

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.

Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For:

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, creative solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery. Today Garry, Cooleys & Christine are off to Thursday Is.
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.

Monday Prayer:

God of the wind & rain, may your grace blow upon us & discomfort us today. May our contentment be challenged. May our self-assuredness be critiqued. May our ignorance & apathy be provoked. And may our hearts be moved.

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

A few Pictures from our Presbytery Meeting



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*Strawberry *Hubba Bubba * Watermelon

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2-Tropical (Pineapple, coconut, strawberry)
3-Tutti Frutti (Strawberry, Apple, Orange)



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Christy's Thoughts

We are in an exciting time in the church calendar this month. Last Sunday was Pentecost and this coming Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday. I do recognize that not all get excited about Trinity Sunday, but it is an important day for 2 reasons. One, following on from the incredible events that unfolded when the Holy Spirit anointed the disciples, Trinity Sunday gives the church an opportunity to reconnect with the fullness of what God offers to us in the Trinity. The second reason is that this day is not connected to a particular biblical account and therefore is an opportunity for the church to delve into the wonderful space that is theology!

I am aware that many of you don't get excited by the word theology and some may even prefer to not travel down that pathway very far at all. Each year when I was preparing worship for Trinity Sunday, I would often wish that I could be away or get in a visiting preacher! In fact, sometimes I would start the week hoping I might get sick!

But I have to say each year God pushed me to reflect deeply and consider what it means to say that I believe in the Trinity. Sometimes I wonder whether people really consider the fullness of God. It is much easier to focus on each individual part of the Trinity rather than the whole, but I want to say to you that that is the point. God is not simplistic! There is no simple way to believe in God without considering the 3 parts. And even though many will argue differently, I do not think you can fully engage in faith if you are not prepared to struggle with what the Trinity is. How can you be a person of faith without believing in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?

How these 3 parts are together and yet separate caused me many hours of struggle and hair pulling when I was in theological college. Even now after all this time, I still sometimes cannot comprehend just how it all works. Thank goodness there are some who are much more theological minded than me who put into plain words what can be difficult to explain.

So can I encourage you this week to fully engage in Trinity Sunday. Don't put away the red of Pentecost just yet. Consider the fullness of God as you prepare for worship, whether you will be in the pulpit or the pew. Reflect on how all of God impacts your daily life and your faith. And may you experience anew what God would share with you as you open yourself up to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessings,
Christy

Synod News & info

Hello to all in Moreton Rivers Presbytery from the Business Development Unit.
Who recalls an account of St Martin of Tours?

As a young soldier, Martin encountered a beggar in Amiens. The beggar was unclothed and very cold. Martin removed his cloak, and with his sword, he cut it in half. He gave half to the beggar and dressed himself in the remnant.

Would your congregation like to share what they have, but sometimes get caught on what is missing – numbers, money, energy?

Maybe the Business Development Unit has tools, and support, that your congregation can use to alter this approach.

Here in the BDU, we would like to learn more about your congregations' missional purpose, and in return, outline some relevant tools that might assist in fulfilling the purpose.

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kind regards, Kay

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Learning news

Volunteers CARE pastoral care course

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

The Uniting Church Australia Volunteers CARE course will be conducted at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Chaplaincy Department for eight Tuesdays starting 20 July, from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

This course is suited for for elders, church leaders and anyone who would like to be an effective pastoral carer.

To find out more, visit our website [here](#).

Other news

National Reconciliation Week Church Toolkit

A Church Resources Toolkit is available to use on 30 May in your church service as part of National Reconciliation Week.

These resources have been prepared by Aboriginal Christian Leaders, Brooke Prentis and Bianca Manning, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leader, Safina Stewart, to help your church meaningfully engage in prayer and solidarity during National Reconciliation Week 2021. These resources are suitable for offline and online church services.

We pray that your church will be encouraged through using these resources as together we are led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders to pursue friendship and Reconciliation in our lifetime. We pray that by engaging with these resources we take the next steps towards justice and healing as together we engage with Treaty and Truth Telling for Healing Country in these lands we now call Australia.

Download the toolkit [here](#).