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 Lay Leader: Jennie Dyster until 2 October – Kris Hanna



The Unitarian Church of South Australia Inc. —founded 11 July 1854

Minister Emeritus: The Rev. Allen Kirby

UPCOMING SERVICES

SEPTEMBER			
Sunday 25	10.30 am	Service at Norwood led by Jennie Dyster Address: 'Peace'	Music Brendan Moyse and Grant Shillabeer
OCTOBER			
Sunday 2	10.30 am	Daylight savings. Put clocks forward one hour on 1 October Service at Norwood led by Jennie Dyster Address: 'Our Breviary' Jennie's closing service – special morning tea follows	Music Brendan Moyse
	5.00 pm	Vespers service at Shady Grove led by the Rev. Jo Lane Address: To be advised	Music To be advised
Sunday 9	10.30 am	Service at Norwood led by Peter Whitham with Janet Whitham and Elizabeth Salna Address: 'Love and Hope'	Music Brendan Moyse Vocal offering by Alexandra Whitham
Sunday 16	10.30 am	Service at Norwood led by John Eaton Address: 'The Legacy of Bishop John Spong'	Music Robyn Filmer
Sunday 23	10.30 am	Service at Norwood led by Kris Hanna Address: 'How did I get here?' Kris' induction service – special luncheon follows	Music Brendan Moyse and Grant Shillabeer
Sunday 30	10.30 am	Service at Norwood led by Kris Hanna Address: 'Forever Jung'	Music Brendan Moyse
NOVEMBER			
Sunday 6	11.30 am	Combined Service at Shady Grove led by Kris Hanna Address: 'Heritage Matters' NB different start time, presence at Norwood - to be advised	Music Brendan Moyse
Sunday 13	10.30 am	Service at Norwood led by Kris Hanna Address: 'R-E-S-P-E-C-T' NB: AGM held after at 11.45 am	Music Margaret Lambert to be confirmed
Sunday 20	10.30 am	Service at Norwood led by Kris Hanna Address: 'The Sound of Silence'	Music Robyn Filmer
Sunday 27	10.30 am	Service at Norwood led by Kris Hanna Address: 'We are One but We are Many'	Music Brendan Moyse and Grant Shillabeer
DECEMBER			
Sunday 4	10.30 am	Service at Norwood led by Kris Hanna Address: 'Who is Responsible?'	Music Brendan Moyse

REGULAR EVENTS			Contact
Committee of Management meetings	9 am-10 am	2 nd Sunday unless advised	Secretary/Office
Lectio Divina (Breviary readings)	6 pm-7 pm	3 rd Wednesday monthly	Margaret Lambert
Terrace Singers		To be advised	Margaret Lambert
Ruggers (<i>Stream-of-Life</i>)	10 am-2 pm	1 st Monday monthly	Val Webb
Moving Meditation	2 pm-3 pm	Mondays weekly (\$5 donation for Stream of Life)	Jennie Dyster
Community garden	10 am	Saturday weekly in Alfred Street, Norwood	Jenny Warner
Shady Grove bushcare	9 am-12 pm	Every Wednesday unless advised	Jenny Warner
Shady Grove cemetery care	9 am-1 pm	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays each month unless advised	Jenny Warner

Contact the church office on 0490 660 175 for further details, or the church directory for contact details

OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT DETAILS

The Administrative Assistant is Mary Chase. Office hours are 9 am to 1 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for administrative work, but may vary due to circumstances.

Please send all emails concerning administration of the church to admin@unitariansa.org.au
Church office contact: **Mobile 0490 660 175** (or +61 490 660 175 overseas)

STREAM-OF-LIFE (SoL) CONTACT is Jenny Warner

MINISTERIAL MATTERS

This will be my last ministerial musing at the end of my tenure as Lay Leader of our church. Prior to that I was busy in a volunteer capacity, so it's been a while since I have had a holiday. I look forward to my 13 to 27 October trip to NZ.

I would like to thank the congregation for their support. It is daunting to be in the pulpit nearly every Sunday. Words of encouragement and praise helped me through times of doubt when 'impostor syndrome' reared its ugly head, especially when numbers able to attend were low.

This last year has been the hardest. In our first year 2020 we had the excitement of refurbishing the church. I was still President of the CoM at that time. The Vision Committee had already begun the impetus and Christine Mason kept us on task. The practical help given by John Baxter, Richard Mayo and others certainly made the whole project affordable and it has been gratifying ever since when people who have returned to church have expressed their delight at the new look.

After lockdown our first services had to be on Zoom for a while. We rose to that challenge. We were glad to resume church services when social distancing rules allowed us to do so. Zoom does feel like a club scenario. You have to be invited to a Zoom session, so it excluded non-members who did not think of ringing the office to get an invitation. Our first few months of services were without hymn singing which disappointed a significant number of people but once masks were no longer mandatory, we figured it was time to reintroduce singing.

