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**RIVERINA**

**Discipleship and Education Committee**

Removing the stops and roadblocks to learning.  
Like a roundabout, D&E strives to allow for the continuous journey forward in your faith through engagement and learning.



**FUNERAL WORKSHOP**

**29th June 2024**

**Lockhart Uniting Church**

**10.00am - 2.30pm**

**Light lunch provided**

**RSVP BY 21ST JUNE**

Join members of the D&E committee as we share Funeral resources and answer questions about leading a funeral service - from meeting the family, interacting with Funeral Directors to preparing a meaningful service.

Let us support you to give you the confidence to lead funerals in your own congregation.

**Please register with Jenny Whitlock**

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**Pentecost**

**Spirit of Expectation**

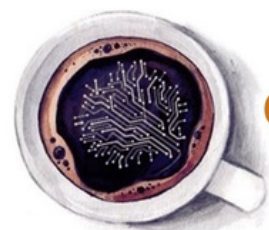
Join the Saltbush team following Pentecost as we sit with readings for the week in times of music, prayer, and conversation exploring faith and life together.

Wednesday evenings starting 7:30pm 29th. May

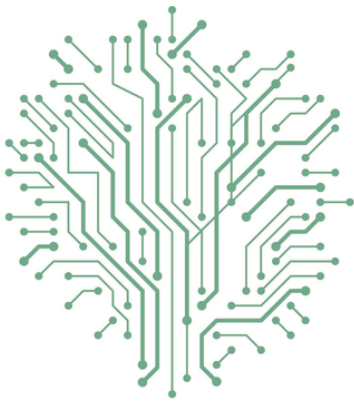
(Then 5th. 12th. 19th. June).

The Zoom ID is 964 9314 8099 or Right Click on the click coffee cup below

**Saltbush**



**Café!**



# Saltbush Gathering

**Dubbo**  
**June 29th**  
**9am - 4pm**

Please register here:

Our Saltbush Gatherings are not meetings, but a way of participating in the wider church beyond meetings so I'm wondering if you feel you could let the congregations know within your Presbytery.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/saltbush-scattered-community-gathering-dubbo-tickets-868758749807?aff=oddtcreator>

*Save the Date* Next saltbush Regional Meeting  
7th september @ coleambally



## **SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOP** **FACE TO FACE**

**GRIFFITH 15th June 2024**

**Please contact D & E Committee Secretary  
Jen Whitlock email: [jandbw@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jandbw@bigpond.net.au)  
to register and get more information.**

**Church Councils please check the Safe Church section of the Synod website to ensure you are meeting all Government requirements.**

**REMINDER**

**All  
congregations**

**PLEASE FOLLOW UP  
THE JENNY DUCKER  
REPORT!**



**SRE**  
*Teacher training*

Support for SRE Teachers and links to self guided training available via the below links

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/support-services/special-religious-education-sre/>

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/support-services/special-religious-education-sre/sre-teacher-training/>

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Jenny is a Lay Preacher/Presider, leader of the Church, and dedicated community leader. Jenny has been conducting funerals both in the Uniting Church as well as in the community.

From her role as a trusted Community Health Sister to her tireless efforts in supporting families through Can-Assist and providing pastoral care to those in need, Jennifer’s contributions have left an indelible mark on the lives of many. Her compassion and commitment to community health have earned her the admiration and gratitude of countless families throughout the region.

In the last couple of years, Jennifer has started to collaborate ecumenically with other denominations in Hillston and led a Worship in the Park service. This event is attended by up to 80 people once a month, which includes lots of families, many who are not part of any church community.

“Jennifer is an amazing community contributor and the Murray is lucky to have her,” said Helen Dalton in her presentation. “Beyond her professional roles, Jennifer has been a beacon of hope and support for the wider community when the local Uniting Church faced challenges securing a minister, Jennifer took it upon herself to bring the church to the people, fostering a sense of unity and community spirit.

