

# Thanksgiving Calendar

## Uniting Church SA

### 2009



We seek to be an innovative,  
growing church proclaiming  
Jesus Christ, empowered by the  
Spirit to transform God's world.

# From little things big things grow

This calendar is a celebration of the rich and diverse ministry of the Uniting Church in South Australia.

It paints a vivid picture of individuals, congregations and agencies in action.

It demonstrates how all the little things that we do make a big difference in our community. This calendar is our way of saying "thank you" for your offering and reminding you of some of the valuable ministry that you support through the Mission and Service Fund.

Every congregation has a unique ministry and mission. Together, we touch the lives of thousands of South Australians through local programs, worship services, pastoral care and community services.

As we travel the State, we are encouraged by the stories of faith and the signs of the Spirit everywhere.

We hope that as you look at this calendar throughout the year, you will be encouraged and inspired to continue to serve the world for the sake of Christ.



*Rev Rod Dyson*



*Rev Dr Graham Humphris*



## Strategic Plan Key Directions

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**Rev Rod Dyson**  
Moderator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Graham Humphris'.

**Rev Dr Graham Humphris**  
CEO / General Secretary



## Every dollar makes a difference

Every dollar you give to the Uniting Church makes a vital contribution to the ministry of the Uniting Church in SA and beyond.

While most of our offering funds ministry through our congregation and outreach into our local community, nine percent comes to the Mission and Service Fund (MSF).

The Fund is exactly what its name suggests - a fund that supports the mission and service of the Uniting Church.

In 2009, congregations will contribute over \$1 million to the MSF. Your generosity supports every facet of the church's ministry from training future ministers and leaders, to supporting UnitingCare in its oversight of our community services.

The stories in this calendar are just a glimpse of our church in action.

Your contribution, together with income from investments, and money raised by the Presbytery and Synod ministry centres, adds up to a \$9.3 million ministry.

Thank you for the part you play in investing in our ministry.

Together, we are making a difference to the lives of thousands of South Australians as we share the love of Christ.

If you would like to know more about how you can support the Uniting Church through your offering, donations or leaving a bequest please phone 8236 4234.

## Budgeted Income 2009

### Mission and Service Fund

Contributions from congregations	1,150,000
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### Income from Investments

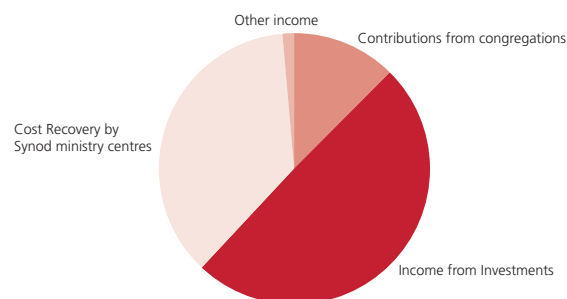
Epworth South Australia Inc	400,000
Investment income	1,065,000
Parkin Mission grant	1,140,000
UC Invest grant	1,200,000
UC Insurance Services grant	809,246
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### Cost Recovery by Presbytery and Synod ministry centres

Communications and Public Relations	133,138
Educational Ministries	1,419,366
Mission Resourcing Network	614,154
Resources Board	779,531
Secretariat	81,359
Pastoral Relations	306,622
UnitingCare Commission	55,874
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<b>Other Income</b>	<b>132,332</b>
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,286,622</b>
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## Budgeted Expense 2009

<b>Congregations - grant in aid</b>	<b>130,000</b>
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### Synod Ministry Centres

