single church council, the combining of the financial resources and the election of a chairperson and secretary of the new congregation, a new chairperson, secretary and treasurer of the church council.

Not everything can be resolved by the 3rd of December, and some patience will be required as our church councillors work through all the nitty-gritty details (such as bank accounts). But how exciting it is to have the opportunity under the guidance of God's Spirit to have this fresh start and renewed strength in mission!

### Welcome to the Rev. Lynden Broadstock



Today's supply preacher for Holy Communion at Hoppers Crossing/Crossroads UC congregations is Rev Lynden Broadstock (pictured).

Lynden is no stranger to members of Hoppers Crossing; he provided one year's supply ministry there in 2016.

He says: "My family were Salvation Army officers, involved in the Army's social work. I grew up at the Bayswater and Box Hill Boys' Homes, which were managed by my parents, and I attended Camberwell High School."

After completing an Economics Degree at Monash University, Lynden worked in the Commonwealth Public Service. He studied for the Uniting Church ministry at Ormond College in 1975-77. Ordained in 1977, Lynden's first parish was Camperdown. He then went on to a year's study at the University of Berkely Graduate Union, California USA. "That was a fantastic consortium of theological colleges," says Lynden.

He married Rose, a minister of the Uniting Church, and they ministered at Lilydale, (this writer was a parishioner at Lilydale UC in 1986 and was aware of Lynden's love of music in worship) Bairnsdale, Greensborough and Melton congregations. Rose worked as a Presbytery Minister in the Presbytery of Port Phillip West before her recent retirement. Lynden offered Supply Ministry for eight years until retiring in 2022.

They have three adult children, including daughter Bethany who has a role in the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly's Communications Unit, working on the Act2 program.

Now they are both retired, living in Melton South. Lynden says: "I enjoy listening to music, and I read a lot. I offer my greeting to the newly formed amalgamated congregation here in the City of Wyndham." (NT)

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Bible discussion**

Meet again at Crossroads on **Tuesday 5 September from 11.30 am to 1 pm** for the discussion about the gospel reading for the next Sunday. Share lunch together afterwards. Contact Neil T.

**Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF)**

All are welcome to attend this coming meeting – Wednesday, 6 September, at 1pm – at the church.

**Boys' Brigade**

Boys' Brigade – Monday night—7:00pm to 9:00pm at Dreambuilders Church, 37-43 Graham Court, Hoppers Crossing, contact Scott W or [boysbrigadewyndham@gmail.com](mailto:boysbrigadewyndham@gmail.com) for details.

**Uniting Church says YES to the Voice**

Are you aware that the Uniting Church's official position on the referendum for the Voice is one of saying, very firmly, YES? When you receive your pamphlet from the AEC, purporting to put both sides of the argument, please be aware that the AEC does not endorse it, and there has been no fact-checking. The Conversation has an analysis by University Law faculty experts which shows that there are several misleading claims made by the NO case, and that the YES case as presented is accurate. If you are interested, go to <https://theconversation.com/10-questions-about-the-voice-to-parliament-answered-by-the-experts-207014>

## TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

**Worship services**

3 September: Rev. Lynden Broadstock (HC)  
10 September: Justice Task Group: Season of Creation

**What's On This Week**

**Monday:** 9.30am Playgroup  
**Tuesday:** 11.30am Bible Discussion  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am Crossroads Property C'tee; 1pm UC Adult Fellowship  
**Thursday:** 9.30am Gardening Group

**Bible Readings –3 & 10 September**

**3 September:** Exodus 3:1–15; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew 16:21–28; Psalm 105:1–6, 23–25, 45c  
**10 September:** Exodus 12:1–14; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20; Psalm 149

**Rosters for 3 September & (10 September)**

**Greetings:** Margaret D (Margaret B)  
**AV:** Christian R-K (Paul K)  
**Morning Tea:** Samoan Ladies (Jan B & Julie H)  
**Flowers:** Margaret F (Bev C)  
**Music:** Elliott S (Gina L)  
**Prayers:** Margaret B (HX)  
**Reader:** Neil T (HX)

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