“Jennifer’s dedication extends to providing end-of-life support and compassionate care to families during difficult times. She has personally overseen hundreds of funerals, ensuring that each service is conducted with the utmost dignity and respect, while also raising funds for those in need.”

*Pictured above: Helen Dalton MP presenting Woman of the Year award to Jennifer Rose*

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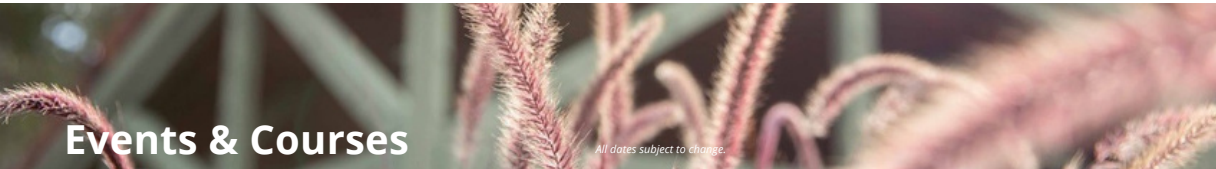
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# 2024 Calendar

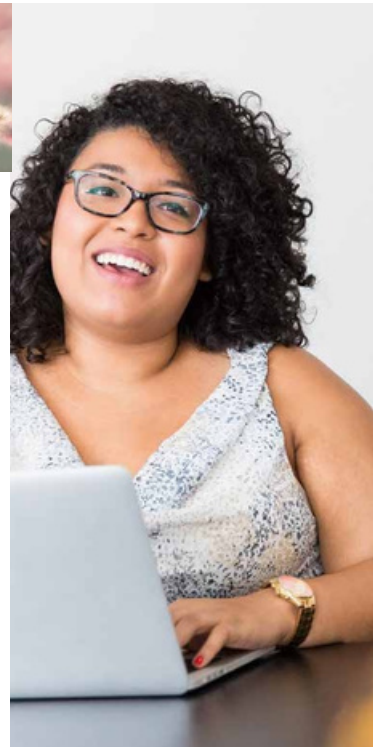
JANUARY	
14-18	XIV International Bonhoeffer Congress <i>Crisis and Hope: Reading Bonhoeffer for Today</i>
18-20	Discernment Retreat
FEBRUARY	
1-2	Pulse   Leadership Development
2-4	Pulse   Retreat Yourself 2024
7-8	Presiding at Weddings
12	UTC   Opening Service, Inaugural Lecture, New Student Orientation
17	Missional Leadership Hub Day
19-22	UTC   Uniting Church Studies Intensive Course (Audit only)
21 Feb-7 Mar	Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry - Congregation
22	Ethical Ministry Refresher   Train the Facilitator
23	UTC   Higher Degree Research Colloquium
24 Feb & 2 Mar	Living Our Values (LOF1)
27 Feb-16 Apr	Living Our Faith   Exploring Theology (LOF3)
MARCH	
1-3	Pulse   Amplify Conference Hub
5-6	UTC   Extensive - Professional Supervision 1 (MINS03)   Part 1 of 3
6-27	Saltbush   Lenten Conversations
13	Mission Engagement   Church Planting Expression of Interest Day
14	Phase 3 of Ministry   Early-stage In-service Training
20	Ethical Ministry Refresher   Topic 2024A
22	UTC   Higher Degree Research Colloquium
APRIL	
2-3	UTC   Extensive - Professional Supervision 1 (MINS03)   Part 2 of 3
3	Intentional Interim Ministry (IIM) Presbytery Engagement Day
4-6	UTC   Talanoa Oceania 2024 - Indigeneity: Belongings & Subversions