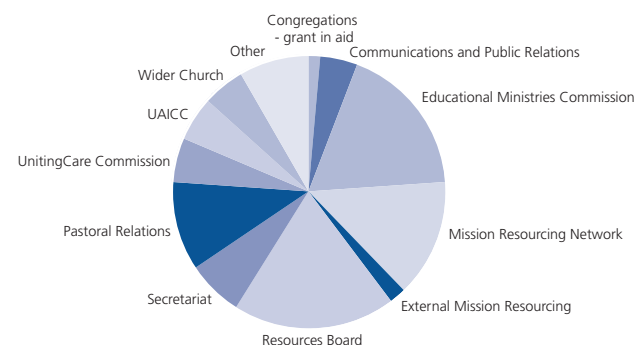
Communications and Public Relations	445,836
Educational Ministries	1,736,126
Mission Resourcing Network	1,347,279
Mission Resourcing Centres	186,344
Resources Board	1,884,732
Secretariat	633,951
Pastoral Relations	1,015,794
UnitingCare Commission	514,907
Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress (UAICC)	508,829
	<hr/> 8,273,798

<b>Wider Church</b> (Assembly & ecumenical support)	<b>489,542</b>
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<b>Other</b> (rent, depreciation, interest, insurance)	<b>815,614</b>
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>9,708,954</b>
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<b>Operating Deficit for the year</b>	<b>- 422,332</b>
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*This report is a summary of the anticipated budget for 2009. Further information and audited financial reports are available from the Uniting Church SA's Financial Services department.*



For the past two years, Murray Hills and Plains minister Rev Rod Mann has “blessed” the Tour Down Under stage between Mannum and Strathalbyn.

Organisers asked Rod to convey a sense of the sacred to the race which attracts some of the world’s elite riders.

Rod admits it was a nerve-racking experience standing before a mass of international cyclists who were rearing to race.

It is a great example of the church building bridges with the community.

**Thank you. Your offering enables the Mission and Service Fund to help the Uniting Church to promote the Christian message and increase its profile in the community.**

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Rev Rod Mann talks with  
cycling enthusiast, Paul Barnett.  
*Photo: Shannon Short*



# Blessed are the bike riders

# January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 <i>NCYC begins</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>NCYC ends</i>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Tour Down Under begins</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>Tour Down Under ends</i>	26 <i>Australia Day Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	27 <i>Term 1 begins (SA)</i>	28	29	30	31

## February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

### January 4 Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:(1-9),10-18

### January 11 Baptism of Jesus

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

### January 18 Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)  
Psalm 139:1-6,13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

### January 25 Epiphany 3

John 3:1-5,10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20



The *Big Year Out* is a Christian journey of discovery for young people. The initiative of Parkin-Wesley Theological College commenced in 2008.

The non-academic program is designed to give 18 – 30 year olds the opportunity to unpack their faith and explore where God might be leading them.

"It is transformational" says participant, Peter Grant.

Peter and Ellen Mitchell spent an eight week placement with Disabilities Ministry Chaplain, Trevor Whitney. A highlight was joining Minda's choir, the Tutti Ensemble.

"We've been greeted with open arms and unconditional love."

"The Big Year Out has stretched me and broken open many possibilities for my future," adds Ellen.

