

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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UCA Queensland Synod Corona-virus 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. Ps Gewa & Cynthia as she recovers from surgery on Feb 3rd
4. Rev Mila as he and his family settles in Mossman.
5. Rev Michelle & Jim Cullen as they settle in Townsville

Monday Prayer:

God of all wisdom, help us today to take the time & make the space for your voice to be heard amidst the noise of the world around us. Amen

Moderator Rev Andrew Gunton

Induction Services

Friday 19th Feb- Rev Viliami Mila -Mossman 7pm

Saturday 20th Feb- Rev Michelle Cullen-Mt Louisa

Due to COVID restrictions- Booking essential more info soon.

Closing of Mareeba Uniting Church building 31st January 2021

A very moving service after years of great ministry in that place. God is never the less moving powerfully in the area. Never loose hope our God is faithful & mighty, his plans for us are good, for us to prosper, for us to be salt & light where-ever we are (as was made clear to us all during the COVID lock down). Thank you to all the saints who have participated in this journey in Mareeba over the years.



This is not the end of the Uniting Church in Mareeba!!!!

To watch the service click here: <https://youtu.be/aw2QENWqgoY>



BUT a new part of the journey continues, look forward to see what God has in store!!!

For Sale

Carpentaria Presbytery is looking to sell the old Calvary office Photocopier/Printer/Scanner.

It is a Toshiba E-Studio 2550C; ID 11938 and is free standing.

It was purchased from Delta in Townsville. It was under a service agreement until March 2020, until it was moved to TCCM,

The machine is functional and available for purchase.

Interested buyers to contact Presbytery office. \$300 Price to be negotiated.

If no response within the next 3 weeks, it will be advertised on Gumtree. Contact: office@ucacarpentaria.com.au



Presbytery Meetings Dates 2021

May 14-16th - Innisfail

Ministry Agents + Spouse Retreat
16th-19th May- Cardwell

November 5th-7th -TBA



Free Community Training

An invitation to any ministry related people in the Townsville District - Community Disaster Recovery Training. Please forward through your networks.



www.unitingcareqld.com.au/lifeline/corporate-training

FREE COMMUNITY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

What will I learn?

These workshops equip community members to respond to emotional-psychological-pastoral needs, following a critical incident or disaster

DAY ONE - Strengthening Connections

- Recognise signs of emotional/psychological distress
- Respond to the person's immediate needs with care and support
- Refer confidently to appropriate services

DAY TWO - Pastoral Care

- Provide pastoral presence and support to people and communities following disasters.
- Participate in recovery activities.
- Provide resources, training and support to local ministry agents as they, in turn, support their communities in recovery.

For further information, please see our Eventbrite

Who should attend?

Two packages in one:

One-day workshop for Community members
Attend only day 1 – Strengthening Connections

Two-day workshop for Pastoral Carers and Mission Team
Attend both day 1 and day 2 - Strengthening Connections and Pastoral Care

Charters Towers 16-17 March 2021, 9am - 5pm
Register: <https://lifelinechartersstowers.eventbrite.com.au>

Townsville 17-18 March 2021, 9am - 5pm
Register: <https://lifelinetownsville.eventbrite.com.au>

Ingham 18-19 March 2021, 9am - 5pm
Register: <https://lifelineingham.eventbrite.com.au>

Delivered in partnership by Lifeline Corporate Training (provided by UnitingCare in Queensland) and the Uniting Church, and jointly

Christy's Thoughts

I said to myself, "Self", (and I knew it was me, cause I recognised my voice, and I was wearing my underwear) "Today is going to be a good day!"

I saw this quote today and had a good chuckle. The key point for me were the words "I was wearing my underwear"!

I guess some of you will not quite understand the amusement that I received from this but given that I can spend some days constantly getting in my own way, I like the confidence that comes from knowing it is going to be a good day.

What does a good day look like for you? What or who needs to be present to make it good? I guess there are lots of things we might name but I want to ask you again to consider the question and this time go deep. What does a good day look like?

