

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 – thanks for your prayers she is recovering well.
4. For soft heart & Unity in Napranum
5. Ps Lorne Anderson, Rev Viliami Mila, Rev Michelle Cullen, & their families, as they begin their new placements

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
at Mossman town hall

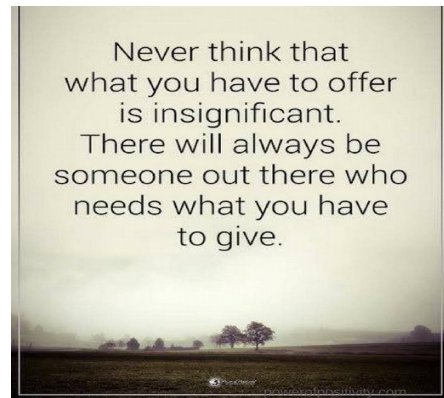
Saturday 20th Feb- Rev Michelle Cullen- Mt
Louisa 7pm

Presbytery Meetings Dates 2021

May 14-16th - Innisfail

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

November 5th-7th -TBA



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



News from Napranum

This is our first ever Prayer-brunch, bringing together other service providers (stakeholder) hosted by our church. The theme was 'stronger together' Rev Tevita Niurua shared from Ps 133 on 'The power & beauty of Unity'. We had a great response the deputy Mayor attend, Glory to God, they were blessed & were keen to have another one. Our aim is to create an atmosphere of Unity, all working together in serving the people of Napranum. We also have plans for Elders from the community Prayer breakfast & Parents Support Services.

Please pray for us, as we want to join in what the Lord is doing in our community.

Blessings,

Tevita



Free Community Training

Great opportunity for vital training in **Cairns / Innisfail / Port Douglas-Mossman** for Community Disaster Recovery...Please pass around your networks.



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

Cairns 20-21 April 2021, 9am - 5pm
Register: <https://lifelinecairns.eventbrite.com.au>

Innisfail 21-22 April 2021, 9am - 5pm
Register: <https://lifelineinnisfail.eventbrite.com.au>

Port Douglas 22-23 April 2021, 9am - 5pm
Register: <https://lifelineportdouglas.eventbrite.com.au>

Garry's Thoughts

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love," Ephesians 3:16-17

it's induction season!!

Yes, it's that time of the year when we celebrate new ministry in the Presbytery with inductions and commissionings. And yes I know it's supposed to all happen in January, but due to circumstances we have two inductions now in February.

On January 14th, we saw the commissioning of Pastor Lorne Anderson into Townsville Central City Mission. It was so exciting to see the enthusiasm that the congregation had in inviting Lorne and his family into their midst. And it's our hope that this will be the beginning of a fruitful ministry over many years for Lorne.

And next week we see the inductions of Reverends Viliami Mila and Michelle Cullen into Mossman and Mount Louisa.

What I like about commissioners and inductions is it they speak about new beginnings and new directions for both the congregation and the Presbytery of the whole. We all know that a new minister can either be a disaster or the making of a congregation. And so every commissioning and every induction is a new opportunity to seek a renewed vision within the community and an opportunity to pray for new growth and new people to be touched by the renewing presence of Jesus in their lives.

And this is why they are so important for us as a Presbytery to celebrate with both the congregation and those who were being inducted or commissioned. Because when we gather together in these particular services we come with our shared experience a mutual support.

And for those like Viliami and Lorne, it's their first opportunity to meet the other Ministers of the Presbytery and to make connections with those they can reach out to for support and guidance.

I'm not writing the stuff in order to guilt some of you to come to these inductions because our Presbytery has always had a strong tradition of supporting new ministers and gathering for these celebrations.

But I would like each of us to be in prayer for Lorne, Viliami and Michelle, as well as their families and their congregations as they begin new journeys and we as a Presbytery as we become renewed in our vision and direction as we also seek to support and encourage the mission of God in this best part of the world.

Rev Viliami Mila's induction is on Friday the 19th of February in Mossman at the town hall at 7pm. Rev Michelle Cullen's induction is on Saturday the 20th of February at Mount Louisa also at 7pm.

Hope to see you there.

Blessings
Garry

Synod News & Info.

Discipleship through community connection. Plenty in action.

Coral Coast Uniting Church shares how they are growing mission through being part of their community. SurfChurch to bible at the beach. Fantastic connection allows the community to come together in faith.



Working together on Plenty: workshop highlights

Part of our guiding principles in the Plenty journey is that no one part of the Church can walk this road alone, nor have all the answers. It's about feedback and advice from our wider Church - a continual process of working together.

This was evident last month when a group from across the wider church came together to provide feedback on the next stage of implementing Plenty. Their feedback has seen the original proposed approach of 11 working groups - one per commitment - adjusted to four working groups - one per mission priority and using existing forums where possible. Our four mission priority areas are: Discipleship; Transforming communities; Fit-for-purpose; and Life together.

We will now engage with people who have expressed an interest in the mission priorities or who already have work underway in these areas.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Plenty conversation so far.

Other news

Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Grants Program

Applications are invited for one-off funding of up to \$10,000 for activities that contribute to truth, healing and reconciliation for people with lived experience of institutional child abuse across Queensland.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday, 14 April. Information about the grant is available on the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs [website](#).