**Thank you. Your offering helps Parkin-Wesley College to train and equip people for ministry.**

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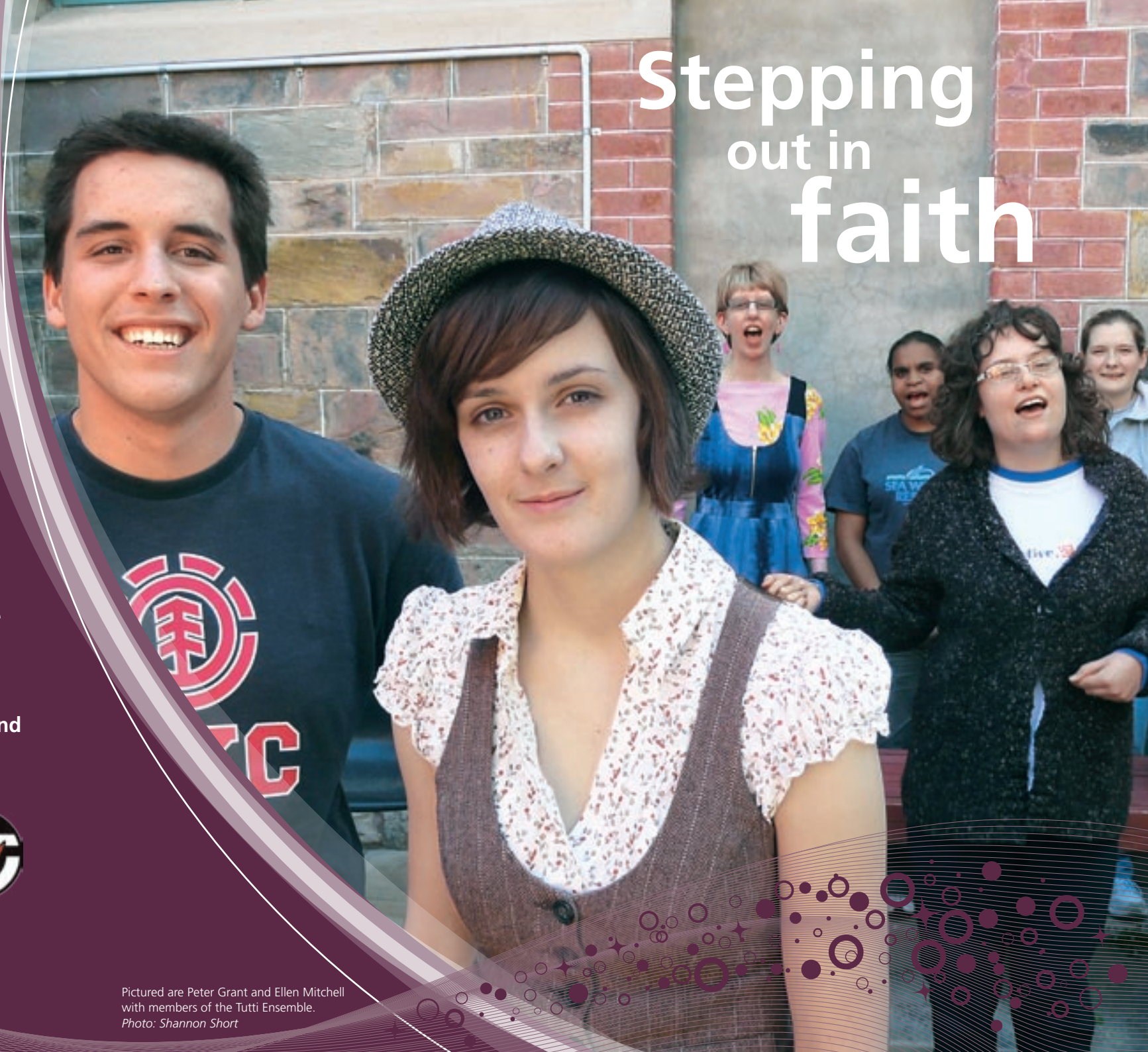
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Pictured are Peter Grant and Ellen Mitchell  
with members of the Tutti Ensemble.  
Photo: Shannon Short

# Stepping out in faith



# February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Carnevale

UnitingCare's  
National Pancake Day

Ash Wednesday  
Mission and Service Fund  
contributions due

Adelaide Fringe begins

Valentine's Day  
Carnevale

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 1  
**Epiphany 4**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

February 8  
**Epiphany 5**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11,20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

February 15  
**Epiphany 6**

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

February 22  
**Transfiguration**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9



Our church has a grand vision: to be an *innovative growing church, proclaiming Jesus Christ, empowered by the Spirit to transform God's world.*

The Uniting Church SA Strategic Plan breathes life into that vision.

The plan sets six priorities for the future - conversion growth, raising leaders, growing disciples, developing new models of church, raising our profile and championing justice.

These key directions are shaping the mission and ministry of the Presbytery and Synod.

Congregations and agencies are invited to actively engage with the plan.

"We hope it will complement ministry that is already happening and sharpen the focus of new initiatives," explains Rev Dr Graham Humphris, CEO / General Secretary of the Uniting Church SA.

