

# 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.
3. Robyn & Gavin Cooley, as she deals with the property & financial matters across our Presb.
4. Our upcoming Presbytery Meeting 25-27 March

## Date Claimers 2022

### Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March – Mission Beach Resort  
Registrations CLOSED

**Synod** 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May - Alexandra Park

### Ministry Agents & Spouse retreat

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> August - Cardwell

### Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Conclusion Service**  
for  
**Pastor Jan Bryde**

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

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

**9<sup>th</sup> April**

Lay SMC Training (Face to face)

**Venue:** 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](mailto:office@ucacarpentaria.com.au)

or

Ph 4068 8131 (for printing of booklets)



**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.

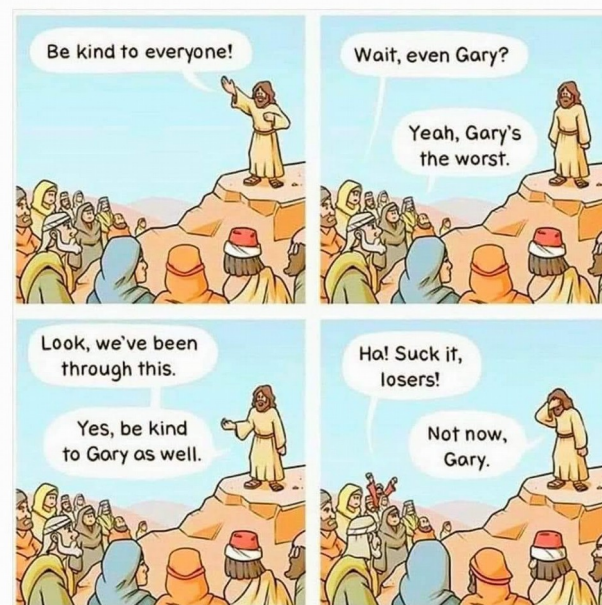
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From: Rev Peter Armstrong  
Associate Director of Mission  
Community Partnerships

Have a laugh!



Hi folks - I invite you to be in prayer for Connect100 - the people and places that have joined this new initiative. We pray for:

- The congregations and UnitingCare services in Redcliffe, Elanora, Central Queensland Rural Mission congregations (Banana, Moura, Capella, Baralaba, Blackwater), Maranoa District (Roma, Injune, Mitchell, Wallumbilla), Cairns and Gordonvale.
- Pray for Congregations in discernment about Connect100.
- Pray for the Connect100 serving team - Scott Guyatt, Peter Armstrong and Andi Griggs.
- Pray for UnitingCare services across Blue Care, Family and Disability Services, Health and Service Support teams in these places.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

## 40 Days of Hope & Renewal

*A daily devotional by Rev Garry Hardingham*

### Day 32 – Ecclesiastes 7:1-14 – Patience

*A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death, than the day of birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for this is the end of everyone, and the living will lay it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of countenance the heart is made glad. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools. For like the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of fools; this also is vanity. Surely oppression makes the wise foolish, and a bribe corrupts the heart. Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit. Do not be quick to anger, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools. Do not say, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask this. Wisdom is as good as an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun. For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to the one who possesses it. Consider the work of God; who can make straight what he has made crooked? On the day of prosperity be joyful, and on the day of adversity consider; God has made the one as well as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that will come after them. Eccl 7:1-14*

Chapter 7 of Ecclesiastes starts with a long list of what is generally called "A disillusioned view of life." However, I think there is a lot here to contemplate. But I want to concentrate on just one verse, verse 8. *"Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit."*

We've all had experience of things that start with good intentions and end up in a mangled heap. War is especially full of plans that go south real quick. When World War 1 started in August 1914, everyone believed it would be over by Christmas. Four years later.... And I'm sure no-one thought Australia would be in Afghanistan for 20 years!! As with war, so it is with relationships. No-one gets married in order to divorce. But we know that 1 in 3 marriages will end in divorce.

There are so many things that we start with enthusiasm and, somewhere along the way, we become slowly more and more disinterested. Or worse still, we come to a place of regret that we started the project in the first place. Too many of life's projects are entered into with a haughty spirit without due consideration.

