

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 & protection as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Peter & Christy Allen for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & protection as she travels around our Presbytery.

Date Claimers 2022

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

36th Synod

The Synod Roll is closing shortly.

Email or speak to Marie if you have not sent in your details

Church Council Essentials



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

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



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

If you have registered & are having trouble with receiving the daily devotions please let me know by sending an email to office@ucacarpentaria.com.au Marie

The North Queensland Tongan Tsunami Relief Project



The North Queensland Tongan Tsunami Relief Project is to support the families of the Tongan seasonal workers who were badly affected back in Tonga. There are currently about 1000 Tongan seasonal workers who are currently working from Bowen to Mareeba in our Northern region. They are traumatized, not able to speak to their families and also have very little access or support for their loved ones back in Tonga. The funds will also assist in purchasing much needed equipment and resources that will significantly help rebuild the lives of the Tongan villages and outer islands.

Go to <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/>

Donations can be made to our gofundme page: <https://gofund.me/011a1521>



40 Days of Hope & Renewal

A daily devotional by Rev Garry Hardingham

If you have missed any days, you can get them at www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/40da.

Day 4 – Worry brings confusion

She could barely get out of bed, let alone lead a normal life. All day long her head was filled with conflicting and disorientating emotions. She would find herself sitting on the couch flicking through myriad television channels unable to settle on anything or looking mournfully at the kettle unable to choose between coffee and tea.

For months she had become increasingly worried about her financial position. Despite counselling that had helped her achieve a financial plan, she could not let go of the nagging worry that at any moment something would go wrong and completely upset the apple cart. Her worry became her confusion.

A person is said to be disoriented when they seem at a loss for what's going on, often with considerable confusion. There is often a subjective feeling of disorientation when a person has anxiety, especially during an anxiety attack. It's common for those with intense stress and anxiety to suddenly feel completely disoriented as that anxiety takes over.

One of the more common reasons for feeling disoriented is that you're suffering from so many overwhelming and rapid thoughts that you struggle to think about where you are, what you're doing, or your surroundings.

This state of confusion is often found in newly minted Christians. A sudden indwelling of the Holy Spirit can create a deep conviction about how a person is currently leading their lives and a strong desire to respond to God's presence. This can create, in some people, a mania of confused thought as they bounce between the joy of new life and the worry that they may not be able to deal with all the lifestyle and bad-habits in their life they believe God is calling on them to address.

I know. I was there once.

But, I had a brilliant minister who sat me down and helped me with some simple advice. "God has called you by name. He has called you as you are. Stop worrying! Just relax in His spirit and allow Him to make the changes He wants to make. Cast all your cares on Him. He wants you to be who He created you to be."

"...for God is a God not of disorder but of peace." 1 Corinthians 14:33

Prayer:

O God, from whom to be turned is to fall,
to whom to be turned is to rise,
and with whom to stand is to abide for ever;
grant us in all our duties your help,
in all our perplexities your guidance,
in all our dangers your protection,
and in all our sorrows your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

(Augustine of Hippo)

Blessings,
Garry

Synod News & Info.

Prayer

Lord, We live in uncertain times. Many things happen that we can't control. The news we hear on TV, in the paper or via social media tends to focus on the negative, the divisive and may cause us to focus on our fears.

We pray that you will help us look to you for strength patience and set our attitude to approach the next challenge. Help us be present and recognise the beauty in the ordinary and the extraordinary that we might experience today.

Through keeping our eyes on you, please give us the courage to face our fears and be Jesus to the people we encounter.

Amen

Peter Cranna, Executive Director - Strategic Resources and Assurance

Rev Keren Seto's conclusion of placement service



The service to mark the conclusion of placement of Rev Keren Seto as *Executive Officer Synod Chaplaincy Commission* will be held on Wednesday 16 February 2022 from 5.15pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a limited number of people are able to attend in person. Those interested are invited to livestream the service, which will be available on the [Synod website](#).

Plenty Update

Lent 2022

Join with the Discipleship working group as we commit to Lent 2022 with music, prayers, poetry and bible discussions as well as a weekly challenge to help us explore what it means to live as disciples of Jesus.

In the *Shared Life, Flourishing Communities Progress Report* the working group committed to invite the Church to reset our hearts on living as disciples of Jesus. Working group members have created a set of Lenten resources for use by individuals, groups and congregations.

Thanks to Caloundra Uniting Church and Bells Faith Community for making this awesome promo video that we'd love you to share!

The resources will be available from 25 February and can be accessed via the [UCAQ Discipleship Resources](#) Facebook group which will also be a space to share your thoughts, questions and knowledge. See you there... <https://vimeo.com/675591762>

Stand Up Speak Out

Organising Essentials is a new online training program by Australian Progress, for those who are new to community organising and those who want to refresh their thinking around organising, learn new approaches and sharpen their skills. Over three days in March, the program will cover the essential frameworks and practices to build people power, drawing on the latest research into effective community organising. More information and registration is available [here](#).



Last year, the Queensland Synod released a **Community Engagement Toolkit** for Uniting Church members, to guide local action on addressing social issues. The toolkit is comprised of 3 guides: getting started, community gardens, and social isolation and loneliness. The guides can be found online under “Community Engagement Toolkits” [here](#).

Why are we called to be a safe church for children and young people?

Jesus teaches us that welcoming a child is welcoming Christ. Matthew 18: 5-7 tells us to be responsible in caring for children and that the mistreatment of a child is unacceptable.

Concern for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people, is part of our call as Christians to respect and value all people.

Read more about the theological foundations to the UCA being a safe church [here](#) and check out the Facebook page [here](#).

The church in the media

Jude Emmer, CEO, Wesley Mission Queensland. Mrs Emmer shares her views on the evolving role of aged care staff during the current period and how workers are at least receiving tacit acknowledgement from the government. Find out more [here](#).