**Thanks. Your offering is shaping our church's ministry into the future.**

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Rev Russell Knight, the Strategic Plan's Project Officer, with Rev Dr Graham Humphris.  
Photo: Jill Freear

# Casting our vision





# March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  <i>Clean Up Australia Day First Sunday in Lent</i>	2	3	4	5	6  <i>WOMADelaide begins World Day of Prayer</i>	7
8  <i>WOMADelaide ends</i>	9  <i>Adelaide Cup</i>	10	11	12	13	14  <i>KCO</i>
15  <i>KCO</i>	16	17	18	19  <i>Clipsal 500 begins</i>	20	21  <i>Harmony Day</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- March 1**  
**Lent 1**

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15
- March 8**  
**Lent 2**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38
- March 15**  
**Lent 3**

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22
- March 22**  
**Lent 4**

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21
- March 29**  
**Lent 5**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

Easter provides an opportunity for congregations to share Christ's message of hope and new life in their own unique way. And what could be more unique than preaching from a boat?

Last year, Rev Carol Chambers delivered her Easter Sunday message from a fishing boat on Lake Bonney.

It was a reminder of the occasion when Jesus taught the crowds from a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee.

The 7am lakeside service drew nearly a hundred people. It is an annual event organised by the Berri Barmera Ministers Association.

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# Preaching the good news



Rev Carol Chambers with Easter 'fishermen' Matt Barry and Ron Harris on Lake Bonney in Barmera.  
*Photo: David Badger*



# April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5  <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Savings ends</i>	6	7  <i>World Health Day</i>	8	9  <i>Term 1 ends (SA)</i> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	10  <i>Good Friday</i>	11
12  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	13  <i>Easter Monday</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27  <i>Term 2 begins (SA)</i> <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	28	29	30		<i>Anzac Day</i>

## May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### April 5 Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or  
15:1-39,(40-47)  
Palm Sunday  
Mark 11:1-11 or  
John 12:12-16

### April 10 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or  
4:14-16, 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

### April 12 Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or  
Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or  
Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or  
Mark 16:1-8

### April 19 Easter 2

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

### April 26 Easter 3

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

Rev Dr Geoff Scott and his wife, Suzanne, are settling into their new home at Magill.

They've moved into one of 30 independent living units built by Clayton Church Homes in late 2008.

The development also includes a 95 bed low-care facility.

The \$28 million project on the former Hectorville Primary School site was largely financed through a UC Invest loan.

This project is an example of UC Invest's commitment to partnering with the Uniting Church community.

**Thank you. By investing with UC Invest – you can help our church grow its ministry and outreach.**

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# A unique partnership



Geoff and Suzanne Scott at their new home in Magill.  
Photo: Shannon Short



# May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31  <i>Pentecost Reconciliation Sunday</i>					1	2
3  <i>Frontier Services Sunday</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10  <i>Mother's Day</i>	11  <i>National Volunteers Week begins</i>	12	13	14	15  <i>Grow and Go begins</i>	16  <i>World Fair Trade Day</i>
17  <i>Grow and Go ends</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	25	26	27  <i>National Reconciliation Week begins</i>	28  <i>Out of the Valley begins</i>	29	30  <i>Out of the Valley ends</i>

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

- May 3**  
**Easter 4**

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18
- May 10**  
**Easter 5**

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8
- May 17**  
**Easter 6**

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17
- May 24**  
**Easter 7**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19
- May 31**  
**Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21 or  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27 or  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Ministry at Greenock in the Barossa Valley has taken a new direction.

In August 2007, the small congregation closed its doors for Sunday worship. Far from being the end of ministry, the closure has sparked a new focus on outreach into the community.

Now known as *Connections*, the church is the centre for a range of community programs including a weekly café and a Care, Share and Prayer group.

"As our name suggests, it is all about making connections. We're now having contact with more people than we ever did before," says Rose Hegarty.

