

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
4. Our upcoming Presbytery Meeting

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

Closing Service

for
Pastor Bruce McCarthy

At Wulguru Uniting Church
9am

29th November

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 19th Nov before Presb.

I need people to register asap, please.



Stable on the Strand is a God inspired initiative of the Combined Churches of Townsville. Last year we had 45,000 visitors our best attendance yet. I am amazed what we can do when we do it together.

- Over the last 18 years an estimated ½ million people have experienced the joy of Christmas through Stable on the Strand
- A whole generation has seen, heard and participated in the Christmas story.
- Many people have found God, discovered new skills, made friendships and been introduced to Churches through Stable
- Great unity has developed and is growing between Churches, Townsville City Council and our business partners and suppliers

What would Townsville look like at Christmas without Stable on the Strand? Thanks so much for your generous support with volunteers and finances over the years.

This is such a different year and I hope by now you have heard we are creating Stable on the Streets. (if you want to know more please have a chat with Grant 0421 603 394). There are heaps of exciting opportunities to get involved. We pray the people of God in your Church will be activated to put up a star and in some way express the true meaning of Christmas. How exciting if everywhere we look in Townsville are signs and symbols of the message of Christmas. Imagine hundred of stars put up on homes and cars and workplaces declaring that light overcomes darkness in this city!!!!

We are looking again at a budget of over \$200,000. We recognise some Churches are really doing it tough but acknowledge that for others income has gone up. What a crazy season? If your Church could make a contribution this year we would really appreciate it. Many of our regular sources of income are reduced and we want the Church of Townsville to continue to give this free gift to the people of Townsville.

If you could pass this email onto your board or treasurer we would appreciate it.

You can give financially through a direct transfer:

Stable on the Strand

A/C number: 41506743 / BSB : 704 640 / Reference: Your Church

Or Let us know and we can invoice you. *A huge thanks to those who have already given. Many blessings in this unusual season – we are praying for you.*

Anne Harley (President)

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Mark's Thoughts

A New Government of Love

When Jesus declared that the Kingdom of Heaven had come near one of the things Jesus did was inaugurate a 'new government of love', the way of heaven, the way of grace, the way of love. It's a heart to heart thing.

In this new government of love people, us included, are 'free'

it is a way of living, a culture, a **culture of honour**

where other people don't control who you/we are

where other people cannot remove your/our freedom.

Where "Perfect loves cast out fear" 1 John4:18

Where there is no intimidation, that is, 'no intent to make one timid'.

Instead the intent is to agree with the Spirit,

who fills you with love power and a sound mind. (1 Tim 2:7)

Where, like Jesus, we are not concerned with another persons

identity as the world would describe it. Rather,

we are concerned with their identity as 'a son or daughter of God',

even if as yet they have not acknowledged their new identity.

Let us get things the right way around

God is clear about our identity as his sons and daughters even if at times we are not so sure. God wants to do a work in us so that we might be the brightest light the saltiest salt, the most powerful beacon of hope, the best testimony ever written about Jesus transforming power.

In this new government of love the best in us shows up everywhere we go!

The best in us shows up everywhere we go even when the best in others doesn't show up around us. Even when we are not so sure about other peoples identity either particularly when they hurt us when they - exclude us - put us down - tell us off or gossip about us or or or!!

A culture of honour isn't just a 'values statement' that looks good on a website

It's something that has to be lived. You'll know if someone around you

is living out this culture because you will not be living in fear and they will be constantly drawing out the gold in you. And because they draw out the best in you, you won't be offended when they call your attention to the dirt on your life.

When we trust our lives with one another, and pour out our lives, pour out our strength into one another we live in the 'new government of love' we create a living culture, true koinonia - true fellowship.

It is not a culture that you can force another to take up and live out. It is not a culture or way to live that you can be forced to live. The nature and character of God, the creational foundations God laid are built on 'freedom', where we are free to choose. We have always been free. Jesus freely chose this way of life, he modelled for us. It is not easy, there is no "app" for it. Life doesn't get easier but it gets better especially for the lives of those to whom we are connected and influence.

Mark Dewar

Cassowary Coast

Synod News & Info.

Induction service for Rev Scott Ballment

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

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

Agency and service provider news

Christmas bags – ORCA Project

The ORCA Project—a work skills training program by Wesley Mission Queensland for young people living with different abilities—is providing meaningful sales and product development opportunities to participants through the creation of Christmas bags. The Christmas bags are the perfect gift for someone special. To find out more about what the bags contain, view the [order list](#).

These Christmas bags will be available for pickup at:

- Albany Creek Uniting Church on Tuesday 8 December from 11am–4.30pm.
- Uhl Hall at Wesley Mission Queensland Chermside on Wednesday 9 December from 11am–3pm.
- Broadwater Uniting Church on Wednesday 9 December from 9am–3pm.

To order your Christmas bags, please email kmachado@wmq.org.au or crayner@wmq.org.au and fill in the [order list](#) with your choice. Orders close this Friday 6 November 2020.