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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**

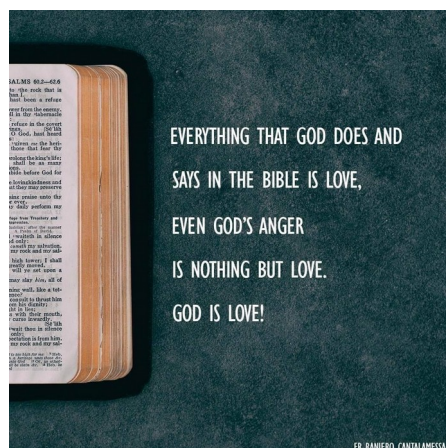
Please Pray For:

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 Lorne Anderson, Rev Viliami Mila, Rev Michelle Cullen, & their families, as they begin their new placements
4. Ps Gewa & Cynthia as she recovers from surgery

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



FR. RANIERO CANTALAMESSA

Wontulp-Bi-Buya

Wontulp-Bi-Buya is always looking for Good News edition Bibles. (not New Testaments)

We use this version because the vocabulary is closest to Australian Indigenous English and it is better for students whose first language is not English. The college uses them in class and often gives them away to students without bibles.

Contact Rob Brennan at robert@wontulp.qld.edu.au

Induction of Rev Viliami into Mossman, Port Douglas & Mount Molloy UC



Welcome to Carpentaria Presbytery
Rev Viliami, Ana & Gianna Mila



Induction of Michelle's Cullen into Mt Louisa

Welcome back to Townsville Michelle & Jim!!



Free Community Training March

An invitation to any ministry related people in the Townsville District :
Charters Towers, Townsville & Ingham - Community Disaster Recovery Training.
Registration as per poster below. **(limited numbers)**



Lifeline
Corporate Training

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

FREE COMMUNITY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

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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://lifelinecharters Towers.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>

Free Community Training April

Great opportunity for vital training in **Cairns / Innisfail / Port Douglas-Mossman** for Community Disaster Recovery . *Registration as per poster below.* **(limited numbers)**



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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>

Christy's thoughts



Just before Christmas last year, we got a puppy. She has proven to be a barrel of fun with sharp teeth. The picture you see is just one of the many toys that she has destroyed. If we are not keeping an eye on her she moves onto other things that we do not want chewed. Oh, the joys of a puppy!

Today I wandered out to discover that she had somehow gotten my one remaining pot holder and destroyed it beyond recognition. Apart from the mess of filling from the pot holder all over the floor, I was unable to stay cranky too long because she just looked up at me with these eyes...



I found myself wondering how God does it. How does God look at the mess we make time and time again and not completely throw in the towel! How does he not just give up in despair as we turn away thinking we can do it all on our own?

We have entered the season of Lent and as we make our way towards the Cross, I often return to these same thoughts. Even after all this time, humanity has not really changed. We continue to serve two masters and often at great cost to ourselves and those around us. We put our needs and desires above others and expect a great deal whilst giving little in return.

We need this season of Lent to reset ourselves, to realign ourselves towards God's purpose for our lives and the Church into which we have been placed. We are not here to serve the needs of the few, we are here for all including the least, the last and the lost.

Perhaps this Lent we need to change our focus away from what we will do without and consider what will we give. We are invited time and again to be generous with all that we have including our time and energy. How will we give this Lent?

For some this will lead them straight to their wallet and perhaps it needs to but that is actually not what I mean. We are all busy, weighed down by many obligations and expectations. Part of the focus of Lent is about letting go, putting down what is not of God. What might you need to put down so that you can pick up what God wants you to do? What might you need to let go?

Preparing for Easter can be deeply meaningful if we fully immerse ourselves in the season of Lent. Let us embrace this season and open ourselves to God's intervention in our lives. Let us approach the cross with a new appreciation of what is required to be a follower. It is not only what we will do without this Lent... let it be about what we give.

Blessings,
Christy

Synod News & Info.

The Grief Centre

Over the last 10 years The Grief Centre has supported countless Australians and Kiwi's and trained over 3000 professionals in the health, community, social services, and education sectors.

To meet the needs in this current global climate we are offering affordable rates and group discounts for our training. All our available courses and webinar sessions are verified with Certificates of Participation for those that require confirmation of CPD, OPD or in-house professional development.

Links and information below:

WEBINARS | <https://book.griefcentre.org.nz/grief-centre-au>

Upcoming Sessions

- Professional Self-care
- Making the Difference

Other topics to be scheduled

- The Nature of Trauma
- When Anxiety Builds
- Understanding Self-Harm
- Bereavement by Suicide
- Developing Resilience
- A Closer Look at Eating Disorders
- Digital Mental Health
- Domestic/Family Violence
- Body Image
- Supporting the Mental Health of Families
- Depression

ONLINE COURSE | <https://book.griefcentre.org.nz/Difference-2>

Our self-paced online course was designed for Professionals in caring roles who work with clients or staff who may be facing a difficult life situation, significant change, or any form of loss or grief.

Content has been grouped into four modules.

- **Module 1:** The Impact of Difficult Life Situations
- **Module 2:** What does 'Good Support' mean?
- **Module 3:** Providing Good Support
- **Module 4:** Strategies for Self-Care

Warm regards,

Larissa Repia
Events & Marketing Coordinator
The Grief Centre

www.griefcentre.com.au

uncommon goods:
public theology and empire
conference
sept 24-26, 2021
wesley house, brisbane, australia

The *cooperative* is hosting its first annual conference, gathering together scholars and the theologically curious to question and explore the place of public theology on colonised lands. The conference will frame these focus areas broadly and creatively, welcoming approaches that disturb boundaries and think with and beyond the *public* of public theology.

Keynote Presenters

Anne Pattel-Gray

Monica Jyotsna Melanchthon

Jione Havea

thecooperativehub.com
For more information email:
thecooperative@wmq.org.au

24-26th September

Uncommon Goods: public theology and empire conference

The cooperative, a centre for public theology and collaboration at Wesley Mission Queensland, is delighted to announce its first annual conference, *Uncommon Goods: public theology and empire*.

For more information:
thecooperative@wmq.org.au

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Plenty working groups

The Plenty Team have been working across the church to establish working groups for each of the Mission Priority areas outline in the Shared life. Flourishing communities report. We are hoping to have the working group up and running by the end of March. These groups are:

- Discipleship
- Transforming communities
- Fit-for-purpose
- Life together

If you are interested in being part of the working groups for any of these areas, or being part of the broader Community of Practice, please send the Plenty Change Manager, Lea Kingdon an email lea.kingdon@ucaqld.com.au or call on 0409 587 666. You can also register your interest on the Plenty web site.

Plenty mission priority: Transforming communities - Covenantal relationship with First Peoples

“We have work to do here - to build strong, healthy, vibrant relationships between First and Second Peoples.” Director of Mission Strategy Scott Guyatt explores *Transforming communities* through developing covenantal relationships with First Peoples. If this theme speaks to you, we would love to hear from you. [Register your interest](#)

Lent: Together on the journey

Lent has now begun. Thank you for the enthusiastic support of UnitingWorld's Global Neighbours Bible Study series! Did you know, every dollar we raise from the Studies is invested back into the community projects you're supporting through Lent Event this year? Find your studies, ideas about what to give up or take up and creative fundraisers to support right here at lentevent.com.au

Much gratitude to you on behalf of so many inspiring people, like Elsa below (in Tuvalu), who are working hard in their communities to protect against climate related disasters, lift up women and girls, teach about health and sanitation and keep their kids in school!

[Find out more here.](#)