**Thanks for donating to the Mission and Service Fund. Your generosity helps the Mission Resourcing Network (MRN) and their rural ministry team.**

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Rose Hegarty with her children,  
Will and Maddie.  
Photo: Shannon Short

# Making Connections





# June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Queen's Birthday / SA Volunteer's Day</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>World Environment Day</i>	13
14 <i>Refugee Week begins</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>World Refugee Day</i>
21	22 <i>Uniting Church Anniversary</i>	23	24	25 <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	26 <i>Presbytery and Synod meeting</i>	27 <i>Presbytery and Synod meeting</i>
28	29	30				

## July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### June 7

#### Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

### June 14

#### Pentecost 2

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
(11-13) 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

### June 21

#### Pentecost 3

1 Samuel 17:  
(1a,4-11, 19-23),32-49 or  
1 Samuel  
17:57-18:5,10-16  
Psalm 9:9-20 or  
Psalm 133  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

### June 22

#### UCA Anniversary

2 Chronicles 30:1-9  
Psalm 127  
Ephesians 2:19-22  
John 17:1-11

### June 28

#### Pentecost 4

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

Brougham Place Uniting Church is home to Adelaide's only school for Bari-speaking Sudanese people.

Sukulu Na Bari is a joint initiative of the Kuku Community Association, the Bari Welfare Association and the congregation.

The fortnightly program includes classes in reading and writing, as well as story-telling to pass on the oral history of the community.

Brougham Place is one of over 20 Uniting Church congregations offering significant and ongoing support to refugees. Together with the MRN's Centre for Refugees, the Uniting Church is committed to helping refugees make a fresh start.

**You can help the Uniting Foundation to support cutting-edge projects like Sukulu Na Bari by making a donation or leaving a bequest.**

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Participants take part in a class at Sukulu Na Bari.  
Photo: Amy Brookman

# Making a fresh start





# July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
NAIDOC week begins					Term 2 ends (SA)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Assembly begins			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Term 3 begins (SA)	Assembly ends				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Mission and Service Fund contributions due					

## August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

### July 5 Pentecost 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

### July 12 Pentecost 6

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### July 19 Pentecost 7

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 26 Pentecost 8

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

CitySoul is one of the Uniting Church's newest congregations. They meet on Wednesday nights in an art-deco building above a live music venue on Waymouth Street.

Setting up a new church isn't easy. The project is one of 15 congregations to receive assistance from the Synod's congregational book keeping unit.

"It leaves us free to focus on our passion for connecting with young adults in the inner-city," explains Nathan Vawser.

CitySoul has also received financial support from the Uniting Foundation and the Presbytery and Synod as part of the Uniting Church's commitment to supporting fresh expressions of ministry.

**Thank you. Your offering enables the Resources team to provide quality property, financial, insurance and investment support.**

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CitySoul's Nathan Vawser chats with the Congregational Bookkeeping Unit's Karen Reed.  
Photo: Amy Brookman

# Finding your “soul”





# August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Mission and Service Fund contributions due	Migrant and Refugee Sunday			

## September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

### August 2 Pentecost 9

2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-035

### August 9 Pentecost 10

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25–5:2  
John 6:35,41-51

### August 16 Pentecost 11

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### August 23 Pentecost 12

1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11),  
22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### August 30 Pentecost 13

Song 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2,6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

Early teenage years can be a time of great transition. SAYCO provides a safe place for young people to ask questions and explore their faith.

SAYCO – the Uniting Church’s South Australian Youth Camp Out – is an annual camp for 12 – 15 year olds.

Held on the October long weekend, the event attracts over 400 campers.

The combination of a challenging guest speaker, great music and an action-packed program ensures that campers have a great time.

The event is designed to give teenagers the opportunity to deepen relationships with each other and with God.

