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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.
3. Robyn & Gavin Cooley, as she deals with the property & financial matters across our Presb.

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

Conclusion Service
for
Pastor Jan Bryde

Friday 18th March @ Blue Care Centre: 9:30-10:30am
489 Bayswater Road Mount Louisa Townsville
&

Saturday 19th March Worship service @
Mt Louisa Community Church 10:30am
485 Bayswater Rd, Mount Louisa
As we celebrate with Jan on her retirement.

As say goodbye to Jan & Colin who are leaving the Presbytery.

Townsville

9th April

Lay SMC Training (Face to face)
@ Aitkenvale UC

Unit 1: 9am- 11:30am

Unit 2: 1-3:30pm

Come for one or both Units

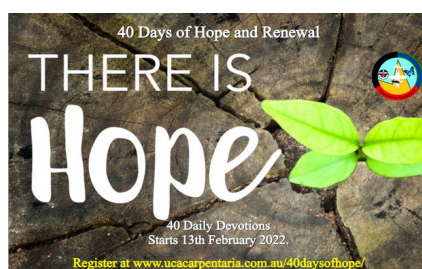
BYO food

Cuppa available

Register: office@ucacarpentaria.com.au
or

Ph 4068 8131 (for printing of booklets)

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

Great opportunity to print a weeks worth, make a few copies & share it with those who don't have emails, we did that last week & had 7 more takers. Marie



Keswick 2022 - 15-18 April

Atherton

<http://www.qtkc.org.au/>

This yearly Keswick Christian Convention features ministry for the whole family combined with great times of fellowship, sound Bible teaching and sharing in ongoing blessings.

For more info:

http://www.qtkc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-Poster_PROOF.pdf

http://www.qtkc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-Brochure_PROOF.pdf

40 Days of Hope & Renewal

A daily devotional by Rev Garry Hardingham

Day 25 – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 – True Humanity

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken. Eccl 4:9-12

Human beings are social animals. We didn't evolve in isolation. Instead, we relied on a community in which every person had a role. The men would go out and hunt for meat or they'd prepare housing and look after livestock. The women would typically forage for roots and fruit. The children would help the women once old enough. In other words, there was a division of labour in which each person relied on another to maintain their quality of life. Being alone was extremely uncommon, simply because your survival chances were so small. But in today's world, it's easy to survive by yourself. Mind you, only because we have a society that cares for the individual. Buying a steak is not like killing a mammoth.

However, loneliness appears to be related to a bunch of negative health consequences. Why? Scientists think it might have something to do with the body's primal stress response to isolation. Being by yourself was a sign that you'd been cast out from the tribe. As a result, all your stress responses go into overdrive to protect you from the predators in the environment. This could be why people who are by themselves for long periods of time start to suffer health consequences: their body's response to stress has real, physiological effects which then cause a range of health problems. We know that for men especially an indicator of longevity is linked to their marital status. To put it simply, married men live longer than single men. The main reason is that the average man is less likely to cook healthy meals than an average woman. And shockingly, a single person of either sex is 5 times more likely to die from an infectious disease than a married one.

I believe better life and health outcomes for married couples come not out of selfish need, but a relationship not based on what the individual gets out of it, but what each partner gives of themselves for the other. What is true in marriage should also be true in society. Christ calls us to serve one-another. If you want to discover Christ, serve. For servitude taps into that deep desire for humans to live socially and to find hope and meaning in relationships.

My favourite part of the marriage liturgy is this: "Marriage is the sacred and life-long union of a man and a woman who give themselves to each other in love and trust. It signifies the mystery of the union between Christ and the church." The "mystery of the union between Christ and the church" lies in fact that Christ died for His church. Christ cares for His church. Christ encourages, equips and feeds His church.

And this is call upon each of us who commit ourselves to be in relationship with another. Whether that be in marriage, in work, or in friendship. We are called, as human beings, to be in a relationship of servitude to each other. I think this is why these last few years of the coronavirus pandemic has so unsettled me. Because it has shown the dark side of human selfishness...my body, my choice, my freedom. To live authentic human lives we need to recapture what it means to be in true relationship with each other and with God. To be prepared to give up some of our own warmth to warm those around us. In this be true life.

