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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 - sciatic

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

Service of Conclusion for Ministry of Rev. Bruce Cornish

5 pm, Sunday, 20th December

Limited places in line with Covid restrictions

Booking Essential: 4771 2584
office@centralcitymission.org

This is the official service to conclude the placement at TCCM. Bruce will retire at the end of the year marking 38 years of ministry in the Uniting Church, the last 6 of which were at TCCM. All are welcome! However, as places are limited, please book in early.

Induction Service Rev Garry Hardingham & Rev Christy Allen

In case you missed it! You can never be too careful.....



Date Claimers 2021

May 14-16th

Presbytery Meeting -Location TBA

November 5th-7th

Presbytery Meeting- Location TBA

What you face may look big, but your God is bigger! The giants you face may be strong, but your God is stronger!

Multi-Faith Spiritual Leaders luncheon Edmonton



Hambledon House Community Centre
cordially invites the
Multi-Faith Spiritual Leaders of the
Cairns South Side to a
Discussion and Celebration
End-of-Year Luncheon.

When: Thursday 10th December, 2020 at 12:30pm to 2pm.

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

RSVP: To Alicia by Monday 7th December, 2020 via email (clarkali@missionaustralia.com.au), or phone (4037 2875).

This is a COVID Safe event,
and social distancing applies.

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REMINDER

Blue Card: No Card No Start from 31 August 2020

No Card, No Start will mean that paid workers must have a blue card (not just a pending application) before they can start working with children.

People with paid applications in progress when the policy starts will be able to continue working while their applications are assessed.

Volunteers, trainee students and people running regulated child-related businesses already need a blue card before they can start working with children.

If you don't apply to renew your card before it expires, you will be subject to the **No Card, No Start policy** and will not be able to continue working or volunteering until a new blue card has been issued.

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 - [o](#) Tropical (Pineapple, coconut, strawberry)
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Christy's Thoughts

Well, it has finally arrived. Advent, the season for preparation is here and we can look towards the manger for the gift of the Christ child. The arrival of advent means many things but most obviously it points to the end of the calendar year. Soon it will be New Year's eve, and we will be making sure that 2020 leaves quietly and without any fuss. After all, surely it is time to bid this year good bye!

As we turn towards the stable and our minds become focused on the season, it is hard not to feel a little relieved that we have made it this far. I, for one, am glad it is December even if it means that another year has gone and it is Christmas time again

I love this time of year. I love that it seems to bring joy in spite of what might be happening in the world. I love listening to Christmas music and seeing the delight of window displays and the imagination of people much more creative than I will ever be.

I love the way people really do seem to try and be nicer and that there is laughter everywhere if you just listen for it. I even love shopping this time of year because I will see and experience the season through what I hear and smell.

It is hard not to feel joy this time of year and I have to say that this year I feel it even more. We have experienced a difficult year and seen much heartache around the world. Whilst we felt the effects of Covid-19 we did not suffer anywhere near as much as other countries. The lockdowns have been hard, and not being able to be with loved ones has been very difficult. But as we look towards the end of the year and potentially the opportunity to spend time with loved ones let us remember how blessed we are.

This season of Advent is more than an indicator for Christmas, it is the time to prepare ourselves once again for the great gift. Let us put aside the stuff of this year that has caused so much anxiety. Let us put down the hurt of decisions made and words spoken that are still painful. Let us step away from those things that make us angry or disappointed.

Turn with me towards the manger, the Christ child and the glory of God revealed to us. May our hearts be wide open to received again the love of God, given so freely, so abundantly to each one of us. Let us embrace the joy of the season, the laughter and the love that we look for all year.

Christ is coming! Let us get ready!

Blessings,
Christy



Synod News & Info.

Synod news

Vale Rev Ruth Tracey

It is with sadness we share the passing of Rev Ruth Tracey on Saturday night. Ruth served in chaplaincy with Blue Care and The Wesley Hospital until retirement in 2009. Most recently she has been connected with Tingalpa Uniting Church where she served in ministry for a time.

There will be no public funeral service. Please uphold Ruth's extended family and her close friends in your prayers.

Christmas resources

The Queensland Synod's Christmas theme for 2020 is "A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices".

In a year when good news stories are needed more than ever before, the story of the Christ-child being born as one of us reminds us again that we are important to God. In our weariness, God comes to us inviting us to rejoice in the midst of the chaos, lift our heads to the sun when we are brought low, and seek the way of love instead of despair. How might we dare to live out "a thrill of hope" this advent season?

Christmas resources will be available in next week's Uniting News.

Volunteers C.A.R.E

A new initiative from the Queensland Synod Chaplaincy Commission created in partnership with UnitingCare Queensland to curve the declining trend of pastoral care volunteers within the Queensland Synod.

The initiative comprises Courses Activating volunteers to Respond to the emotional, pastoral and spiritual needs of people Everywhere (C.A.R.E.).

In recent months, an initial train the trainer session was held to train the first group of chaplains in delivery of the course, and a pilot Volunteers C.A.R.E. Essentials course was run to train and equip volunteer pastoral carers.

For more information, read more on [JourneyOnline](#).

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](#).