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UCA Queensland Synod

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

[Queensland Government website](#)

Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Peter & Christy Allen as they relocate to Townsville.

Date Claimers 2021

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting

25th -27th March

Synod 13th -17th May

Ministry Agents & Spouse retreat

2nd -5th August

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting

4th -6th Nov

36th Synod 13-17th May 2022
@
Alexandra Headlands Sunshine Coast

Ministry Agents & Rep

The 36th Synod in Session to be held from 7pm Friday, 13 May to 12noon Tuesday, 17 May 2022. Will be held in the Auditorium, Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands, on the Sunshine Coast .

The theme for the 36th Synod in Session is “a daring HOPE”

Information was sent to ministry agents & secretaries on the 23.11.2021 Members will need to be fully vaccinated to be on the roll of synod.

I need the info no later than the 4th February 2022 earlier is better. Please contact the Presbytery Office for more information.

No person should be elected to the Synod who cannot guarantee attendance at more than 80% of the Synod.

Marie



Tonga Tsunami Disaster

A crisis has struck our neighbours in Tonga

Your support will help our partner the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga (FWCT), who will be providing emergency assistance and supplies to people affected by the disaster.

In the longer term, your gift will support recovery and rebuilding once the full extent of the disaster is known.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible in Australia. Please give generously.

Note: UnitingWorld works directly with our church partners on community-wide relief and development activities. We do not direct money to particular people or families.

Donate now to provide urgent support to affected communities.

<https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/tonga>

Position Vacant Early childhood Teacher- Kirwan UC Child Care Centre
<https://unitingchurchinaustraliaqueenslandsynod.cmail19.com/t/r-l-trkyhuly-hhputwtu-jr/>

Further Details

Please click here to view the [position description](#).

For further information about the position, please contact our Director, Vicky Tudehope on (07) 4773 6499.

To apply, send a completed [application cover sheet](#), resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to careers@ucaqld.com.au.

The Inauguration of the St Andrew'

It was both a sad and exciting day in Cloncurry last Sunday. After worshipping for 63 years in the former Methodist church, the Uniting Church congregation voted to dissolve and to join with the Anglican church to create the St Andrew's Cooperating Parish meeting in the former Anglican church building.

This also marked the end of David and Janette Ellis' 8 years as the Patrol Padre / Bush Chaplain as David moves off the the Burnett region at the end of this month.

The Uniting and Anglican congregations have been working together for numerous years, so the amalgamation was not only expected, but excitedly welcomed.

After closing the Uniting Church, the cross and other elements of the worshipping life of the Cloncurry congregation made the short journey to the Anglican church as the two congregations became one.

In April, a new ministry agent appointed by the Anglican Diocese will take up his role in the co-operating parish and, pending finalisation through the placements process, a new Uniting Church Bush Chaplain will be similarly commissioned.

The new arrangement in Cloncurry mirrors the long-term arrangement that has existed in the Weipa congregation and we look forward to further and deepening cooperation with our Anglican brothers and sisters as we remodel ministry, particularly in the rural and remote parts of our Presbytery, not for the sake of survival, but for the sake of creating new disciples through shared strength and, ultimately, for the sake of the Gospel.

Blessings
Garry



Garry's Thoughts

While its great to see something associated with Covid finally pushed off the front page of the papers, its shocking that it has to be some thing as calamitous as the Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai eruption.

I know many of you will, like me, be feeling utterly powerless in the face of nature's power and be deeply concerned, not only for the people of Tonga and the wider Pacific nations, but for our brothers and sisters with us here who are nervously and prayerfully waiting to hear the fate of family and friends. This especially applies to those seasonal workers who, because of Covid, have been unable to travel home for almost two years and who are now, not only homesick, but grieving for being so far away from home at this time of tragedy.

We know that the events played out over the past few days will frame the future for Tonga for many years to come as ash chokes the crops and contaminates the water. In ancient times such cataclysms have spelt the end of whole civilisations. We are blessed that in these modern times, the whole world can come together to bring relief and support this tiny, yet extremely proud, Pacific nation.

For our Tongan ministry agents and their families in our Presbytery, we express our sorrow and offer words of hope and support along with our heartfelt payers as you not only deal with your own family connections, but work with your Tongan communities. I know your faith is strong and trust in God is unshakeable, but please reach out to your colleagues in ministry and the Presbytery for any support you need. Likewise to our non-Tongan ministry agents. We are all here for you and the nation of Tongan.

Rev Loni Vaitohi from the Shepperton Uniting Church in Victoria has written the following prayer for Tonga.

