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MEDIA ALERT

Uniting Church Moderator to visit St David's Haberfield

The Moderator of the Synod of New South Wales Synod and the ACT of the Uniting Church in Australia, the Rev. Niall Reid, will visit St David's Uniting Church Haberfield on Sunday March 29 at 9.30 am, where he will lead 140th Anniversary celebrations.

The Uniting Church is the third largest Christian denomination and one of the largest non-government providers of community services in Australia.

The 140th Anniversary of the opening of St David's church building is an occasion for looking back and looking forward.

One hundred and forty years ago, Haberfield as a suburb did not exist. But Sarah and David Ramsay had seen a vision of the future, so the beautiful sandstone building known now as 'St David's Uniting Church Haberfield' was opened for worship.

Back then it was part of greater Ashfield, surrounded by fields and bush — today it is an iconic structure within modern Haberfield.

The Ramsay vision, which motivated their donation of land and leadership in the establishing of the church, was for a place that would be a centre for the community — a church, school and graveyard. They recognised the importance of community and the spiritual dimension of life.

Today's people of St David's share that same vision.

The Moderator of the Uniting Church in New South Wales and the ACT, the Rev. Niall Reid, will lead us on the day in thinking about the challenge of the future. All are welcome to join us for the church worship celebration, followed by morning tea and informal tours of the grounds.

Date: Sunday March 29

Time: 9.30 am

Place: St David's Uniting Church, 51 Dalhousie St Haberfield

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