

Around our churches.

HopeNet Conference August 18-19 at Clare. "The name of the Lord Jesus was extolled" Acts 19.17 The theme has arisen out of an expressed need among HopeNet congregations for encouragement and leadership from the Network on issues confronting us all. The Conference will strengthen HopeNet congregations with God's Word, to keep watch over our people as true shepherds amidst an opposing culture of secularism and compromise. Details coming separately. Hoping for all our congregations to be represented.

Farming report last week. This weeks rains thankfully may have helped in regions. : Gordon Stopp, Keith, One Church reports crops are holding on, some looking quite reasonable. Stuart Everett, Crystal Brook reports crops are holding on, a light rain keeps them going results are patchy.



Andrew Story, Driver River says Wheat prices up to \$300 a ton gives an idea of expectation. Beans and lentils will be hit. But the church is watching out to see no one 'falls through the gap', where there may be crop failures and "we will come together and keep talking. . . This is the main thing, to keep moving in our faith". Only 7ml for month of rain in June. "Yeelanna just brown never seen it like that!". Andrew also commented that farming alone is inadequate to "cater for our inner soul."

Maybe we in the city can be more aware of our country family and think again as we hope for fine and sunny weekends! *Pic: Dry sowing Driver River*



Travelling to KI, don't go past Malcolm Boxall's (Kingscote UC HopeNet) creation expo front garden museum constructed from fossil remains discovered on the island.

CoroUC HopeNet members, Ian and Glenys Murdoch have reminded us of

an important petition on marriage [here](#). Those who know and understand the gift of marriage and care for our society will stand for that which is still a part of the Gospels influence on our nation. Keep signing, writing, making your values known to legislators.

Don't give up . Don't fall for the nominal 'its inevitable' and fall into passivity. We are at a critical moment in history .

Cathy Marzahn also with Coro UC working with Genesis Pregnancy Support is now holding Post Abortion Grief Healing Retreat weekends, one this weekend and another coming up in September. Details on GPS at their [Facebook](#)

Good work to those who I know and doubtless others in HopeNet churches who wrote in on the Advertisers slanderous opinion article against FamilyVoice.

John Skewes of Lighthouse UC HopeNet reports Ecumenical fire at **Port Pirie**. The Catholic church recently had a district assembly & invited all churches to celebrate the Reformation. It was a great day including an Ecumenical service in the Cathedral with all the ministers participating.

And the Anglican church organised 9 days of prayer for all churches to meet for an hour to worship & pray. Walking in couples praying for the schools, businesses, Council, smelters etc, concluding with a worship service in the Anglican Cathedral & celebratory a bonfire .

Significant Events

FamilyVoice's July 22 2017 national tour features top UK religious rights barrister Andrea Williams. She is an informed articulate and inspiring speaker – with a stirring message of encouragement for believers. Don't miss out - [book here](#)

See [Andrea Williams](#) comment on UK election. Also see here courageous address in this [video](#) of General Synod. Though a lawyer not a theologian this is a template of Gospel preaching into the most critical current theological question.

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And out there

The Scottish Episcopal Church recently voted to change its rules on marriage and to redefine marriage so that they can perform same-sex marriages.

The decision was taken by the narrowest of margins. If just one clergyman had changed position then the motion would not have passed. Kelvin Holdsworth, the Provost of St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow stated it starkly "its time

for the church to celebrate what is celebrated in secular society”and in one sentence defined the reason for the churches capitulation to culture and surrender of the Gospel.

Should Christians refrain from speaking the Gospel into society allowing all other ideologies to mount their cases? Penny Wongs address in which she claimed ‘Christians should not impose their views’ (aka should not express their opinion in a freedom of speech democracy) garnered over a thousand comments in the Guardian. The most incisive comment dealing with her remarks might be found [here](#).

And now the AMA has exposed itself at least at leadership level to being anti-Christian. But you can express your view [here](#). However, view inspiring conversion and insights of a gay-activist on this [video and article](#) .

Is safe schools safe? National across Australia tour coming to Adelaide, July 21. [Details](#).

Quotes: *People’s loyalties centered on ‘family, country, church’.. Instead, ‘race, class, and gender’ have emerged among our Western elites as the most important constituents of identity and – bizarrely – as things to champion.*

The attacks on Pell ultimately stem from a loathing of the Church and its moral teachings amongst the left-leaning Victorian political establishment. At the moment it is in government, noisily campaigning for euthanasia and transgender rights and quietly gloating over the possibility of destroying Australia’s best-known Catholic. Michael Cook, Mercator

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