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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.
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.

Midday Prayer: Moderator Andrew Gunton

Father

We pray that you will guide us in walking together by expressions of your justice and love for all creation. We pray for you Father to nurture and sustain all people and nations throughout this land, and that we shine your light Lord.

Father may we dwell in your peace, so that the struggles between First and Second People of past and present are broken.

Uniting together making new relationships.

New relationships built upon strong foundations of

Respect,

Love,

Grace and Mercy.

We are full of gratitude for your blessings upon us.

All the glory is yours our Lord,

Amen

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

Congratulations!!!!



Moderator's medal awarded to
Krishna Buhler in Cairns for her services
to LifeLine over many years.

From Ruth Beasley

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*Strawberry *Hubba Bubba * Watermelon

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3-Tutti Frutti (Strawberry, Apple, Orange)



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Garry's Thoughts

Those who know me know that I have a little tongue-in-the-cheek expression that goes, "I know God loves me...He just doesn't like me very much."

For me this is both a way of keeping a lid on my ego (some say that's hard in itself) and also a reminder that love and like are two very different concepts. God loved me so much that he sent His son to die for me. But I still have a bung knee.

However, it was clear last week that there is a possibility that God might actually like me at times.

On the Saturday after our Presbytery Retreat, Robyn Cooley and her husband, Gavin, Rev Christine Herman from Edmonton and Gordonvale and myself flew out of Atherton in cloudy weather in the Carpentaria Remote Area's (formally McKay Patrol) aircraft, the trusty Cessna 182, VH-MJZ (Much Joy and Zeal). It was always a bit of an unknown as far as being able to get back into Atherton or Mareeba on the following Thursday, given the wet season that just doesn't want to end.

Our plan was to visit the congregations of Mornington Island, Aurukun, Napranum and Thursday Island and give Robyn, in particular, the opportunity to meet with the church councils in their own place and to undertake some building inspections. For Christine, as a member of the Calvary Zone, it was helpful for her to get a real on-the-ground experience of the challenges faced by her fellow ministers and their people in our remotest communities. Gavin came along for material support and me...apart from some preaching, pastoral care and a few set meetings with the church councils and leaders....I was just the pilot.

As the days went by, I spent a lot of my time looking at the weather cameras placed at both Atherton and Mareeba vainly hoping that I could find a pattern in the weather that would help me plan the right day and time to fly back to the Tablelands, given the lack of fuel sources and alternative airstrips.

And everyday it just looked awful. Rain, cloud, drizzle. It never once looked promising. That was until Thursday morning when we awoke on Thursday Island, the last leg of our journey, to see the cameras showing beautiful blue sky and predictions that it would stay that way most of the day. And as Bob Hudson sang in the Newcastle song, "Don't you ever let a chance go by."

As it turned out it was the only fine day in a fortnight of rubbish weather. As we descended over Dimbulah into Mareeba, it was a three word sentence uttered by Christine that really caught me. "Thank you Boss!"

In these three words all the work we got done over the previous 5 days and all the safety while flying across remote Cape York and the Gulf and all the precious conversations, worship, prayers and relationships built were summed up. Thank you Boss!

Thank You Boss

For giving us this beautiful place in which to live out our faith.

For the people who make this place so special and yet so challenging.

For the chance to do your work without being forever stuck in traffic.

For the gifts and skills you equip each of us with.

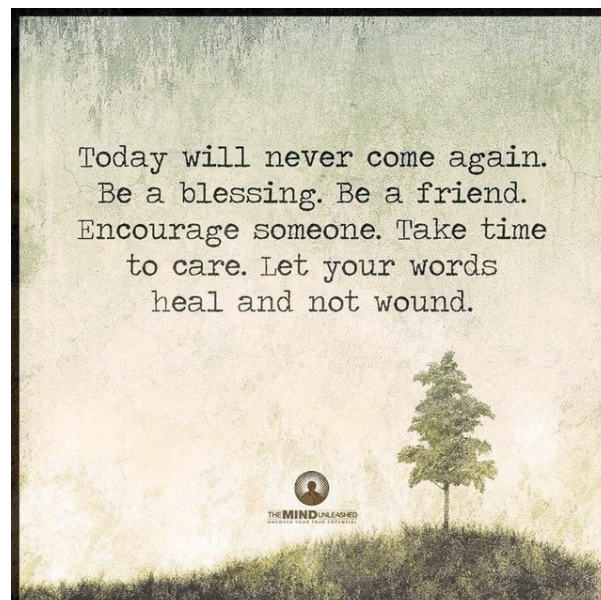
For the hard work, the tears and the laughter shared amongst fellow workers of the Gospel.

And mostly.... for not just loving us, but demonstrating at times, that you like us as well.

Even me.

Blessings

Garry



Synod News & info

New Plentiful Conversation video - Life Together

“Passion and vision. Action and heart.”

Life together can transform communities, churches, organisations and individuals.



Redcliffe Uniting Church and UnitingCare Queensland are working together to create the Redcliffe Uniting Community Hub development. The development is aimed at creating a community services space where people can access life transforming services in what is one of the fastest growing regions within south-east Queensland.

If the Life Together theme is important to you, we would love to have you as part of the plentiful conversation. [Register your interest.](#)

Other news

National Reconciliation Week

The Uniting Church Assembly is encouraging Uniting Church Australia members and congregations to mark and take part in National Reconciliation Week from 27 May – 3 June.

The theme this year is "Reconciliation takes action" and we invite you think about concrete actions you can take, and to mark the week in worship with the resource prepared by Tarlee Leondaris in the Synod of South Australia.

You can find information and resources [here](#).