The reason that I am wondering this question is in response to a number of different events and comments that I have heard these last few days. So many things have been headlines around the country... bushfires, covid, economy, closures, openings and the list goes on and on.

This morning when I opened my eyes, I had one of the thoughts which I think everyone has from time to time ... I don't want to adult today. The desire to pull the sheet over my head and try again tomorrow was overwhelming. Perhaps that's why I found the quote above so amusing.

It would be easy to say that I got up because I had too, but that is not the reason I got up this morning and its not the reason I get up any morning if I am honest. I put my feet on the floor this morning because I believe in God and I believe that with God in my life, everyday will be a good day.

This is not to suggest some pious action on my part. I am not suggesting that this day will be rainbows and sprinkles not do I expect it to be joyful and conflict free. What I mean is that I believe that God will give me what I need for the day from the moment I get up until I lay my head at night. God will supply all my needs.

This is what makes it a "Good Day"... God. All the people and events that God brings into my life are all part of God's plan for me. It is for this reason alone that I can face the world and all that comes with it. It is God who gives me the strength to face whatever the world throws my way.

So when I read or hear commentary about what is happening in the world, or to the people I know and love, I turn again and again to the one who provides and ask God to help me make sense of it all.

God is what makes my day good. How about you?

Blessings,
Christy

Synod News & Info.



Domestic Violence Awareness Zoom workshops

From 25th February, the Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project will once again be presenting a series of three zoom workshops on Domestic and Family Violence awareness.

The workshops will take place 7pm- 8:30pm on 25th February, 4th March and 11th March.

Topics covered include:

Week 1 Introduction to DFV and workshops, Understanding perpetrators

Week 2 DFV A personal story, Responding to DFV

Week 3 DFV and theology, Q&A panel

There is no charge for the workshops.

Workshops are designed for church leaders, chaplains, students and pastoral care workers.

Registration: Register for all three sessions using either the link or email below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlscOitqD8sG9R8D1sTZCIT1IUaRpP40Y7Z>

Enquiries: admin@qct.org.au Tel. 07 3369 6792

Australia Day honours

Kingaroy congregation member Eleanor Druce was awarded a Local Achiever Award in the South Burnett Australia Day awards. Eleanor is a hard working volunteer within both the church and the community.

Former Sunnybank Uniting Church members Dr Chris Schull and Judith Schull were each awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. Dr Schull for service to thoracic and tropical medicine and the community, and Judith to community health in the tropics.

Beverley Taylor and Rev Bryan Gilmour were also awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. For more information on Beverley and Bryan's awards, please see [last week's Uniting News](#).

New employee assistance provider

Free confidential health and well-being support is available through Benestar for ministry agents, lay leaders and Synod Office employees, and their partners. Services include health, mental, emotional and financial support available anytime by phone, and at locations across Queensland.

From today, Benestar replaces ChangeFutures. If you recently commenced support through ChangeFutures, this can continue if you wish.

Benestar provides free people leader support and case management tools through MyCoach as well as fee-based services such as mediation, career transition, domestic and family violence support, and support for First Peoples and diversity.

Contact Benestar on 1300 360 364 or through the [BeneHub app](#). You will need to identify as an employee of the Synod Office or part of one of the presbyteries when accessing the service by phone. If you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, you can contact Benestar on 1800 816 152.

More information for ministry agents and lay leaders is available on the [Synod website](#). Please note this link isn't a single sign on link. It should only be used for first time registration to the site. Once you register your username and password with BeneHub, use those details to login through the link.

Presbytery and congregation news

Cultural award for Injune Combined Churches

Injune Combined Churches were awarded with a Cultural Award on Australia Day recognising the shared journey and vision of three churches that wanted to worship and serve God together.

Historically there were three church buildings used separately by Catholic, Anglican and Uniting Church denominations in the town. It was decided to combine the churches and resources, which required negotiations at the highest levels of each church, with approval granted by the Catholic Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the President of the Uniting Church—a world first!

Hard work and dedication by local residents and a small committed group brought their vision to life.