

# 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, simple solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Christy & Peter Allen & family, for wisdom, discernment, simple solutions to difficult issues & safety as she travels around our Presbytery.
3. Robyn & Gavin Cooley, as she deals with the property & financial matters across our Presb.
4. Presbytery Youth Camp

Hi friends,

For those who met Lee Willis, just to let you know if your interested...he will be on the royal flying doctors series on channel 7 tonight night and then the following next 2 weeks.. his character is uncle Timmy..lee double episode tonight in RFDS TV series.

Look out for Dr Wayne Yates's brother "Uncle Jimmy"

### Attention Ministry Agents who are Marriage Celebrants

## Three new marriage forms commenced on Wednesday 1 September 2021

**The three new marriage forms:** the Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM), the Official Certificate of Marriage (OCM), and Declaration of No Legal Impediment to Marriage (DNLI) forms, have been made available for download from the department’s website on 31 August 2021 for use from Wednesday 1 September 2021.

<https://www.ag.gov.au/families-and-marriage/publications/tips-completing-new-notice-intended-marriage-1-september-2021>

## 24-27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Presbytery Youth Camp

### Northern Madness 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Registration Extended until 12th September.....DON'T MISS OUT!!**

**Cost : for Camp \$40 High School -21yrs**

*Time to get Fired Up about - Northern Madness 2021*  
*24th - 27th September 2021 - Burdekin - Ayr Showgrounds*

Input sessions by Pastor Ian (*Nessy*)  
 “Get to Know Father God”  
 based around the Lord’s Prayer

- Small Groups
- Active/Creative/Spiritual Electives
- Beach Afternoon
- Mini Golf & Movie
- And Time to Hangout

*Bring your music talents and instrument for the band*

**DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

**Registration (Closing Soon)**  
**\$40**  
*Includes all Activities Food and a place to Sleep*

**Ask A Question - [madness@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:madness@ucacarpentaria.com.au)**  
**Register - <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event44.php>**

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**Activities include:** time at a local beach, mini golf & cinema along with games, activities, worship, meals and small group sessions

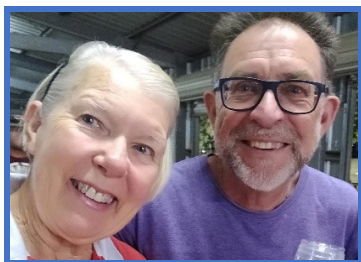
**For more information contact :** Pastor Ian Ness 4786 2857 (Burdekin UC) or Rev Greg Rankin 0413 787 626 (Ingham UC).

**Click on the link to Register**

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event44.php>

19<sup>th</sup> August -End September

### UnitingWorld visits Carpentaria Presbytery



Don and Sylvia Wright (who have taken over from Jenny Guyatt, ) will be visiting churches in Carpentaria (from Cooktown) as of 19 August to the end of September. We are UnitingWorld volunteer ambassadors from Hervey Bay and are looking forward to bringing news of the work of the Uniting Church in Australia, through UnitingWorld, with

overseas partner church's needs.

EverythingInCommon, ethical gifts that change lives, will be available through UnitingWorld for Christmas 2021.



We would love an opportunity to share (10mins) with your congregation .

**Please contact us:** Sylvia 0498264254 or Don 0498264255 and at [sylviaawright@hotmail.com](mailto:sylviaawright@hotmail.com)

11 & 12 September

National Conference of Lay Preachers Online- Cancelled



It is with enormous regret that we advise that 2020/2021 National Conference of Lay Preachers will not be able to go ahead.

Sadly, the incredible uncertainty and disturbance around the continuing outbreaks of the COVID-19 pandemic across Australia, has meant that we cannot effectively do justice both to the participants or the presenters in attempting to stage this

important event.

We are therefore pleased to say, that the National Lay Preachers' Committee has determined that the next conference will be convened in the year before the 2024 Assembly, as is customary, and that it will be hosted and organised by Queensland. We are foreshadowing a face-to-face conference sometime in July 2023 at Alex Park on the beautiful Sunshine Coast of Queensland.

