

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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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 settle in Townsville.

Date Claimers 2021

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting

25th -27th March – Mission Beach Resort

Synod 13th -17th May- Alexandra Park

Ministry Agents & Spouse retreat

2nd -5th August - Cardwell

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting

4th -6th Nov



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://ucaqld.com.au/synod-services/people-and-culture/vacancies/employee-vacancies/early-childhood-teacher-kirwan-uniting-church-child-care-center/>

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.



Church Council Essentials

Monday 7 February, 9am-4pm

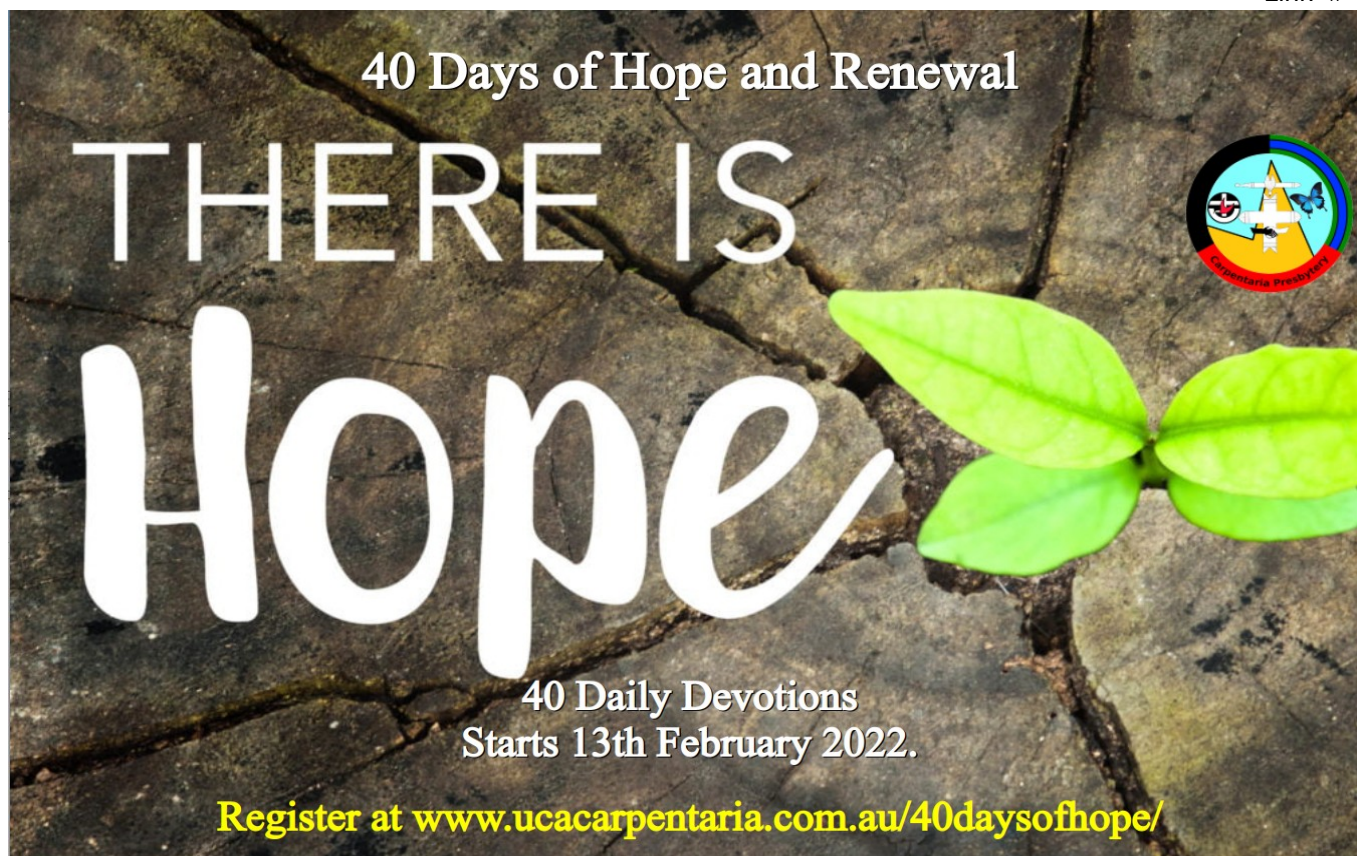
OR over two Thursday evenings: 24 Feb and 3 March 7-9pm

Online learning. Cost: \$40 per person or capped at \$100 per church

Be part of a church council that is flourishing and working well. This course will help you understand the roles, responsibilities and dynamics that operate within an effective church council. It's ideal for both new and existing church council members.

[Learn More](#)

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions on 07 3377 9950 or email us at ask@trinity.qld.edu.au



40 days of Hope and Renewal will begin on Sunday 13th of February.
(see more info below)

To sign up, simply go to <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/40daysofhope/> and register.

Lets journey together and who knows? Maybe we will find hope and renewal is closer than we think!!



Nicky Gumbel ✓

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Fear less, trust more;
take less, give more;
whine less, thank more;
talk less, listen more;
hate less, love more.

