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# **UCA Queensland Synod Corona-virus Update**

For the latest COVID-19 updates and resources, visit the <u>Synod website</u>.

Queensland Government website

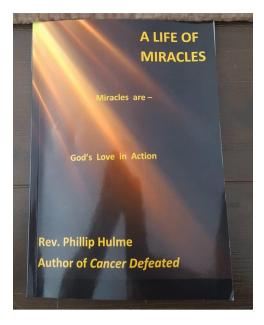
# **Presbytery Office**

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.
- 4. Our Presbytery Meeting 5-7Nov



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.

#### **6 November**

### Lawn Bowls Jubilee Bowls Club Townsville

Date: 6 November 2021

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 Phone: 0409892795 or email: wazz.kay@bigpond.net.au

All proceeds to McKay Patrol







# Encounter God's Heart...In Stillness

Society has become impaired by rushing. Waiting upon the Lord has become rare—a priceless treasure worth digging up. In these set-apart times of stillness, we're greeted by the reality of his presence in a myriad of ways: Strength comes, peace drowns anxiety, wisdom lands, and joy becomes real.

If early mornings with the Lord aren't a normal part of your day, I encourage you to try incorporating them into your lifestyle. Other times of the day work too—the point is to set time aside to wait upon him each day. Quiet hours and private places are a necessary component of every intimate relationship. Your holy union with the Lord is no different. When his presence greets you, you'll find the sacrifice of time isn't a sacrifice at all. It becomes a holy addiction. A yearning that must be met each day.

## Start here and now with this prayer

Father, my heart burns for the nearness of your presence. Meet with me as I quiet myself before you. Teach me to still my mind and tune into the flow of your Spirit within me. At times, your presence is greater than I can stand, yet I long for more. Come. Pour out more until all that's left of me are the glimmering remains of love.

From "The Vision" written by Brian Simmons



Yahweh, be gracious to us, for we wait for you.

Be our *strength* every morning and

rescue us when troubles come.

ISAIAH 33:2

# Synod News & Info.



It's that time of year when we reach out to Uniting Churches throughout Australia and invite them to sign up and be a part of a wonderful outreach to our partner churches in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Ask someone within your congregation to agree to host a stall after your service/services during November or December and

give people the opportunity to do their Christmas shopping without having to venture into the shops. Now who wouldn't like that!

More information on how to do so can be found at <a href="https://everythingincommon.com.au/pages/gift-stall">https://everythingincommon.com.au/pages/gift-stall</a>.

Please contact me (Jenny Guyatt) on 0439 982 156 or <u>jen@guyatt.net</u> and I will be delighted to sign your church up to give gifts that fight poverty and build hope.

# Peace defined by the Gospel



We live in world where the quest for peace and togetherness is ubiquitous, and where the paths put forward to achieve it are seemingly infinite. Every world religion, every political ideology, and sometimes it seems like every individual person, has their own idea of peace and their own particular plan for how it can be best brought about.

Yet, when peace becomes an empty cultural shell that we fill with our own ideological content, it loses its redemptive context in the story of God and thereby

becomes a merely generic virtue.

Read this reflection by Dr John Frederick, Lecturer in New Testament at Trinity College Queensland.

# **Presbytery and congregation news Plenty progress report**

At the October Synod Standing Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 October, the direction set by the Shared life flourishing communities Progress Report was affirmed. The 117 actions and 39 initiatives will be the basis of future scoping, projects and pilots.

This Progress Report is intended to offer a clear summary of where the discussion and planning by the working groups is up to, at this point in time. There are initiatives that are underway already, initiatives where the work will be undertaken within current resourcing and a range of initiatives which may require resources over a significant period of time. They will need to be considered, prioritised and resourced.

The report is available on the <u>Plenty website</u> or <u>view here</u>.

# Liturgy of Acknowledgement 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 <a href="here">here</a>, for Uniting Church communities to hold a Liturgy of Acknowledgement and Lament to remember and acknowledge the harm done.

## **2021 Justice and Mission Convention**

The 2021 Justice and International Mission Convention will explore what the Christian faith has to say on the subject of government and trust in societies. The Convention will also hear from movements seeking to re-energise our democracy and give us a greater say in how government runs.

Register here for this free Convention.