**Thanks. When you give to the Mission and Service Fund you’re helping young people to grow in faith.**

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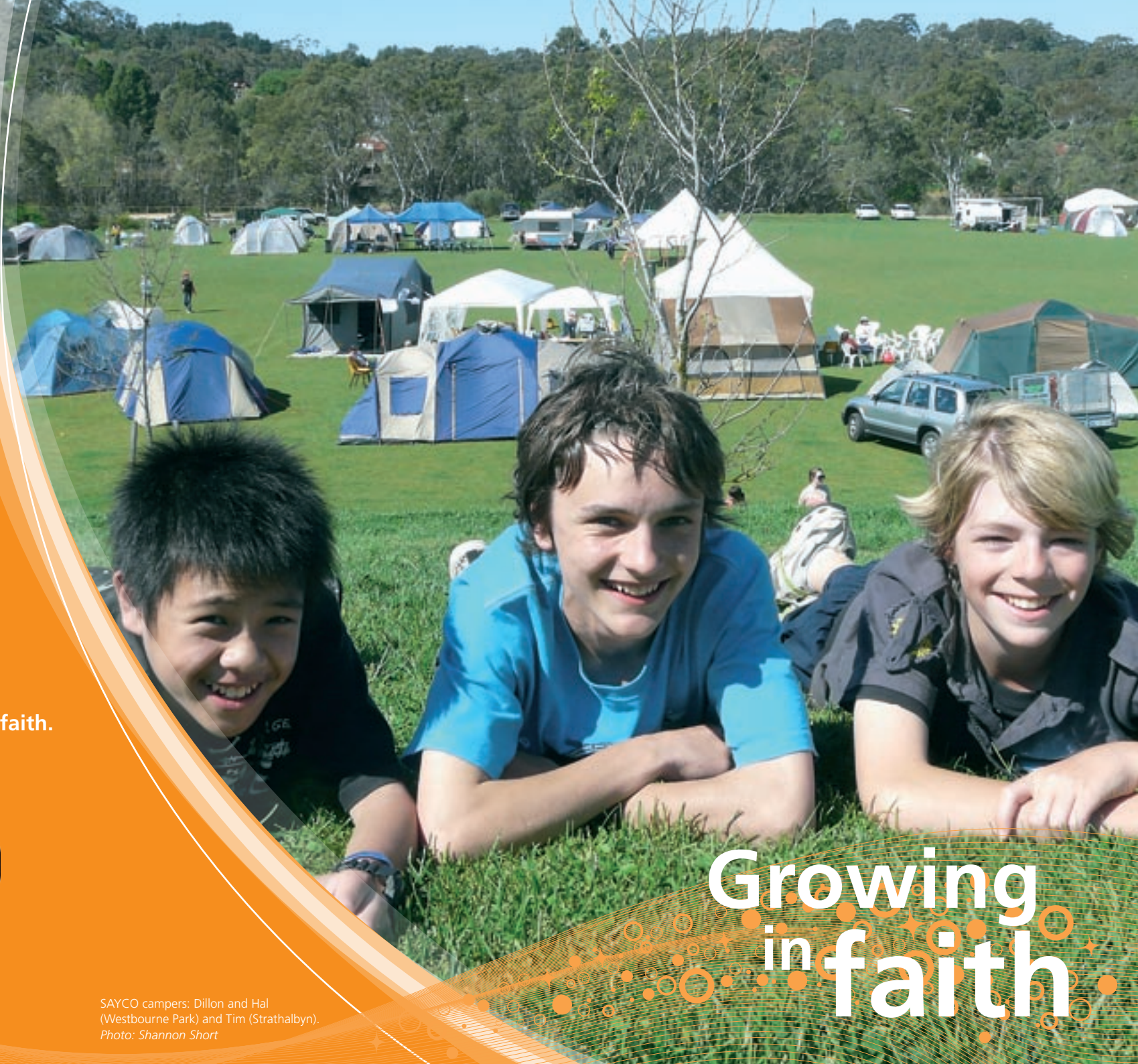
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SAYCO campers: Dillon and Hal  
(Westbourne Park) and Tim (Strathalbyn).  
Photo: Shannon Short

# Growing in faith





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Father's Day		World Literacy Day			Royal Show and Red Dove Café begins	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	International Day of Peace				Term 3 ends (SA) Mission and Service Fund contributions due	
27	28	29	30			
Social Justice Sunday						

October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**September 6**  
**Pentecost 14**

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10, (11-13),14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

**September 13**  
**Pentecost 15**

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

**September 20**  
**Pentecost 16**

Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13 – 4:3,7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

**September 27**  
**Pentecost 17**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10;9:20-22  
Psalm 124  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

Billed as a "big day out for babies," *Playgroup in the Park* attracts more than 3,000 people.

