

Pilgrim Anniversary
Sunday 25 June 2017
with a civic service at 11am

* a day to celebrate 180 years since the formation of the two founding congregations;

* to acknowledge 150 years of the 1867 Flinders St building first named as Stow Memorial Church;

* to acknowledge when Pirie St (Methodist) and Stow Memorial (Congregational) became Union Church in the City on Trinity Sunday June 1969;

* to celebrate the inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia on 22 June 1977 when the congregation adopted the name Pilgrim Uniting Church.



Pilgrim Uniting Church... a church in the heart of the city

Pilgrim's vision and mission statement: We are called by God to be a prophetic witness in the city of Adelaide so that new life and vitality are generated in our city and in its people.

22-26 May

Exhibition (as part of SA's History Month)

June

Each Sunday will have a special focus celebrating Pilgrim's history.

9-12 June

The first UCA National History Conference will be hosted by Pilgrim Uniting Church.

We also acknowledge and celebrate the valuable contributions made by members of both Pirie St Methodist and Stow Memorial Congregational Church (and later Pilgrim Uniting Church) to the civic and community life in South Australia.



Pilgrim Uniting Church

12 Flinders St, Adelaide

www.pilgrim.org.au

Contact: Rev Dr Dean Eland

0419 112 603

Pilgrim Uniting Church office

8212 3295, office@pilgrim.org.au



2017

Pilgrim Uniting Church
...acknowledging our history
...celebrating our present
...visioning for the future

'... a great cloud of witnesses'

Hebrews 12:1

In 2017, Pilgrim Uniting Church will celebrate a number of important historical milestones, with a series of special services to be held in June.

June will be a time to explore how Pilgrim Church is a 'community of memory'. In developing a local missional theology for our city context we take a new relationship to the past as we celebrate achievements and acknowledge loss and disappointments. In doing this we recall the gifts and graces given by past members and affirm our present commitment to 'seek the welfare of the city' by contributing to the common good and strengthening civil society.*

*adapted, Sebastian Kim. Theology in the Public Square, P.134

**...seek the welfare of the city
....and pray on its behalf, for in
its welfare you will find your
welfare.'** *Jeremiah 29:7*

4 June 2017

Day of Pentecost: a day to celebrate the city of Adelaide as a place of welcome for people from many tongues and lands.

Combined service 10.30am, including Holy Communion. Preacher: Prof. Andrew Dutney, Principal, Uniting College of Leadership and Theology

11 June 2017

A day to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia

Guest preacher: Stuart McMillan, President, Uniting Church in Australia, who will speak at the 8am, 9.30am and 11am services.

18 June 2017

A day to celebrate the gifts and graces of those who contribute to the common good inspired by past members who for 180 years have set the pattern for us.

Guest preacher: Dr Deidre Palmer, ex-Moderator (SA UCA) and President-elect, Uniting Church in Australia, who will speak at the 8am, 9.30am (HC) & 11am services.

25 June 2017

Pilgrim Anniversary Sunday with a Civic Service at 11am with invited dignitaries.

Guest preacher: Rev. Dr Vicky Balabanski, Director of Biblical Studies, Uniting College.

The 8am and 9.30am services will welcome guest preacher Rev. Dr Brian Phillips, a former minister of the Pirie St Methodist Church, later Union Church in the City (now Pilgrim Church).

Some of the historical events to be acknowledged this year include:

11 May 1837 (180 years ago): The First Wesleyan Society meeting in SA (later, forming the Methodist Church).

October 1837 (180 years ago): The Rev. Thomas Quinton Stow arrived in the newly declared colony of South Australia and began holding services in a marquee. He proceeded to build the first church in South Australia (constructed of pine logs thatched with reeds) on North Terrace. Stow helped form the character of the growing settlement of Adelaide.

19 December 1837 (180 years ago): Congregationalists formed the first fellowship.

November 1840: Stow built a more substantial church in Freeman Street

19 October 1852 (165 years ago): Opening of the Pirie St Methodist building

12 April 1867 (150 years ago): Opening of the Stow Memorial Congregational Church (now Pilgrim Uniting Church)

1 June 1969: Vote for Union Church in the City, which combined Pirie St Methodist Church and Stow Memorial Congregational Church.

22 Oct 1972 (45 years ago): Final services of the Pirie St building.

22 June 1977 (40 years ago): The inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia, and adoption of the name 'Pilgrim' for the combined congregations of the former Stow Memorial Congregational Church and Pirie St Methodist Church.