

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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UCA Queensland Synod Corona-virus Update

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

[Queensland Government website](#)

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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. Peter & Christy Allen 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.

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting 5th-7th Nov 2021 @ Cassowary Coast UC- Innisfail

Please remember the Ministry Agent & one rep from each congregation

Here is the link:

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event77.php>

Congregation MDF Feedback Reminder

On the 15th April you received an email asking Feedback for MDF consultation.

This is due on Monday 25th October

Your response and any questions can be emailed to: generalsecretary@ucaqld.com.au

If you have missed the email & wish to participate please contact Robyn or Marie.

9 October 2021

Townsville

Lawn Bowls Jubilee Bowls Club

Date: 9 October **Time:** 7.45am for 8.00am start

Cost: \$20 (Green Fees & Donation)

Immediately After The Game Morning Tea and Trophy Presentation @

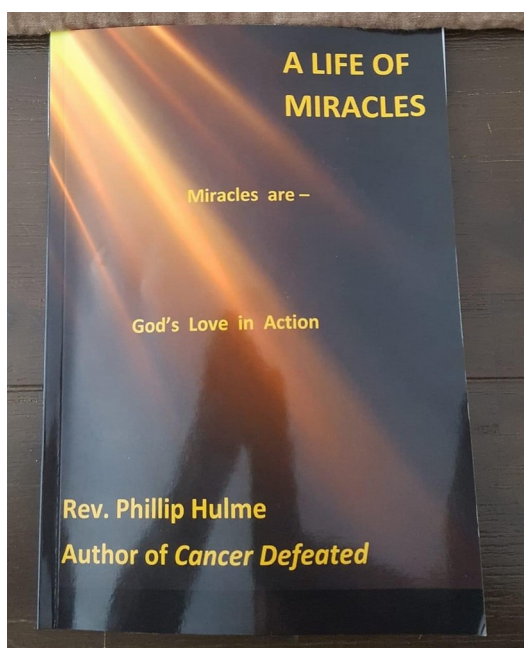
Aitkenvale Uniting Church



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

Contact: Kay Ph: 0409 892 795 Email: wazz.kay@bigpond.net.au

All proceeds to McKay Patrol- At our last game we raised \$200.00 for the Patrol.
Join us and continue the good work done by Roy Backer for so many years.



Hi friends,

Announcing my second book called "A LIFE OF MIRACLES." I hope it will inspire many to believe in God and or renew their faith in a God who does care and love them deeply. I'm selling it for Ten dollars plus Five dollars postage per copy.

The book contains many miracles healings and revelations that i believe will stir your soul. See pictures attached.

Rev Phillip Hulme

We will have a few books for sale at our Presbytery Meeting in November.

Christy's Thoughts

The gospel reading for last Sunday from Mark had amongst its themes, the ongoing challenge and conflict between the Pharisees and Jesus. Mark 10:2 states "some Pharisees came and to test Jesus". It is one of many occasions where the Pharisees set out to entrap Jesus in a discussion that could be used against him. Every time they tried, Jesus pushed back and made them look at very least petty and sometimes downright hypocritical.

All followers experience times of testing. Whether it is the defiant no of a toddler, the constant bickering of teenagers or the challenging personalities of work mates we have all experienced moments of frustration, angry or despair. Sometimes these moments can be so overwhelming that we find ourselves reacting in ways that are foreign to our normal behaviour.

Over the last while there has been more than one occasion where I have felt like I was being tested. What followed on from this was a time of personal struggle as I worked through my feelings of anger, doubt and occasionally, guilt. Whilst I know that this is common for many of us, it can be difficult to find our way back.

The longer we ask questions around worthy and worthiness, the harder it can be to find our way back to the peace that only God offers. Many may consider my constant reference to God's love and peace a bit tiresome given that I say something about it pretty often. I have to tell you it is as much for my own benefit as it is a prompt for you.

I am guilty of taking things to heart and feeling like I am not enough. I let words spoken through pain and struggle hit home. I am not made from Teflon... too often things stick instead of sliding off. But I want to also say that I would not choose to be somewhere else. I believe that God places us in situations and seasons for a reason. Today's struggle can so often turn out to be a gift as we move through life.

