

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](#)

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. 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

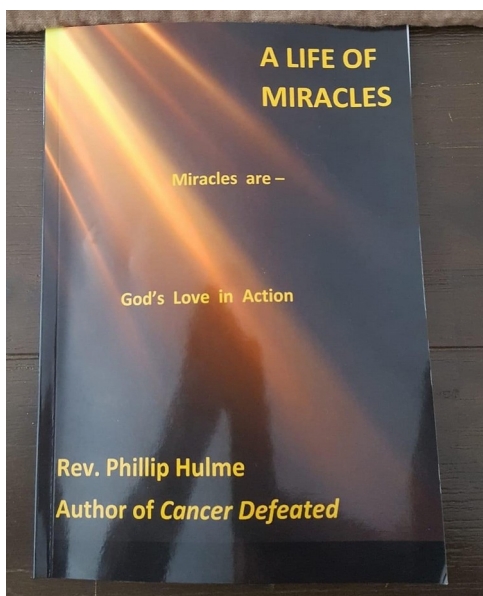
Calvary Zone Meeting 4th Nov- Cairns

Ministry Agents- COE Training 1:30 pm Innisfail

Please remember the Ministry Agent & one rep from each congregation

Here is the link:

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



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

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



Garry's Thoughts

People get ready, there's a rain a-coming.....or something like that.

Well, its almost mango season.

Its also almost cyclone season.

So, now is the time to be thinking about what preparations you and your congregation are making in case of a tropical storm and the real threat of a good old-fashioned North Queensland wet season.

Over the next few weeks, its imperative that your church councils start thinking about what plans you have in place. Some simple conversation starters are...

Do we have a generator...or generators so we can help people who loose power?

Do we know our local SES co-coordinator, or emergency service folk so that we can offer ourselves in time of need?

Do we know what the other denominations in our patch are doing so that we can work together in the time of a crisis or in the period of recovery after?
Are all our buildings secure and watertight?

Do we have a community evacuation plan?

Do you have members who can serve as chaplains in the community during recovery, or can offer their services to other communities in time of need?

Just remember that the Presbytery has four generators available across the Presbytery, 1 in Cairns, 1 in Atherton, 1 in Mission Beach and 1 in Townsville. So if a need arises, contact the Presbytery office and we can get them used if required.

But the number one thing you need to be doing now is to be looking out for each other. See if anyone in your congregation needs help in cyclone preparation. Just a quick check on someone can make all the difference. Maybe they have been previously affected or are too ashamed to ask for a place to feel safe during or after an event. Having a spare bed or beds available during a cyclone event can be the greatest gift to someone who is unsure how their house will fair.

The weather bureau is predicting an earlier, longer and possibly more dangerous wet season this year, so lets be ahead of the game.

Most of us have been there before. But remember there will be people in your congregation and community who have never experienced a cyclone, or even a North Queensland wet season, so lets make sure everyone is supported, well-informed and prayerfully ready for anything that nature might throw against us.

Being unprepared for that which we know is coming is exactly what Jesus bemoaned in Luke 12:35-38 when he called on people to be prepared. Like the return of the master, we know the wet season is coming, so...people, get ready, there's a rain a-coming!!

Blessings,
Garry

Synod News & Info.

Moreton Rivers Presbytery

Lay Preachers an invitation to join with Moreton Rivers Presbytery for this online teaching opportunity <https://www.moretonriverspresbytery.org.au/learning-for-living/> **for more info go to the above website or** Email: adminsupport@mrpres.org.au



WORSHIP & PREACHING - PREPING
SERMONS AS A CREATIVE NARRATIVE

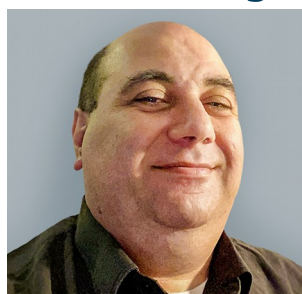
SHOW & TELL

October 14, 2021
7PM - 10PM | ZOOM
Meeting ID: 824 1815 4910
Passcode: 539823

Guest Speaker: Rev Peter Lockhart
Chaplain at Moreton Bay College has been in ministry for over twenty years and has been involved in teaching lay preachers and mentoring student ministers. During this session Peter will share some of his insights into sermon preparation and delivery, especially using stories in sermons.


MORETON RIVERS PRESBYTERY
LEARNING FOR LIVING

Peacemaking or peacekeeping?



The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a peacemaker as “one who makes peace especially by reconciling parties at variance”. Personally, I have rarely seen proper peacemaking. Most of what I have experienced could be classified as peacekeeping, which is “the preserving of peace especially international enforcement and supervision of a truce between hostile states or communities”. This means that a show of force will deter conflict between two or more parties.

We see this all the time.

Through peacekeeping, the actual reason for the conflict is rarely resolved. International forces come in to protect the innocent and keep the peace. After a

very short time weaknesses appear in the international forces and the local militia fighters take advantage creating yet another war, which they call a just war because in their view it is against a foreign occupying force. Once the foreign forces leave the conflict continues.

[Read](#) this reflection from Levon Kardashian, Minister at Logan Central Multicultural Uniting Church.

Prayer



John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Dear Lord,

We give thanks for your promise, that it is your peace that you leave us, in whatever age we live.

It is your peace that we have and it is your peace that we depend upon. Even as all around us, in different parts of the world, we see trouble and unrest, even in some places, wars. We pray for the peacemakers, those who are working to bring peace where there is no peace. We thank you for them, and we pray your peace be over this world. Enable us to be a channel of your peace, and work together to bring peace to our world, our communities, our countries.

We pray for families who have been torn apart by war and violence, for children who have lost parents and now survive in this world alone, dependent on their own resources. Please help them Lord, and may they find a place where they can be nurtured, valued, and have a sense of belonging. Thank you that even when we can't see how things can change, that you already are at work. All these things we pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Rev Beatriz Skippen is the Minister at Bulimba Uniting Church.

Update regarding the review into the Synod Chaplaincy Commission

We are delighted to announce that we in the process of appointing a Chaplaincy Commission Executive Officer to implement the new directions outlined in the chaplaincy strategy. Details are currently being finalised, but it is anticipated this new person will join us in early December.

The General Secretary will be appointing a chaplaincy transitional project board for a period of 12 months. After that time, a new Chaplaincy Commission will be appointed by the Synod Standing Committee. This approach will allow us to align ourselves with other missional reviews occurring across the Synod which might reshape how the chaplaincy mission is governed.

Read more [here](#).

Liturgy of Acknowledgment and Lament for victims of institutional child sexual abuse

The third anniversary of the National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse occurs on 22 October. The Assembly has developed a resource, available [here](#) for Uniting Church communities to hold a Liturgy of Acknowledgment and Lament to remember and acknowledge the harm done.