From Garry

40 DAYS OF HOPE AND RENEWAL

"I'm so worried about the baggage retrieval system they've got at Heathrow."
I still recall Terry Jones' mournful cry on the track, "I'm so worried" from the 1983 Monty Python Flying Circus' Contractual Obligation album. If you want to listen to it, you can find it on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jDLuU74F2o>

It seems to me that everyone is getting quite a bit anxious these days and that this anxiety derives from a feeling of disconnection as many feel less and less in control of their lives. From mask wearing to vaccination mandates; from fake news to governmental secrecy. Our globally and socially networked world community can leave many of us feeling the world is getting further away from the 'good old days' when we felt things were more certain.

And of course, this may be just a modern myth that we have fabricated in order to justify our uncertainty. For instance, the other day someone said to me that attempts to get Spotify to kick Joe Rogan off their platform is an attack upon free speech. As if there has really ever been such a thing!?! I reckon Jesus, as well as millions of both catholic and protestant Christians could attest to that fallacy. Let alone modern Uyghurs or Baal worshipping Canaanites. Not even freedom of thought has been allowed throughout history....and I'm looking at you the Inquisition!

It's not to say we should not have these freedoms. Of course we should...at least in the context of a shared society. After all my free speech may be your oppressive rhetoric. Because, eventually we all have to play nice in the sandpit.

So, how do we find a path through the complexity of society?
What can we really hang our hats on?
How do we move away from worry and into hope and renewal?

Well, that's what I want all of us to explore in the lead up to our Presbytery meeting 25 -27 March this year.

For 40 days, I will be writing a daily series of reflections as we cruise through the Book of Ecclesiastes with a few detours here and there and ask ourselves, "How do we find Hope and Renewal?"

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Blessings

Garry

Synod News & Info.

Prayer from the Moderator

Loving God,

God of our Past, we know that you are a God who has faithfully supported your people through times of trials and tribulations, through the oppression of people and the devastation of great floods. May we be reminded of those who faithfully went before us in your name and who offer us the examples of your faithfulness in their lives.

God of our Present, as we travel through the trials of our current time, the devastation of the Islands of Tonga, the threats of violence between Russia and Ukraine, and the ongoing situation of the Covid pandemic. Help us to reach out to all people with the compassion and love that you showed us through your son Jesus Christ.

God of our future, as we contemplate the uncertainty of the future remind us that you call your church to be a people of hope, pointing always to you the God who stood by the people of the past, who walks with us now in our time of need and who promises to be with us into our future. May we demonstrate that hope in the way we share our love of you and demonstrate how we love our neighbour. Remind us once more of the promises that you have made through Christ that you will be with us to the end of the age.

We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

Andrew Gunton- Moderator

Flourishing Creation Information Zoom meeting

Environmental sustainability is one of the key commitments discerned during the Plenty engagement process throughout the Queensland Synod.

We are hosting four zoom meetings at various times during February to give everyone the chance to talk through the [Flourishing Creation](#) document and to ask any questions. Please pass these meetings and the document on to anyone you think will be interested in providing feedback. We would love to hear from you.

The times and zoom links for each meeting are as follows:

Wednesday 16 February - 1.00- 2.00pm:

[https://ucareqld-au.zoom.us/j/64685802623?](https://ucareqld-au.zoom.us/j/64685802623?pwd=MjZrN3VpQUINMvYxNmIGZHZVL1Bydz09)

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Passcode: 804973

Saturday 19 February - 11.00am - 12midday:

<https://ucareqld-au.zoom.us/j/63452219068?pwd=QXFrRmNwY2ZBV0VBZk1zT1VVM01IZz09> Meeting ID: 634 5221 9068 /
Passcode: 216158

Thursday 24 February - 6.00-7.00pm:

<https://ucareqld-au.zoom.us/j/63685541428?pwd=cDBEYUt4c0pJanZ2RFZONGRVcS96dz09> Meeting ID:636 8554 1428 /
Passcode: 590959

Friday 25 February -2.003.00pm:

<https://ucareqld-au.zoom.us/j/65937620398?pwd=YzIVUINzRGJrbzQ4MVMyaGNwaDRaZz09> Meeting ID: 659 3762 0398 /
Passcode: 112470

News from the life of the church

Tonga tsunami relief appeal

On Saturday 15 January, a tsunami was triggered by the eruption of underwater volcano Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai. Our prayers are with the people of Tonga, and people who are connected to the Tongan community. UnitingWorld has launched a disaster relief appeal to provide urgent support to affected communities. [Donate now.](#)

Church Council Essentials (short course)

Church Councils Essentials is a great short course that will make your church council more effective, more enjoyable and more efficient. Because Trinity College Queensland would love all churches and everyone who serves on a church council to get a chance to be part of it, they've changed up the costs so it's cheaper, moved it online, and added two extra times.

Join Trinity College Queensland for the day on Monday 7 February or over two Thursday evenings on 24 February and 3 March.

It's perfectly priced and accessible, and now is a great time to enrol.

Find out more: [Day course](#) and [evening course](#)

The church in the media

Whats Next For St. James, Proserpine? Good news article on the rebuilding of a new church on the site of the cyclone damaged and condemned structure. Find out more [here.](#)

Wellsley Thomas Darby- OAM. News media article featuring a member of the Uniting Church congregation. Mr Darby earned an OAM for a lifetime of community service to the community of Redcliffe. Find out more [here.](#)