APRIL	
8-9	Coaching Techniques for Ministry Development
12-14	Pulse   Kids Camp Out   Sydney
18	Ethical Ministry Refresher   Topic 2024A
20 & 27	Living Our Faith   Leading Worship in the UCA (LOF2)
26	UTC   Higher Degree Research Colloquium
MAY	
4	Phase 1 of Ministry Engagement Day
7-8	UTC   Extensive - Professional Supervision 1 (MINS03)   Part 3 of 3
7-21	Presiding at the Sacraments
May-31 June	Living Our Faith   Exploring the Old Testament (LOF4)
15	Ethical Ministry Refresher   Topic 2024A
16-30	Synod Mentor Training
23	Supervision   Professional Development Day 1 of 2
24	UTC   Higher Degree Research Colloquium
JUNE	
1	3-6 Presiding at the Sacraments   Refresher Session
11-25	Women in Ministry Retreat (for Ordained women)
21-26	Living Our Values (LOF1)
21-25	UTC   Higher Degree Research Colloquium
	Cross-cultural Blessing Day
JULY	
1-5	UTC   Intensive - Cross-cultural Ministry in Australia (THL230/THL486)
8-9	UTC   The UCA Constitution Preamble & First Peoples Conference
11-16	17th National Assembly Meeting   Hosted by NSW & ACT Synod [AM]
16-17	UTC   Extensive - Professional Supervision 2 (MINS25)   Part 1 of 3
19-24	UTC   Higher Degree Research Colloquium
25	Ethical Ministry Foundation
25-29	Living Our Faith   Exploring the New Testament (LOF5)

**More Information**  
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AUGUST	
1-3	Discernment Retreat
13-14	UTC   Extensive - Professional Supervision 2 (MINS25)   Part 2 of 3
23	UTC   Higher Degree Research Colloquium
28	Ethical Ministry Refresher   Topic 2024B
SEPTEMBER	
4-11	UTC   May Macleod Lecture [U]
13	Soul Care Conference [M]
17-	UTC   Extensive - Professional Supervision 2 (MINS25)   Part 3 of 3
18	Presiding at the Sacraments
19 Sep-3 Oct	Living Our Faith   Leading Worship in the UCA (LOF2)
24 Sep-8 Oct	UTC   Higher Degree Research Colloquium
30 Sep-3 Oct	Pulse   Uniting Youth Camp
OCTOBER	
10	10 Ethical Ministry Refresher   Topic 2024B
Oct - 28 Nov	Living Our Faith   Proclaiming Jesus Christ (LOF6)
15-29	Synod Mentor Training
23-25	Presiding at Funerals
24	Supervision   Professional Development Day 2 of 2
28	Pulse   Emerging Gen Resourcing Day
NOVEMBER	
6	9 & Ethical Ministry Refresher   Topic 2024B
16	13 Living Our Values (LOF1)
-	21 Ethical Ministry Foundation   4-session Program
29	UTC   Higher Degree Research Colloquium
DECEMBER	
2	Living Our Faith   Lay Preachers Code of Ethics Workshop



- Discernment pathways for those in ministry or discerning a call
- Ideal education or event opportunity for current or future lay preachers
- Ideal for further Ministerial professional development
- United Theological College (UTC) related content and study
- Formation pathways study or learning
- Learning opportunities for church and congregation community members
- Youth program or Pulse program events
- 17th National Assembly Meeting



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## Jesus Within Islam

Why is there such a history of conflict between Christians and Muslims when there is only honor, love, and veneration for Jesus in Islam?

The recent tragic incident involving the stabbing of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel by a 16-year-old Muslim youth in Wakeley, NSW, underscores the urgent need for us to embrace the message of "the Prince of Peace" and work towards fostering harmony amidst growing tensions.

This workshop aims to explore the various interpretations of Jesus in the Qur'an, the Hadith, and within Muslim devotion, offering an opportunity to gain insight from the shared admiration for the revered prophet, who holds significance for both our faith communities.

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/jesus-within-islam/>



DATE: Thursday 25 July  
 TIME: 6.30pm - 8.30pm  
 LOCATION: Online via Zoom  
 COST: Free Registration