We had high hopes of a return to normality in 2022 but these were dashed by omicron and rising case numbers of Covid-19 and the continuing absence of the kids from Sunday service due to concerns about transmission. Our Search Committee had a bumpy ride with withdrawals of interest by people who applied for the job of Minister but found alternatives closer to home in the northern hemisphere.

We are most fortunate now to be looking to welcome Kris Hanna as our minister for the next six months with a view to extending that, should things work out well. I met Kris through my association with Multifaith SA and I think we are lucky to be ready for a new leader when he was ready to begin a new chapter in his life.

So, thank you all. It has been a challenging period and I think we are ready to take off again. Best wishes.

JENNIE DYSTER, Lay Leader
admin@unitariansa.org.au

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As this will be my last report as President of the Committee of Management, I wish to take this opportunity to thank Jennie Dyster for all her efforts as Lay Leader over the past several months. However, before she took on this very important role she gave so much to our community. At the beginning of the pandemic and throughout the following years she has been a rock-solid support and selfless contributor to our community. During

the early days of the pandemic, throughout lockdowns, she ministered to our members when we were unable to attend services via Zoom providing an electronic version of our services.

She has always been a great support with the pastoral care of our members and has maintained this worthwhile work throughout all the restrictions placed by Covid-19. I know that she intends to continue this work after she has completed her time as Lay Leader. Naturally she will have a well-earned break before doing so.

I encourage as many members as possible to attend Jennie Dyster's final service on Sunday 2 October in the Meeting House at Norwood. After the service a special morning tea will be provided as a means of thanking Jennie Dyster for her ongoing contributions of time, effort and Sunday addresses.

Another important date for your diaries is Sunday 23 October. This will be Kris Hanna's first service as our minister when he will be inducted as minister of our church. Following this, there will be a chance to meet with Kris Hanna at the luncheon that will be held to welcome him.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Committee of Management for all their efforts and support throughout the year.

JOHN HALL, President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Members of the congregation are hereby notified that the church's 167th Annual General Meeting will be held at the Meeting House on Sunday, 13 November 2022, commencing immediately after the service (11.45 am).

Business will be to receive the annual report and to elect officers to the Committee of Management for the coming year.

We need three (3) new committee members to nominate for election, for three-year terms. Any person who has been a financial member for at least 12 months prior to the AGM is eligible for election. A nomination sheet will be posted in the Meeting House, or you can nominate through the administrative secretary at admin@unitariansa.org.au.

Would sub-committee conveners and program coordinators please forward their annual reports to the administrative secretary by 1 November for inclusion in the annual report.

MARY CHASE, Administrative Secretary
admin@unitariansa.org.au

NEW FINANCIAL YEAR - FEES DUE NOW

The church financial year ends on 30 September. Membership fees for the 2022/2023 year are due now. These fees are \$35 for full membership and \$20 for members with a concession card.

Due to Covid-19, contributions to our church are down significantly, so I encourage you to think about how much you might contribute financially to our church during the next year.

Options for giving are:

1. Using your credit/debit card at the tap point in the church foyer
2. Through the offertory collection
3. Electronic funds transfer
4. Directly to me. Please place in an envelope with your name on the outside. I will receipt and send that to you.
5. Using the envelope scheme. If you would like envelopes, please let me know and I will supply them.
6. Post to The Assistant Treasurer, 99 Osmond Terrace, Norwood SA 5067

Every commitment will help to increase the vitality of the church.

Our bank account details are

BSB: 633 000
 Account Number: 155743792
 Account Name: The Unitarian Church of SA
 HELEN HALL, Assistant Treasurer

FILM EVENT: *Carbon: the unauthorised biography*

When: Saturday 1 October at 12.30 pm.

Where: Unitarian House, 99 Osmond Terrace, Norwood.

Who: All welcome. Free film and refreshments.

RSVP: 30 October for catering purposes. (see email below or via the Office)

The Church is a member of ARRCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) and beginning its month of action, called Faiths 4 Climate Justice, in the leadup to the United Nations' COP 27 negotiations in November.

Carbon: the unauthorised biography stars Sarah Snook and combines scientific information with a spiritual and values aspect.

It is an ideal opportunity to combine with other churches as we all share in the love of our planet. Unitarians and friends of the church are urged to attend and to bring more friends.

Stream of Life is supporting the event by providing light refreshments. Vegetarians and vegans will be catered for.

