

# CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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## UCA Queensland Synod Corona-virus Update

For the latest COVID-19 updates and resources, visit the [Synod website](#).

## Presbytery Office

**Please remember that MONDAYS are Garry & Christy's day off.**

There will be NO Link next week as we are on Retreat.

## Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

### Please Pray For:

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for refreshing during this break, till 9<sup>th</sup> May.
2. Christy & Peter Allen & family, for wisdom, discernment, creative solutions to difficult issues & safety as she travels around our Presbytery.
3. Ps Gewa & Cynthia Au ( Mornington Is), she is struggling with some health issues.
4. Presbytery meeting, & for delegates as the travel to attend, & for ministry agent & spouse retreat 16-19th

### Monday Prayer:

God of compassion we pray for all people who suffer at the hands of others. This week we especially think of those who are affected by Domestic Violence. Where there is hurt & abuse bring healing, where there is anxiety bring your peace, where there is isolation bring your love. Help us all to have the courage to speak out & act against the abuse of your beloved people. Amen

*Moderator Andrew Gunton*

## Carpentaria Presbytery & Retreat

If you have not received either your invoice or receipt please send me an email so I can rectify this.  
Thanks,  
Marie

25<sup>th</sup> May

### Townsville

CWCI Celebrating 50 yrs Safari Ministry

**Encouragement & Morning tea: Time :** 9:30am

**Location:** Mt Louisa Community Church (485 Bayswater Rd Mt Louisa )  
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**Encouragement & Supper: Time:** 7pm

**Location:** Northreach Baptist Church Kirwan (38 Canterbury Rd Kirwan)

**RSVP 21<sup>st</sup> May-** Briony 0409 491 054 / Marilyn 0438 191 655

### Townsville

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**Lend a hand .....Become a pastoral care volunteer**

Do you want to become equipped with the skills to provide pastoral care & support to people in your church & local community?

The **Volunteers CARE Essentials Course** is a basic introduction to Christian pastoral care where you will learn the foundational skills needed to get started on your pastoral care journey.

**Venue:** Mt Louisa Community Church (485 Bayswater Rd, Mt Louisa)

**Date:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July

**Time: 9am- 5pm**

"This course is well suited as a basic skills training and refresher course for Elders/Church Council/Leaders or others involved in Pastoral Care. It is also designed to be part of the basic requirements for those wanting to participate in Pastoral Care in other contexts such as Hospitals. Training is not restricted to Uniting Church people.

More info contact Jan: [topspot88@gmail.com](mailto:topspot88@gmail.com)

**Register Now:** [ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare](http://ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare)

Information about *Care Essentials* and the *Care Matters* follow on course can be found at: <https://ucaqld.com.au/about-us/chaplaincy/pastoral-care-volunteers/>

Location: Cairns (Final Venue TBC)

Possible Dates: Mid June/ Possibly Thursday and Friday June 10th-11th

Contact Rev. Shane Kammermann (Hospitals Chaplain) [skamme@internode.on.net](mailto:skamme@internode.on.net)

Note: if you are interested please contact me even if the proposed dates don't suit you.

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Just wanted to share this with you from my devotion From the word for today ✨

### **Our nation can be saved**

'I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.' **2 Chronicles 7:14** NIV

Winston Churchill often repeated the famous saying, 'Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.' Take a look at society today; the conditions that preceded the fall of many great civilisations are in place. You ask, 'Can our nation be saved?' Yes! God told Abraham if he could find as few as ten righteous people in the city, He would spare Sodom and Gomorrah from judgment. And a righteous minority can still save our nation. How? Through prayer!

God said: 'If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.' Notice four important conditions mentioned in this Scripture:

**(1)** *'If My people, who are called by My name.'* The future of our nation doesn't rest in the hands of bankers, talking heads on TV, or politicians; it rests squarely in the hands of God's redeemed people.

**(2)** *'Will humble themselves and pray and seek My face.'* God, who needs nobody's authorisation or approval to act, promises to move when His people turn to Him and seek His face in prayer.

**(3)** *'And turn from their wicked ways.'* Instead of complaining about what's wrong with society, God commands His people to examine their own hearts to see what's wrong and make it right. And when they do, He promises to:

**(4)** *'Hear from Heaven... forgive their sin and... heal their land.'* The truth is, it's up to us, not them! It's not too late. Our nation can still be turned around if we'll pray and seek God with all our hearts.

Bless you,  
Marie Dewar

# Synod News & info

## From the General Secretary

It is with some sadness that Scott Guyatt is finishing his ministry placement with the Synod Office. Scott has accepted a call to work with UnitingCare Queensland (UCQ) as their new "Connect 100 Coordinator" and will be a great fit for that role. His last day of work at the Synod Office will be on 21 May, after which he will have a well-earned break until he begins his new placement with UCQ on 1 July.

Scott has worked as the Director of Mission Innovation for the Synod Office for the last eight and half years and has been influential in initiating and delivering several important pieces of work. These include our Mission Shaped Communities cohorts, leadership development programs, and most recently the listening and discernment phase of Project Plenty.

Scott is extremely well regarded in both the Synod Office and also with presbyteries and congregations where he has built trust, relationships and networks that have strengthened our work. His considered and wise contributions have been appreciated by many, and his drive to help the church imagine and innovate a new future has also been a hallmark of his time in this role. We will certainly miss Scott in the Synod Office and yet we are also thrilled that God is calling him to continue his work as part of the Uniting Church through this new role with the Connect 100 initiative.

There will be an end of placement service for Scott in the coming weeks, which all are invited to attend. More details of that event will follow shortly.

Please join me in congratulating Scott on a wonderful season of ministry.

## Domestic violence service <https://vimeo.com/547741591>

As part of Domestic Violence and Family Protection Month during May, a service of lament has been prepared.

As a church, we provide support for victims/survivors of domestic and family violence on a daily basis through entities like UnitingCare Queensland and Wesley Mission Queensland.

Ministers and congregations throughout the church are encouraged to use the service during the month as an opportunity to pause and reflect upon this incredibly important issue within our community. Contact: [communications@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:communications@ucaqld.com.au) for more information.



## Day Camp 2021

Need help deciding what to do with your kids over the June/ July holidays? How about you send them to Moreton Rivers Presbytery Day Camp (June 29- July 2). They can enjoy the "camping feel", but have the comfort of going home to sleep. Your primary school kids will be on a "Quest To Find God's Great Light"

For more information contact [Moreton Rivers Presbytery](#) or check out our [website](#).