Jesus never shied away from conflict or difficult situations. He sought to engage with people, listen to what was being said and left unsaid. His reply was often pointed and profound as he addressed those who stood before him.

The call of discipleship and service will often put us in difficult situations. If we live our lives as God intends, we will face hardship and pain. The key is to let God be in control of our hearts and mind. God needs to be the one showing direction and discernment. We need only listen, and God will direct us where to go and what to do.

We may indeed be tested but God's presence and strength is ever constant and that I believe and know to be empowering and life giving.

Blessings,
Christy

Synod News & Info.

14th of October



The first is **Trinity's Open Evening**, which will be held onsite from 7-8:30pm on the 14th of October. As you'll know, an important part of church leadership is identifying and prompting future church leaders. So please take a minute to consider which people in your congregations you might prompt to come along. Perhaps you know someone who is undertaking a PoD or involved in ministry already? We'd love to meet them at our Open Evening.

<https://www.trinity.qld.edu.au/event/open-evening-5/>

- The second event is our final **Trinity Unplugged** talk for 2021, which will be held from 7-8:30pm on the 21st of October. These talks address current issues and are accessible to anyone and everyone. As you'll see from the flyer, this one is on the topic of **Revival**, and our two main speakers are each involved in Uniting Church regeneration projects at the moment (St Lucia and Graceville). The evening will provide interactive opportunities to think, reflect and ask questions about the somewhat scary notion of revival.

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Albert Street Lecture Series
cnr Albert and Ann Streets, Brisbane

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The Basis for Continuing

THURSDAY 18 NOV.
7.00 - 8.30PM

Rev Dr Peter Hobson
Superintendent Minister:
Albert Street Church

Albert Street Lecture Series
Thursday 18 November, 7pm
In person and online (Facebook live)

We are delighted to have Rev Dr Peter Hobson join us for our next Albert Street Lecture Series on Thursday 18th November.

All are welcome to join us as Peter presents on "The Basis of Continuing".

The lecture will begin at 7pm in the Albert Street Church, and will also be livestreamed on Facebook for those joining in from home.

Please register here: <https://thecooperativehub.com/events/albert-street-lecture-series-3/>



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Summer School

INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC THEOLOGY
11 JAN - 1 MAR 2022

8 week course
Tues nights, 6.30 - 9.30pm

at Wesley House, 140 Ann Street, Brisbane
Or online via Zoom

\$80 (\$40 Concession)

Register now!

**Summer School:
Introduction to Public
Theology 8 week course
Tuesday nights 6.30-
9.30pm**

**In person at Wesley
House, or online via
Zoom**

What does it mean for faith communities to engage in public discourse? Is there a common good?

Can “God-talk” still make a positive contribution to society? You are invited to explore these questions over 8 weeks in the first cooperative Summer School. During the course we will investigate the nature of public theology, explore pop culture, examine forms of public dialogue from political speeches to viral memes, and stage our own conversation on four critical social issues in our time. We will meet for 8 sessions on Tuesday nights (in person and online), starting on 11 January, 2022. For those who are joining us online, we will send you the Zoom link closer to the start date. Purchasing a ticket gives you access to all 8 sessions and all course materials. Please buy your tickets here: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-cooperative-summer-school>

Action for Afghanistan

The Uniting Church continues to call on the Australian Government to take further action in response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.

We have [joined calls](#) for Australia to implement a special humanitarian intake to provide safety for people at risk of danger and violence, and permanent protection for those in Australia. [View](#) more information on ways in which you can support.

What it really means to be at peace



Peacemaking ... Peace ... Shalom ... Breathe in ... Breath out ... Be still and know that I am God.

I'm sitting quietly in my sister's beautiful garden listening to the sound of the birds melting into my daily devotion being read to me from the app on my iPhone.

Life is good—nature, beauty, family, prayer—I am at peace. Well, except for those nagging reminders of what's on my ever growing “to do” list and the state of the world; except for those annoying voices of self-loathing guilt at not doing enough about the state of the world; except for those justified judgemental thoughts about the state of the world, some people should know better and I am right and they are wrong.

What does it really mean to be at peace, to be a peacemaker as disciples of Jesus? Where does our peace come from? [Read](#) the reflection by Presbytery Minister for the Presbytery of The Downs Rev Yvonne Mcrostie.