An initiative of Uniting Church playgroups in the Western Suburbs, the event has broad community support.

On October 23, families will gather again on the Semaphore foreshore for free food, entertainment and hands-on play experiences for children. It is the fourth time the event has been held during Children's Week.

The Uniting Church has over 45 playgroups, many providing a key strategy for helping congregations to connect with local families in their community.

**Thank you. Your offering helps the Mission Resourcing Network to support playgroups and children's ministry throughout the State.**

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A young child from Church of the Trinity's playgroup.  
Photo: Luke Roberts

# Nurturing our children





# October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 <i>SAYCO begins</i>
4 <i>Daylight Savings begins Mental Health Week begins</i>	5 <i>SAYCO ends Labour Day</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Term 4 begins (SA)</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Playgroup in the Park Children's Week begins</i>	24
25	26 <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	27	28	29 <i>Presbytery and Synod Meeting begins</i>	30	31

## November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

### October 4 Pentecost 18

Job 1:1;2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

### October 11 Pentecost 19

Job 23:1-9,16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

### October 18 Pentecost 20

Job 38:1-7,(34-41)  
Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

### October 25 Pentecost 21

Job 42:1-6,10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22)  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

The lead up to Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year for UnitingCare. It's a peak period for emergency relief and a time when our agencies are keen to receive donations of cash, food and toys.

UCare at Gawler is a great example of the church in action. They provide emergency relief to over 4,000 people a year. They also provide financial and personal counselling and a breakfast program to three local schools.

Demand is so great, that UCare Gawler has worked with the Kapunda Uniting Church to establish a new service in the region – UnitingCare Kapunda.

**Thank you for supporting the Mission and Service Fund.**  
**You help UnitingCare SA as it supports all of our 18 agencies.**

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UCare's Jenny Staehr with food  
for emergency relief.  
Photo: Shannon Short

# Making a difference





# November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  <i>Presbytery and Synod Meeting ends All Saints Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8  <i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	9	10	11  <i>Remembrance Day</i>	12	13	14  <i>Christmas Pageant</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25  <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	26	27	28
29  <i>Advent Sunday</i>	30					

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**November 1**  
**All Saints Day**

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 24  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44  
**Pentecost 22**  
Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

**November 8**  
**Pentecost 23**

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

**November 15**  
**Pentecost 24**

1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

**November 22**  
**Christ the King/  
Reign of Christ**

2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

**November 29**  
**First Sunday  
of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
I Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

It's easy to see why David Wright brings a smile to the faces of the people he meets.

David is a Community Minister with the Mobile Aboriginal Patrol – a partnership between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and Frontier Services.

His "congregation" stretches through the Flinders Ranges and along the Oodnadatta track to the Northern Territory border.

David's role includes visiting isolated communities and supporting the growing congregation at Oodnadatta - not to mention spreading some Christmas cheer in the festive season.

**Thanks for donating to Mission and Service Fund. Your offering plays a vital role supporting ministry with Indigenous Australians.**

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# Spreading Christmas Cheer

David Wright with Gabby (left)  
and Cheyanne (right).  
Photo: Shannon Short





# December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>World Aids Day</i>	2	3 <i>International Day of People with a Disability</i>	4	5 <i>International Volunteers Day</i>
6	7	8	9	10 <i>International Human Rights Day</i>	11 <i>Term 4 ends (SA)</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26
27	28 <i>Proclamation Day</i>	29 <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	30	31		

## January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4 or  
Baruch 5:1-9  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

### December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

### December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55 or  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

### December 25 Nativity of the Lord (Proper I)

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

### December 27 First Sunday after Christmas Day

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

The *Coalition of Understanding* was the dream of artist and photographer, Andrew Baines.

"Every night, when my young daughters and I watch the 6pm news, we are bombarded with images of global tragedies, often caused by religious intolerance," explains Andrew.

Inspired by his daughters, Andrew decided to create an alternative image.

He brought together leaders from many faiths and cultures to create a human sculpture. Participants lined the coast at Tennyson beach at dawn.

Andrew hopes that his photograph will send out a message of unity and hope.

# Building unity and hope



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