**So, please mark your calendars for our gathering in July 2023.**

# Garry's Thoughts

“vita interrumpitur”

Life interrupted.

These latin words really describe the life of a Presbytery minister. As Christy, and dare say everyone who has or is serving as a Presbytery minister will concur, a lot of our ministry is the constant interruption while you are busy doing something else. Often phone calls pile upon phone calls all day long. In aviation, there is a well known phrase, “checktis interruptis”. This is where you get interrupted while going through the checklist a pilot does at many crucial stages of flight. Its one of the reasons you see airline pilots going methodically through a written checklist, so just in case they get interrupted, they can get back on track again.

Now, don't get me wrong. I am not bemoaning the fact. Indeed, the great joy of ministry, any ministry, is the uncertainty of what the next phone call or email will bring. No-one can ever say ministry is boring. Or if they do, they need to seek out how Jesus dealt with interruptions and how these moments became powerful demonstrations of the presence of God.

In Luke 8:45, Jesus is walking through a crowd when a woman touches Him. “Who touched me?” he asks. At first, everyone denies it. Maybe they were scared that Jesus would be annoyed at being interrupted. Finally, a woman fell down before him trembling and admitted it was her. She had been healed by merely touching Him. For Jesus, this was not an annoyance, it was a moment of personal connection. And this connection turned the scene from a brief interruption into a declaration that I think we would all love to be assured of, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

Now, of course, depending on my mood and my level of tiredness, I like to think that the next phone call will also be a time to create or strengthen a relationship. An opportunity to help in some way to ease a frustration or to guide someone towards a solution. It might not always be so smooth. In fact, I might have no solution at all. I might even create more frustration. But *vita interrumpitur* is what God has called me to.

I know for some people a full calendar is a badge of honour. That somehow demonstrating business is a mark of worthiness. For me, a day with no appointments means that I can often give time to the interruptions that come out of left field. The one thing I hate doing is replying to a phone call with a text saying, “I'll call you back” or “Please text me” or “I'm busy, call later”. It means that I am usually stuck in a meeting and having to make choices of priority.

Jesus, on the other hand, sees every encounter as important.

In the story of Jesus' interruption, he was heading to help heal a twelve year old girl who was dying. And yet in the midst of this urgency, he gave time to the woman who touched him. Imagine, if he had said to the hemorrhaging woman, “I'll get back to you” or “I'm busy”.

There is a lesson here for ministers of all stripes. And indeed, a lesson for all people. Be prepared for interruptions. Indeed cherish these moments of unexpected interactions. Because it may well be that these interruptions are the most important things you can do in your day.

Have a great ....and interrupted....day.

Blessings  
Garry

# Synod News & Info.

## Dream Dreams



“I have a dream”. From the steps of the Lincoln Memorial the words echoed out in the moment, and on down through the generations. This refrain from Martin Luther King Jr’s [landmark speech](#) strikes a chord in all of us. There is power in those words. Inspiration. Challenge. Possibility.

When Albert Einstein was asked whether he trusted more to his imagination or his knowledge, he responded: “I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination encircles the world.”

Imagination, the capacity to dream, to wonder, to visualise, to create or concoct is, I am convinced, a God-given gift. The outcome of dreams or imagination reveal to us new possibilities. Dreaming and imagining begins the unfolding of a new world which can then be lived into being. That is the power of a dream.

[Read this reflection](#) from Scott Guyatt, Connect 100 Coordinator at UnitingCare.



Thursday 9 September is a national day of action dedicated to reminding us all that every day is the day to ask, “Are you OK?” and support those struggling with life's ups and downs. Given the last 12 months, I think we would all agree that none of us is immune to life’s challenges. Many of us feel less connected than ever due to work pressures, financial hardship, relationship breakdowns or sadly, the loss of a loved one.

Often it may not be apparent that a friend or colleague is struggling but we all know what it feels like for someone to genuinely reach out and ask how you are feeling. That sense of "lending an ear" and allowing someone to "have a voice" can truly change their life, so I encourage us all on RUOK Day to reach out and have a conversation—you may never know where it leads...

Janelle van de Velde is the Executive Director, Shared Services within the Synod Office.