Prayer:

God of Selfless Love,

Fill us with a love for each other that reflects Your love for us.

Your love is patient, let us be patient with each other.

Your love is kind, let us be kind to each other.

Your love does not envy, let us not be envious of each other.

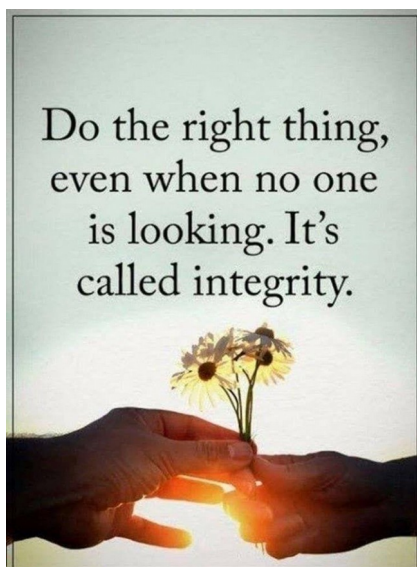
Your love does not boast, may our relationship be built on humility.

Your love does not dishonour others, let us honour each other.

Your love is not self-seeking, let us love each other with a selfless love.

Help us to love each other well.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.



Synod News & Info.

Reflecton- Called to be free



Hear the good news! We have been set free by Jesus Christ *and* there is a purpose to our holy freedom!

What have we been set free from? From the burdens of sin and guilt, and from the burdensome expectations that society places on us, and we place upon ourselves. This is freedom from the smothering blanket of conformity, demands, guilt and manipulation; freedom from the desperate and hopeless quest to be 'good enough'; freedom from the demands of competition and comparison; freedom from the need to be hurtful and harmful to those who 'get in our way'.

[Read more](#) of the reflection from Adam Tipple, Presbytery Chairperson, The Presbytery of The Downs.

Prayer from the Moderator



Loving God, be with those who have lost much and feel hopeless and helpless, be with those who stretch out their hands to offer your hope, your peace and your love; for when we do so we offer our lives in service to you. Amen.

Blessings, **Rev Andrew Gunton**

After the flood

While the title might suggest a reflection on Noah and the great flood unfortunately today I am writing about something a bit closer to home. As we mop up after the flooding that stretched from Maryborough through the southeast and as far west as Moonie and Chinchilla right through Northern NSW, we pause and remember those who lost their lives, lost their homes, their possessions and with it their hope. I visited a couple of sites on Friday and found churches and their members getting involved in their communities, offering sustenance and a shoulder to lean on, cry on.

[Read more](#) of the reflection from **Rev Andrew Gunton**, Moderator.

Give online to the Queensland Synod's Disaster Relief Appeal



To help us help the people as they recover from the flood, you can donate to the Queensland Synod's Disaster Relief Appeal [here](#) .

Uniting Church East Coast Flooding Emergency Appeal

Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Sharon Hollis has launched a national appeal to support people and communities impacted by the intense rainfall and devastating flooding across the East Coast. Find out more [here](#).

Donate to Wesley Mission's Emergency Relief Appeal

Wesley Mission provide emergency relief to Queenslanders who are homeless or at-risk, struggling financially, experiencing mental health distress, and/or need food relief. Click here to [donate](#) to Wesley Mission's Emergency Relief appeal.

Donating goods

Anyone wanting to donate goods or to the QLD 21/22 Severe Storms & Flooding Appeal should visit the [GIVIT website](#).

News from the life of the church

Get your young people to Easter Madness!

[Easter Madness 2022](#) is just around the corner and we're calling all our young people across Queensland. We believe 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 our [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 via email youthworker@mrpres.org.au

Free Training: Safe Online Ministry with children and young people

Are you an adult youth leader or do you work/volunteer with children and young people?

Free online safety webinar

- technology trends and issues for young people
- safe online interactions with children and young people
- managing risks and supporting young people in a youth group environment
- eSafety resources for youth leaders and information points within UCA

For anyone over 18 years of age. Hosted by the National Safe Church Unit and presented by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

When: Friday 11 March, 12noon - 1pm AEST

Register [here](#).