Tongan

'E 'Otua Mafimafi, oku ke aoniu mo fakaleveleva he ngaahi langi mo mamani, 'oku heka he afaa pea ke hala he peau, 'io na'a mo lolofonua te nau fakaongo ki he 'Afiona.

'Oku mau tangi atu kiate koe, he 'oku mau tui 'e 'ikai teke ta'etoka'i 'emau lotu.

Ke ke afeitaulalo 'o fanongoa 'emau to'e mo 'emau tautapa 'oku fai ma'a homau fonua ko Tonga mo hono kakai. Ke tolona e faingata'a 'oku nau tofanga ai, ke fakaakeake 'emau tui mo 'emau falala, pea ke 'o'ofaki ho kakai 'aki ho Laumalie Ma'oni'oni.

Ke ke fakalelulelu kiate kinautolu 'oku tangi, ke ke malu'i kinautolu kuo mole 'enau koloa mo honau ngaahi 'api, pea fakatahataha'i si'i ngaahi famili kuo vaetu'ua e fetu'utaki.

'Eiki e, ko koe pe homau fetu'utakinga he ngaahi 'aho faingata'a ni. Tuku ke kei fetafeaki 'emau fe'ofa'aki 'i he 'Afiona, pea mau nofo atu ai kiate koe 'i he 'ukuma moe 'amanaki lelei, 'ia Sisu Kalaisi ko ho 'Alo, ka ko homau Taukapo mo Fakalaloa. 'Emeni.

An English translation

Almighty God,
our King of heaven and earth,
all things on earth revealed your mighty hand -
above the sky, the wind, the ocean, the land and all living creatures.

We bring to you our prayer of lament (with the assurance of our faith),
that You will hear and accept our concerns.

Oh God, hear our prayer of lament for Tonga and its People.
We seek your comfort, peace,
and hope over the recent natural disaster which badly affected them.
Keep them and us in your faith and may we trust wholeheartly in your Holy Spirit.

Reveal your comfort and peace to those who lament,
and be with those who lost their homes and possessions
as well as unable to communicate with there love one at the present time.

Oh Lord, you are our only strength and voice during this difficult times.
May our love for one another bound together unto you.
May our hope and endurance abide within our
Lord Jesus Christ, your son, our advocate and mediator. Amen.

Amen.

Blessings

Garry

Synod News & Info.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Tongan brothers and sisters in this time of unknown and waiting

We pray for all those affected by the eruption of the Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai volcano on Saturday, which triggered tsunami warnings and evacuation orders in Tonga and neighbouring South Pacific islands.

[News from the life of the church](#)

Easter Madness camp

Easter Madness is just around the corner and the Moreton Rivers Presbytery is calling all young people across Queensland to attend. Young people are the today and tomorrow of our Church!

Registration for Easter Madness—held from 8-11 April 2022 at the Sunshine Coast—is now open!

It's a great opportunity for young people to explore their faith, have fun and connect with other like-minded people across the Uniting Church in Queensland.

Download the [church media kit](#) to promote Easter Madness 2022 at your congregation.

For more information or to sponsor a camper, contact Rev Fa Matangi on 07 3366 0236 or email youthworker@mrpres.org.au

Christian RI Alliance

Dear Church Leader

RI Month – February 2022 Teach the faith – grow your faith

You may be aware that many of the Queensland Christian denominations and dioceses have shown united support of Religious Instruction in our State by forming the Christian RI Alliance in Queensland (CRIAQ).

Christian RI is providing a unique opportunity for well over 175,000 students in Qld State Schools to explore the basic tenets of our Christian faith.

Over 3,300 faithful volunteer Christian RI instructors are supported by their church, a local cooperative of Christian ministers, their local coordinator, a state-wide network (QCRIN) and CRIAQ. These RI Instructors make RI possible every week in our state schools.

YET... Christian RI does not have enough RI Instructors to meet demand. We need your help in finding more volunteers and raising awareness of RI. When people teach the faith, they grow their faith, which is the theme for RI Month 2022. We encourage you to emphasise the theme during your RI Sunday as much as you are able.

Again in 2022 RI MONTH is an opportunity for all local churches to choose a weekend in February which suits them to pray for and promote this valuable generational ministry.

Your resource kit can be accessed by clicking on the link

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rb13vl7viyzl8yh/AAB4-wLrOTF7krwigEgRnf-Ra?dl=0>

Read the Information Document in the DropBox first because this tells you everything you need to know about RI month and provides details of the resources you now have access to.

Thank you for your prayers and support. 'Growing Christian RI in Queensland.'

God bless,

Rev David Baker. Chair, Christian RI Alliance in Qld