JENNY WARNER
jswwow@gmail.com

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT (CoM)

On 25 July, about two weeks after its last monthly meeting, the Committee of Management (CoM) voted via email to offer an interim ministry position to Mr. Kris Hanna for six months starting in mid-October. Also, between the July and August meetings, the CoM voted to support an Australian of the Year nomination for Sally Chance for her work with the Restless Dance Theatre and the Acorn Program.

The CoM met on 14 August, but a quorum was not present. Therefore, the discussion of agenda items was informal, and no votes were taken. However, the group made several recommendations which were later ratified by the entire CoM via email. Notably, the CoM approved the acceptance of Mouin Al Ayoubi's quote to paint the exterior timber trim of the Meeting House and Manse.

The CoM also met on 18 September 2022. We discussed special services and accompanying social events to farewell our Lay Leader, Jennie Dyster, and to

welcome our new Minister, Kris Hanna. Also addressed productively were plans for the Annual General Meeting (AGM), plans for Christmas (a Sunday this year), the re-activation of the Vision sub-committee with a brainstorming session in early 2023, and ways to better promote Church events. The CoM voted to approve an increase in the fee for hiring the premises when hirers require the exclusive use of the entire Manse and Meeting House. The CoM also endorsed a relatively low-cost and low-maintenance option for replacing the drains in the car park, provided the quote was below a set limit.

MARY CHASE, Administrative Secretary
admin@unitariansa.org.au

Minutes and all papers for CoM meetings are placed in the library once the minutes of that meeting have been ratified.

ADMINISTRATION

There is a bit of a buzz building up at the church lately, as we anticipate the arrival of our new interim Minister, Kris Hanna. As we welcome Kris and move further into spring, I look forward to more social events in our community and a chance for us all to work together on plans for the future of the church. Our Saturday lunch and film showing at the end of July was successful, and we are hosting another, more upbeat, film on 1 October on the theme of carbon and climate change. I hope to see you there!

With both the School of Practical Philosophy and the Acorn group having started new terms, plus a variety of other groups meeting weekly, the Meeting House is quite busy nowadays. Only Wednesdays are still relatively quiet.

Maintenance work has been busy as well. The exterior trim painting is almost complete. Most feedback has been positive so far, with the building looking brighter and more welcoming. The safety of the church is also improving, with two fire exit signs having been repaired recently and John Eaton now organising quotes for fixing the drainage ditch in the car park.

For the time being, I have reluctantly stopped filming church services for YouTube. It turns out that although live-streaming church services is not greatly affected by copyright laws, the recording of services for viewing 'on-demand' is problematic. Perhaps in the future we will be able to start live-streaming again, if the demand is there. I hope plans for re-vamping our web page and developing a media strategy will be forthcoming.

MARY CHASE, Administrative Secretary

SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club Spring Camp will be held at Shady Grove Saturday 8 October 2 pm - Monday 10 October at noon. Hope you can be part of it! Contact David as below

DAVID FREESMITH, Sunday Club Coordinator
 0403 933 857 | dfreesmith@gmail.com

STREAM OF LIFE (SOL)

Community Garden

After the lull in winter, we are starting to see some action. Soon we could be harvesting asparagus, peas, strawberries, gooseberries and more rhubarb. The lemon tree that we despaired of has flowers on it! New members would be very welcome. Membership fees are \$25 p.a. and due in October.

JENNY WARNER

PASTORAL CARE

In need of pastoral support? Please contact one of the members of the Pastoral Care committee:

John Hall 0422 534 782 Christine Mason 0421 027 376
Helen Hall 0403 838 930 Jennie Dyster 0428 820 658
Sandy Schultheis 0422 307 444

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday from your Unitarian friends!

October

3 rd	Aaron Poeze	25 th	Mary Chase
8 th	Daphne Treloar	26 th	Clare Bosisto
24 th	Anne Johnson	26 th	Cate Davis
24 th	Jane Brooks		

November

4 th	Craig Rooney	17 th	Anna Minges
6 th	Susie Brooke-Smith	19 th	John Hall
11 th	Noel Fraser	20 th	Val Webb
15 th	David Freesmith	27 th	Eric Miles

Walk as if you are kissing the earth with your feet
Thich Nhat Hanh
ERAN BINENBAUM
binenbaume@gmail.com

PERSONALIA

Last newsletter we were celebrating an '80-something' birthday for Margaret McCann. However, this newsletter brings news of a fall, ending up with two pins, two plates and a smashed patella for Margaret. She required weeks in hospital and is undergoing up to three months of rehabilitation. She is currently at Southern Cross Bucklands until she's able to walk and go home. Our good wishes to you for a speedy recovery.



SANDY SCHULTHEIS

SHADY GROVE**News**

The Shady Grove service for August consisted of a discussion time concerning our Seventh Principle, held by the fire in the Hostel. Participants contributed their own thoughts, as well as articles, poems, quotes, and songs: which combined, made for an informative and worthwhile time together. So much so, that we have decided to use this format again, especially if we are unable to procure a leader for a service.

