

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

Calvary Zone will meet, **18th** 7-9.15pm / **19th** 9-5pm Nov before Presb.

Registration Closed

Home needed for Choir Collars



55 x A- symmetrical choir collars and 19 matching bow ties in a light turquoise grosgrain fabric are available for the cost of the postage.

Further information Contact (07) 4093 0303.

Do you need a Pastoral Supervisor?

Chaplain John Dansie is a Uniting Church Army chaplain stationed in Townsville, and is offering pastoral supervision to clergy/pastors in the region. John has 3 years Congregational experience and 6 years army chaplaincy and has also volunteered as a college and hospital chaplain. John has completed two masters units in pastoral supervision through CSU and is becoming an associate member of the Australasian Association Of Supervision.

If you are interested in discussing supervision with John please call him on 0439 522417

Worship team needed for our Presbytery Meeting 20-22 Nov Cairns:

Singers or musicians interested in joining the Worship Team at Presbytery. We particularly are looking for people to assist on Friday evening and Saturday morning for 2 quite significant services.

Someone to play piano or keyboard would be especially appreciated. I am aiming on having a rehearsal on Friday afternoon.



If interested, please ask them to contact me to register interest and for information, music, etc. Ph. 0427 495 329 or graham.huth@bigpond.com

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Garry's Thoughts

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday this week, Christy and I were in Aurukun to bless the newly built manse. I would like to acknowledge the work of Karin Weidemann from the Synod office for the hard work she put into organising the construction and funding for this project. Also Robyn Cooley for her liasoning skills on our behalf.

I thank the moderator, Rev Andrew Gunton for his presence and for leading the service. I also thank Revs Dennis Corowa, Craig Mischewski and Pastor Chris Guise for making the effort to travel to Aurukun for this important occasion.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to recognise Rev John Adams, former Presbytery Minister of the Calvary Presbytery who originally initiated this project.

Let me share with you the short homily I shared on that occasion.

Luke 24:28-31

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

So what is home?

What makes a mere building a home?

For many it is a place of refuge. That one place when you can actually be the person you really are.

A place where you can unwind and relax and soak in the loving peace of family life and a space that is yours and yours alone. It is for many a place where you want to or even need to come back to.

But, for some people, a home is a dark place. A place of hurt, a place of anger, even a place of violence. A place they want or even need to escape from.

So, what makes the difference between a home that restores your soul or a home that imprisons your life?

In our reading from Luke, we hear the story of the walk to Emmaus. Here two travellers encounter a stranger on the road and invite him into their home to stay the night. It turns out that this stranger was Jesus the Christ himself who had only that very day been resurrected after his crucifixion.

What I think is instructive in this passage we bless this new church manse is not that the travellers invited the stranger in, although that is important, it isn't even that the stranger broke bread, although that hospitality is also important.

But it was that they recognised Him. They recognised that Christ Himself was present in their midst.

Christ's promise to us and to all people is that where two or three are gathered there He will be as well.

In recognising the presence of Christ in their midst, the travellers recognised that their dwelling was not just four walls and a roof, but a home.

Now, we all know that Aurukun is not an easy place. It is a place often riven with violence and hurt. It is a place where evil often overpowers good. Where deep division breeds painful memories and cycles of depression and anger.

But this is not how it should be. This is not what God intends for the people of Aurukun, We know that God walks amongst his people of this community. We know this, because this is His promise to His people. But what is the tragedy is that all too often, the people do not recognise Him.

Even when He breaks the bread before us, his people's eyes are often closed to his presence.

For where Christ is recognised, there peace is also recognised.
There justice is recognised.
There hope is recognised.
There reconciliation is recognised.

Friends in this, Naidoc week 2020, and in this community, a community that longs to have the scales of hurt and ignorance and violence removed from its eyes, we come to bless this manse to the Glory of God and the proclamation of His word to the community of Aurukun.

The Uniting Church commits itself to the work of Christ in this community.

In building this manse to provide a secure place for its ministers and pastors and their families, the Uniting Church places its trust in the God who longs to free His people from the slavery of sin.

In this manse, His ministers and pastors will endeavour to recognise Christ in their midst. And from this manse, His promise will echo in from the pulpit of the church, in the homes of all the people and in the streets of Aurukun.

This community is more than its reputation as a place of violence and division. It can be and must be a place of peace and love.

But for this to happen, the people's eyes must be open to recognise God in their midst.

And the work starts here afresh.
In this place of peace where every room and every floorboard shouts out the joy of Christ's presence.

Leonard and Jocelyn, my prayer is that you will be the first of many who will dwell in this house. The first of many who will break bread here and be constantly open to Christ presence.

And that your witness to His presence will become the witness of this congregation and that the witness of this congregation will be the witness of this community.

And it starts here.
In this place of renewal,
In this place of retreat
In this home of love and fellowship.
Where Christ is recognised and celebrated.
Amen.

Blessings

Garry

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NAIDOC week

You are encouraged to mark a rescheduled NAIDOC Week from 8–15 November 2020 with the theme "all was, always will be".

Sharing stories of First Peoples achievements and learning about the covenant relationship between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Congress (UAICC) and the Uniting Church are great ways to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

The Synod office has produced a video with Covenant Action Plan Project Officers Natalie Lewis and Erin Mawhinney as they reflect together on their journey of covenanting. [Watch the video.](#)

Remembrance Day – 11 November 2020

Associate General Secretary Rev John Ruhle has shared this prayer for Remembrance Day.

"Loving God, we give thanks for the women and men who have answered the call to serve their nation in the defence forces in the past. We give thanks for those who serve today. At this time may we remember the past sacrifices that have been made and the current sacrifices that are being made by these people. May we never take peace and security for granted. We pray for the silencing of weapons and the cessation of all forms of harm and abuse. In the name of the prince of peace we pray. Amen."

Presbytery and congregation news

Induction service for Rev Garry Hardingham and Rev Christy Allen

The service to induct Rev Garry Hardingham and Rev Christy Allen as Presbytery Ministers in the Carpentaria Presbytery will be held next Friday 20 November 2020 from 7pm at Cairns Emmanuel Uniting Church.

If you would like to attend this service, please contact Carpentaria Presbytery Executive Assistant [Marie Dewar](#) as attendance numbers will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Agency and service provider news

Are you interested in studying theology?

Are you interested in studying theology or know someone who is?

Come along to Trinity College Queensland's open evening on Thursday 19 November 2020 from 7pm–8.30pm to experience what Trinity has to offer. Meet with current students, learn about fee-help and listen to a sample mini-lecture. Find out about the different pathways you can take (e.g. towards church ministry, secular marketplace, and chaplaincy).

To attend either onsite or online via Zoom, please [visit the website](#) to RSVP.

Ministry agents are encouraged to use these [PowerPoint slides](#) this Sunday to help in spreading the word to congregation members who are interested in studying theology.

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