I always laugh at how when Charles Darwin was weighing up getting married he wrote a list of pros and cons. In the 'not marry' list he wrote things like, *"Freedom to go where one liked— choice of Society & little of it. —Conversation of clever men at clubs— Not forced to visit relatives."* In the 'marry' column he wrote things like, *"Constant companion, (& friend in old age) who will feel interested in one,— object to be beloved & played with.— better than a dog anyhow."* Seriously?? Counter this though with the young couple portrayed in the song, *"Paradise by the dashboard light"* from Meatloaf's 1977 debut album, *"Bat Out of Hell"*, where a lustful desire forces a young bloke to commit to marriage until the end of time and then spends the rest of his life praying the end of time would come.

True success comes when we engage in a process of seeking God at all stages. The Teacher is telling us that to go in full of beans and then regret it is much worse than displaying a willingness to be patient and methodical in how we approach things. To run the race to the very end. Many a church program flounders because the originator leaves or the impetus runs out. The famous saying, *"Life is a marathon, not a sprint"* holds true if we can find patience and be willing to put in the hard yards over a long period rather than look for the quick solutions in times of high spirit. Great things can be achieved if we are willing to be patient and abide in God.

Prayer:

Lord, I am impatient!!

I know I need your calming spirit.

Forgive me for my impatience and for loving poorly.

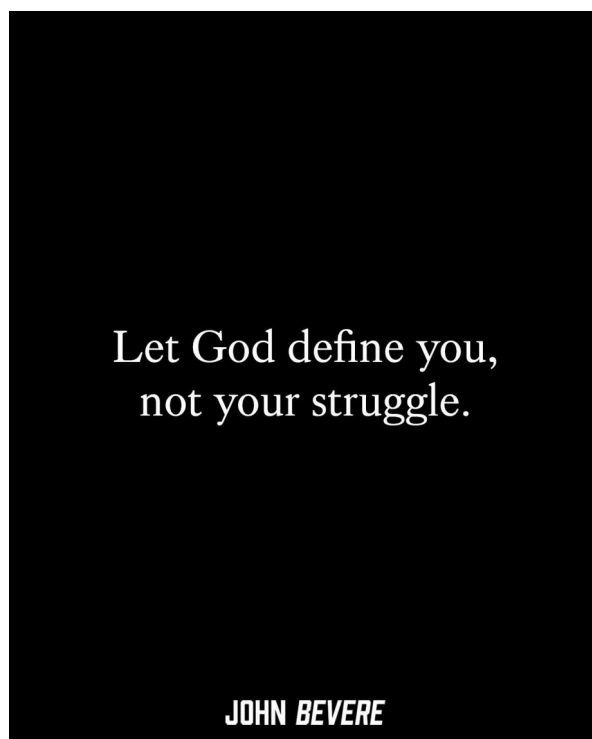
For Your love is patient and kind and my lack of patience often leads me to a lack of love.

Work deep within me Lord when I loose my patience with those around me.

Reveal to me my folly and guide me in the calm and sure footsteps of Your grace.

For Your promise is sure and worthy of praise.

In the name of Christ. Amen



# Synod News & Info.

**The Cooperative: Albert Street Lecture Series**

**Thursday 24 March, 7 – 8.30pm**

Register here: <https://thecooperativehub.com/events/asls-janet-staines/>

If you cannot attend in-person, please join us online: <https://youtu.be/EwfQ1ScKxVY>

The Cooperative's 'Albert Street Lecture Series' presents quarterly lectures held and recorded from the Albert Street Uniting Church. These lectures serve the Queensland community of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) and allow space for public theological reflection as we think together about the past and future of the UCA and critical issues of our time. Please join us on Thursday 24 March when Rev Janet Staines will present from her thesis: "To lead the People: resignifying gender in the UCA". This wrestles with the ongoing disparity that exists between the theological statements of the Uniting Church (where the equal place of women and men in ministry is affirmed) and institutional practice (where women continue to be underrepresented in leadership and ministry roles). Janet's research goes on to highlight the work women in leadership do to construct and negotiate identities within an enduring male dominated discourse and the ways the church can take responsibility for this work by implementing structural change action. A response from Rev Yvonne McRostie will be shared at the lecture.