John Eaton led our September service with the fascinating topic 'The Psychology of Denial', which also led to an interesting discussion to follow.

We are delighted to be almost 'back to normal' with meals following each of our services (albeit with covid-influenced awareness of hygiene and care with food).

We were pleased that our President John Hall was able to join us for the Shady Grove Quarterly Meeting on 14 September and welcomed the news that Kris Hanna is soon to be our Minister.

We have arranged for much needed repairs and

painting of the church windows, which are being carried out. Fencing and consequent need for the removal of a tree has proceeded, the Cemetery Sub-committee continues its valuable work; and bush care work is ongoing. Thank you to those involved.

Wishing David Freesmith and the Sunday Club Campers a great camp weekend at Shady Grove in October.

PAT SIMPSON

Shady Grove dates

Sunday 2 October at 5 pm: (daylight saving times change)

Vespers service

Leader: the Rev. Jo Lane
Address: to be advised
Wardens: Yvonne and Darrell Barrett

Sunday 6 November 11.30 am

Combined Shady Grove/Norwood service

Leader: Minister Kris Hanna
Address: 'Heritage Matters'
Wardens: John Eaton and Norwood helpers
Everybody on board to help where needed. Shared meal follows services. Please bring plates to share which can be easily served by designated servers

There will be no service at Norwood on the day, but we will endeavour to arrange a 'presence' to welcome those who cannot make it to Shady Grove and any visitors who might call in.

Shady Grove Bushcare

The weather has been a bit 'iffy' - some days perfect, others a complete washout, but we have nonetheless been able to put in a lot of hours taking out bulbous plants and wood sorrel. Perhaps next year we will be back to one day per fortnight. New volunteers are always welcome.

JENNY WARNER

Cemetery Care

Hours for the trainee have been increased to eight per month but there is plenty to do. Volunteers who would like to put in a couple of hours per month would be very welcome. It is a nice place to work at this time of year.

JENNY WARNER

CHRISTINE'S CREATIVITY during the COVID CHAOS**Music Springs to Mind**

Recently I have been considering my demise. What form it might take, particularly in relation to the aftermath. Funeral? Bury? How? Usual or wrapped in a bag, foetal position and with tree planted above (that sounds pretty good). Cremation sounds ok with the after bits left to the children to decide. I thought if I was ground up, I could then let them have part of me in perpetuity, in egg timers. Each having one, and I would still be of use to them!!!

Of course, music has always played a large part in my life. 'Mother's music' the children call it. Thought I could plague them a little longer with my favourites. *Gabriel's Oboe*, *Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2* second movement ('All by myself' bringing some sentimentality into the proceedings). Finish off the service with *Blue Boat Home*. As Last Hurrah, *Always look on the bright side of life!!!*

CHRISTINE MASON

DUTIES ROSTER

Please make a note in your diaries for your scheduled rosters. If you are **unable** to take your turn on the rostered date, please contact another person on the same roster and arrange to interchange dates.

	GREETER	WARDEN	COFFEE & TEA	FLOWERS	SOUND SYS	TECH
SEP 25	E Guess	J Warner	J Hall & M Chase	M Madden	R Mayo	G Shillabeer
OCT 02	R Mayo	C Mason	M Chase & R Mayo	M Lambert	R Mayo	R Mayo
OCT 09	C Mason	R Mayo	S Schultheis & J Warner	J Brummitt	J Eaton	J Eaton
OCT 16	E Guess	C Mason	M Chase & R Mayo	J Heylen	R Mayo	R Mayo
OCT 23	R Mayo	J Warner	J Hall & R Mayo	Church flowers	R Mayo	G Shillabeer
OCT 30	C Mason	R Mayo	E Guess & S Schultheis	M Madden	J Eaton	J Eaton
NOV 06	Shady Grove Joint Service					
NOV 13	E Guess	R Mayo	S Schultheis & J Warner	J Brummitt	J Eaton	J Eaton
NOV 20	R Mayo	C Mason	M Chase & R Mayo	J Heylen	R Mayo	R Mayo
NOV 27	C Mason	J Warner	E Guess & J Hall	Church flowers	R Mayo	G Shillabeer
DEC 04	C Lykos	R Mayo	R Mayo & M Chase	M Lambert	J Eaton	J Eaton



A wonderful musical treat with jazz singing by David Cole when he joined Brendan Moyse and Grant Shillabeer during an August service. Great to have you back, David

MISSED A SERVICE?

Most Norwood services are available for listening on this link to our [‘Expanding Horizons’](#) podcast.

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