

NORTHERN CHURCHES OF CHRIST NEWS – NOV 2016



Matt Thomas (Modbury) Phillip Marshall (Owen) Doug Shultz (Williamstown) Sonny Pillay (Loxton) David Gee (Kersbrook), Doug Walladge (Salisbury East), Scott Combridge (Hewett), Paul Pinci (Modbury) and Lindsay Mayes (Elizabeth not pictured).

Nine northern Churches of Christ Pastors gathered at Modbury for a great meal together recently to enjoy fellowship and prayer together. We meet bi-monthly throughout the year at each other's church locations. Paul and Matt were excited to share about two baptisms coming up at Modbury next weekend – praise God!

Phillip shared with us about his involvement with the upcoming memorials for the Pinery fires. He has had extra hours all year attending to those affected by that tragedy which finish in December.

We were all saddened to acknowledge that this was Doug Schultz's final gathering with us as he and Mavis move to the Adelaide Hills area at the end of the year – God's blessings Doug!

Sonny continues to enjoy their new grandson Abraham, and has had a prolonged break from ministry at Loxton this year due to health reasons.

David mentioned a funeral he had conducted recently at Kersbrook. Doug Walladge told us they had some new people attending recently which was a cause of celebration for Salisbury East.

Scott Combridge explained how he had taught through the Book of Hebrews at Hewett during 2016. Scott also mentioned how an intern named Heather Restall is starting at Hewett as part of the team there.

Lindsay from Elizabeth shared about their upcoming Christmas outreach, partnering with a new member who passionately decorates his house with thousands of Christmas lights, and team singing carols at different places. Lindsay is conducting a wedding for a South Sudanese couple on December 18 - it promises to be a colourful event! Unfortunately Brent Rutland couldn't attend due to an upsetting break in at his home earlier that morning, and Ben Rowe was attending the seminar on outreach at State Office with the Ugly Duckling Company. Ben has recently begun a new community outreach at the Elizabeth Shopping Centre, with a very positive and warm response from the Centre Management.

Lindsay also gave a brief report on the Upside Down Circus, which connected with around 3000 people from across northern Adelaide and involved 190 volunteers from 20 different churches!

Following our meeting I phoned both Carl Haasbroek at Balaklava and also Graham Borgan at Kadina. Carl sent some photos of the church's now completed street front Op Shop and Church Office – you can see they came up wonderfully – well done to Carl and the Balaklava Church!





Graham sadly has recently conducted three funerals close together which has been demanding. He is heading to Melbourne next week to graduate from Stirling College with his Master of Theological Studies – congratulations from all of us Graham!

We closed with prayer for each other and our churches, especially Doug as he finishes up, and agreed to meet next in February next year.