

# CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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## UCA Queensland Synod Coronavirus Update

For the latest COVID-19 updates and resources,  
visit the [Synod website](#).

## Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

### Please Pray For:

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, easy solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Christy & Peter Allen & family, for wisdom, discernment, easy solutions to difficult issues & safety as she travels around our Presbytery.
3. Robyn & Gavin Cooley

### Monday Prayer:

Creator God inspire us to be your body working together with you to share your infinite love, your boundless grace & your abundant life for all.  
Moderator Rev Andrew Gunton



## Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting 20-22 Nov

Please start praying who your Presbytery Rep will be our Presbytery Meeting 20-22 Nov in Cairns registrations will be out soon.

Calvary Zone will meet 19<sup>th</sup> Nov before Presb.

You will receive info / rego link this week

### Wednesday 4 November

Good afternoon Church Leaders

Hambledon House Community Centre invites you for a lunchtime meet a greet  
Hosted by: Noel Wason North Queensland Chaplain, Community Services

**When:** Wednesday 4 November commencing at 12.30pm

**Where:** Hambledon House Community Centre 177 Bruce Highway Edmonton

**RSVP:** By Thursday 29 October to [osmondm@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:osmondm@missionaustralia.com.au)

Please advise any special dietary requirements

Program Manager Margaret Osmond: [osmondm@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:osmondm@missionaustralia.com.au)

Hambledon House Community Centre, Mission Australia Phone: 40372874 the heart of the community

While you can't  
control someone's  
negative behavior, you  
can control how long  
you participate in it.

@PeacefulMindPeacefulLife



## Christy's Thoughts

Well... Synod is over. We came, we saw, and we engaged despite dodgy internet, storms, blackouts, and the odd moment or two of boredom. Thanks to everyone who persevered over the weekend, who tried to connect with the business and the small groups, who prayerfully sought to hear the voice of God amidst the decisions and ballots. Thankyou!

It is too early to say what the overall mood post synod will be for all involved but to say it was a mixed bag would be an understatement. But as I have reflected over the last few days I wonder if we could have expected anything different. After all, hasn't the whole year been a mixed bag? Haven't we enjoyed some high highs, and some low lows?

Earlier in the year, I mentioned a verse from Isaiah that seemed so relevant ...

**Come, my people, enter your chambers and shut your doors behind you;  
Hide yourselves for a little while until the wrath is past. Is 26:20**

At a time when we were being asked to stay at home, to isolate as much as possible and to be vigilant when we were out in public, it seemed so foreign that many could not get their heads around it. Now so many months later, it has to a certain extent become a way of life.

When we go anywhere, we sanitize our hands, we sign in and we sign out. We stand in queues and do so without too much fuss. We try to be patient as we wait and have become incredibly grateful for things we never thought about before like toilet paper, hand wash and going out for dinner or even coffee.

So, as we turn over a new page of the calendar and begin the journey to the stable, it is time to open our doors and step out into the world again. I know we have been doing that for a little while now, but I suspect there is a part of us that has not fully reentered the world. Well..... it is time!

Let us embrace the season of Advent with passion and excitement. Let us show joy as we make our way to the manger. Let us be glad that whilst we are not free of the pandemic, we can live without the need to hide behind closed doors.

With good hygiene and industry plans in place, we can worship, we can be out in this beautiful world that God has made and as we feel the build up towards the wet season, may it also cause us to rise up, embrace the season of Advent and proclaim... Immanuel is coming!!!!

There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring,  
when our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;  
weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long,  
but His triumph-day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.

There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air;  
and the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer;  
for the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,  
and the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.

He is breaking down the barriers, He is casting up the way;  
he is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day;  
but his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above,  
for the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.

Hark! we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell -  
the great triumph song of Jesus, of our King Immanuel;  
Zion, go you forth to meet him, and my soul, be swift to bring  
all your finest and your dearest for the triumph of our King!

Henry Bunton Together in Song 276

Blessings,  
Christy

# Synod News & Info.

## **Synod news** **35th Synod**



If you missed the livestream of the 35th Synod you can catch up on the key decisions and outcomes on [JourneyOnline](#).

The celebration service and induction of Rev Andrew Gunton as Moderator of the Queensland Synod is now available to watch on [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#).

### **Christmas 2020 theme**

As we come into the season of advent, the Moderator and presbytery ministers encourage the church to consider what it means to be a church of “plenty”, particularly in this time of uncertainty and as we move into 2021.

The theme “plenty” speaks to the abundance of the church and how richly blessed we are; the unique gifts we all have and generously share; and the immense love we hold in our hearts that allows us to reach out and offer hope this Christmas. We have plenty to give.

A short welcome message from the Moderator, capturing the essence of “plenty”, will be available on the Synod website and can be used during advent services.

The Moderator will provide a full service based on the theme of “plenty”, that can be used in the new year during times of ministerial leave or at any time congregations would like to draw on additional resources.

## **Presbytery and congregation news** **Vale Rev Dr Noel Preston**

A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Rev Dr Noel Preston will be held this Friday 30 October 2020 from 1.30pm at West End Uniting Church. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is by invitation only.

A public livestream will be available at West End Uniting Church ([reserve a seat](#)) and Trinity Uniting Church in Wellington Point ([reserve a seat](#)). The service can also be viewed on [YouTube](#).

## **Induction service of Rev Scott Ballment**

The service to induct Rev Scott Ballment as Presbytery Minister in Central Queensland Presbytery will be held on Friday 6 November 2020 from 7.30pm at Northside Mackay Uniting Church.

If you would like to attend this service, please contact the Presbytery Administration Officer [Sheri Holland](#) as attendance numbers will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## ***Agency and service provider news***

### **UnitingWorld's Everything in Common**

Now is the time to act for global change and get your [Everything in Common](#) gift stall pack.

The Uniting Church's own ethical Christmas gift card catalogue, Everything in Common sells gift cards representing life-changing projects that help people across the Pacific, Asia and Africa break the cycle of poverty and step towards a life of dignity.

Please consider promoting it within your congregation, run a stall or shop online. The promotional [video](#) and many other resources are on the [website](#).

Contact [Mardi Lumsden](#) or [Jenny Guyatt](#) for more information or go to the website to [order a stall pack](#).

