

# 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. Rev Tevita Niurua has hurt his back.

### 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

29<sup>th</sup> November

## Garry's Thoughts

Well, what a great Presbytery meeting we just had!

To be finally inducted into our roles after doing the work for so long was quite satisfying. Both Christy and I want to thank you all for your support, your prayers, your love and your friendship. It makes the difficult parts of our work easier when we know we have your love and support. The same for our families.

It was also a blessing to be part of the Ordination of Roberta Stanley. Ordinations seem rare these days, but the act of ordination reminds us that God still raises up men and women for God's purpose. I've said this before, but we need to be continually renewing our church through the raising up of new leaders. We need to break the mindset that says that ministry is too hard or has no future. I was troubled when one of our ministers told me that they were reluctant to encourage people to come forward for ordination or training because they felt that our church was shrinking and that only part-time placements would be available in the future. If this is your thinking too, then STOP IT!! In fact, go back 50 years and see how many parishes had 5 or 6 or more congregations under one ministry agent.

I am reminded of the chorus written by Chris Falson, "I walk by faith, each step by faith. To live by faith. I put my trust in You." I've seen this song used at our Presbytery meetings and see people enthusiastically singing and clapping along. But do we really mean it?

When I first went to the McKay Patrol (now the Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplaincy) in Cloncurry, my predecessor said, "Oh you can't fly the plane much because we haven't been getting the donations". At the time I remember the words of one of my college lecturers ringing in my ear saying, "Money follows mission, not the the other way around." And so I flew the wings of MJZ year after year. And for year after year donations came in at the right time to cover the costs and sometimes even more. But never less than needed.

We are a people of faith. We are people whose God has promised to be with us. So why do we get so anxious?

Yes we have to be good stewards and yes we have to plan for our future. But we need to put into practice all that we sing about or pray about and affirm in the excitement and joy of our Presbytery meetings.

Like every generation before me and after me, we all ask our selves as some point, "Should we bring a child into this world?" In the 70s and 80s we were still concerned that the world would be destroyed in a nuclear holocaust. Now its whether the world will burn up in a climate change catastrophe. And we could look back over the millennia and think about all those dark times like the world wars or the black death or the Mongol Invasions and ask the same question. And yet, unless we choose to bare a new generation, all that is hoped for is lost. In fact, I believe it is a gross act of selfishness to take all we have around us created by the hands of the generations and choose not to contribute to its future because of fear of the unkown. The same for children as it is for ministry agents.

So, I for one am ignoring the naysayers. My God is not dead. My church is not dead. And my desire that we need to raise more workers for the task ahead of us rather than less is never more important than now. For God is still laying His hands upon those who are open to His call. and without renewed leadership, we will perish and it will become a self-fulfilling prophesy.

Roberta's Ordination will not, can not, must not, be the the last Ordination in the Carpentaria Presbytery. With good solid leadership we will BUILD healthy communities of faith. The harvest is still there. But we have to be excited about the work God has called us to and trust that He alone can bring about the revival we know the world is looking for but is too blind to see.

Lets make the agenda God's!!

Blessings  
Garry.

### Induction Service Rev Garry Hardingham & Rev Christy Allen



### Moderator Andrew Gunton



Rev Bruce Moore

### Ordination of Rev Roberta Stanley



### Farewell to Rev Bruce Cornish as he retires



**Closing service was led by:**  
Rev Tevita Nuirua, Florence charger from Napranum along with Rev Roberta Stanley



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## **Assembly news**

### **Church and COVID-19 webinar**

Join the Being a Multicultural Circle and the Assembly Resourcing Unit for final webinar of 2020 looking at the Church and COVID-19.

The webinar on Thursday 26 November from 6pm–7.30pm AEST will focus on mental health, particularly how we support each other through tough times. [Register now!](#)

### **Volunteer Prison Chaplain**

This year UnitingCare Queensland's volunteer Prison Chaplains visited Queensland's 14 correctional centers more than 1500 times providing much needed pastoral care and support to some of the most vulnerable people in our society.

UnitingCare Queensland is seeking applications for volunteer Chaplain vacancies throughout the state.

For more information about how to be involved in this rewarding ecumenical ministry of compassion and hope, please contact the State Coordinator for Prison Ministry [Steven Fincham](#).

## **Other**

### **Taking the hassle out of volunteering with FreddyMatch**

Volunteering is something most people think of doing from time to time. But in many instances, the time and effort required to find an organisation with a suitable opportunity means that volunteering gets thrown into the “too hard basket”.

But FreddyMatch, an online platform launched this month, aims to remove this obstacle by matching organisations and volunteers based on their unique interests, skill sets, location and availability. Read more on [JourneyOnline](#).