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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.

Monday Prayer:

God of the generations, remind us of the stories of the ages, of the coming of faith in those who believe in Hope. Call hope & faith from within each of us, we pray.

Scott Guyatt

Aurukun Church

Can you help, Aurukun church are looking for a desktop computer & screen.

Please contact Marie
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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

13 March 2021



Lawn Bowls

Jubilee Bowls Club

A new year and without the strict COVID restrictions of 2020 so we are embarking on a great 2021 of fundraising for the McKay Patrol. You will notice that we will now be having lawn bowls games rather than the golf. The games will be at Jubilee Bowls Club and we kick off or bowl off on 13 March 2021.

Date: 13 March 2021

Time: 7.45am – 8.00am start

Cost: \$20 (Green Fees & Donation) immediately after the game

Morning Tea and Trophy Presentation @ Aitkenvale Uniting Church

To assist the bowls club with preparation and for catering purposes please if possible advise by Thursday if you are attending otherwise just arrive.

Contact: Kay Ph: 0409892795 Email: wazz.kay@bigpond.net.au

All proceeds to McKay Patrol

Join us and continue the good work done by Roy Backer for so many years.



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 below. **(limited numbers)**

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>

April

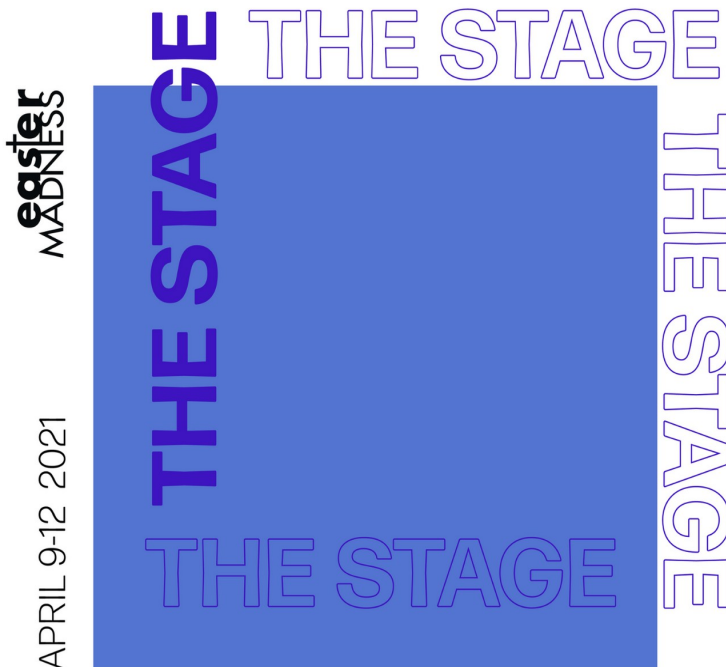
Great opportunity for vital training in **Cairns / Innisfail / Port Douglas-Mossman** for Community Disaster Recovery . *Registration as below.* **(limited numbers)**

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>

Youth News



If you want more information on how you can help support Easter Madness, please contact:

Mia- Email adminsupport@mrpres.org.au or give me a call 3366 0236. or Fa Matangi (Presbytery Youth & Childrens' Coordinator) : youthworker@mrpres.org.au

How can you help EM21?

Sponsoring young people to get to EM21

The fee for the 4day event at Camp Cooby is \$250, there may be some families especially during COVID19 who need that financial assistance.

Email

eastermadness@mrpres.org.au or your presbytery letting them/us know that you want to sponsor someone or more than one.....maybe 2.....maybe 5!!!

WHO: High Schoolers grade 7 -12.

WHERE: This year it will be held at Reflections - Lake Cooby (239 Loveday Rd, Geham QLD.) 30 mins North of Toowoomba.

WHEN: 10 AM check in Fri 9 April - 12.30 check-out on Mon 12 April

COST: \$250 (inc food, accomodation and activities)

For more information contact: Mia Blake: adminsupport@mrpres.org.au or Fa Matangi: youthworker@mrpres.org.au (07) 3366 0236

REGISTER TODAY!

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  @eastermadness



Christy's thoughts

One of the readings set down for this coming Sunday is Exodus 20:1-17, where Moses receives the 10 Commandments. These commandments were a gift to the Israelites who had emerged from generations of slavery and were floundering in the wilderness. Now able to determine for themselves what they would do they were immediately drawn back into old habits.

Considering the life they had had before being released, is it surprising that they were now struggling? The commandments are given to the people to guide them towards God and a way of life that would give freedom and clarity. They would know who they were and whose they were.

Over the years I have looked at this passage many times, always seeking a new angle to help people approach the reading with fresh eyes. To not see the commandments as a set of rules, but rather a guide for living that turns us towards God rather than away from God. The Israelites certainly needed it and so do we.

But what often stands out for me is what happened before the commandments were given and what Moses discovers as he labours down the mountain with the tablets of stone. Uncertainty leads to fear and fear so often leads to bad habits. How often throughout Scripture do we read of people returning to ways that are not of God because it seems easier and gives a strange sense of comfort even if the behavior or action is harmful?

2021 is well underway and as we look ahead there is an unknown that is different than previous years. No one could have predicted that we would face a pandemic last year or that its effects would continue to be felt. There is less certainty in our planning and much more last-minute thinking and action as we adopt a wait and see approach. I believe this is a dangerous place to be.

We cannot spend this year in some sort of holding pattern, not planning too far ahead or thinking beyond the immediate. We must look forward and get on with the work we are meant to be doing. We must not become comfortable in our homes, not venturing out into the world because of the unknown. We must lift our eyes to God and step outside of our comfort and habit.

Last year reveal some things to us about who we are and what our community is really like. Let's use these insights as we move forward. Let's put down that which keeps us stationary and be about our core task....making disciples! Nothing has changed when it comes to people needing to hear about Jesus.

We have a message to share, a God to follow and a future that awaits each one of us. Let us be about that in 2021.

Blessings,
Christy