Lauren Murray

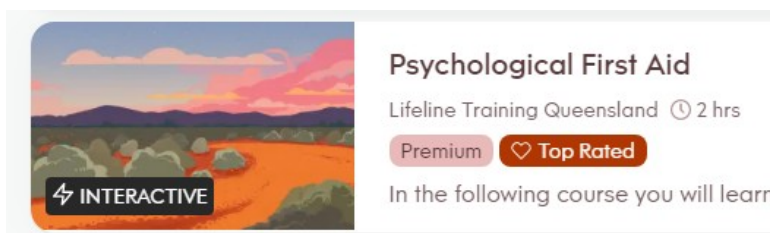
Administration Officer, Albert Street Church

## Psychological First Aid/Mental Health first aid

This is training we're plugging to our chaplains in UnitingCare & wondered if our congregations might also be interested?

*At the moment, all Queensland residents can access Psychological First Aid (PFA) E-learning for FREE through the SkillsFocus program.*

*This is the training that you are looking to complete on the website (the icon/picture looks like this):*



Please use this link: <https://www.qtraining.com.au/lifelineqldtraining>

Sign up for 'free training'.

Skills Focus website team will send you an email and then you will be able to complete the Lifeline PFA training (as shown above).

Please allow approximately 1.5 - 2 hours for this training. On completion of the E-learning, your certificate will be available for download through the Go1 Platform. For instructions on how to do this, please see the Go1 help topic here

- <https://help.go1.com/en/articles/1704398-how-to-view-and-download-certificates-of-completion>.

With Kind Regards,

Andi Griggs, Chaplaincy Admin Officer

## Called to be free

For you were called to freedom (Galatians 5:13)

*We are called to be free, but what does that really mean? What are we free from? What are we free to be? What is the most important freedom and how does that impact all the others?*



Thank you dear God that I am free.  
When I feel hurt I am free to forgive,  
When I feel weary I am free to drop the load  
and run,  
When I feel lost I am free to see  
your Light,  
When I feel frustrated or limited or in  
disagreement or not allowed to do what I'm  
sure is right... I am free to practice self  
control, and to breathe, and to pray.



## Congratulations to Pastor Graham Huth



Congratulations to Pastor Graham Huth on his commissioning into the role of Presbytery Minister of the Nambour Uniting Church on Friday 11 March 2022. The service was attended by Moderator Rev Andrew Gunton

## Plenty Update

### Lenten Materials

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation".

*Thanks to the **Plenty** Discipleship working group who brought resources together to inspire and encourage. Week 3 is available [here](#).*

## Stand Up Speak Out



### **Help draft the new residential aged care design standards.**

The Australian Government is developing new residential aged care accommodation design standards. They want to hear from senior Australians, their families, and carers to help create safer, more innovative aged care accommodation options. You can access the online version of the survey on the [Department of Health's Consultation Hub](#). It should only take around 10 - 15 minutes to complete. The survey is open for 6 weeks **until 20 April 2022**.

## Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program 2022

The Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod is committed to creating opportunities for interrelationships and developing a mentoring and leadership culture as part of the 'Shared Life, Flourishing Communities' ambition. The 2022 Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program is now open for applications from anyone in a leadership role in any part of the Synod. The Program is open to lay leaders, paid ministry agents and paid staff in congregations, Presbyteries, UnitingCare, Wesley Mission Qld, any of the Uniting Church's schools and residential colleges or the Office of the Synod.

The information sheet with a link to all the dates for this 12-month, fully funded program is [available here](#). Applications can be accessed via [this link](#) and are open until 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

There will be Q&A sessions for prospective participants and for prospective managers and key support leaders on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March - details included in the information sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Rev Kath Behan, [Kathryn.behan@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:Kathryn.behan@ucaqld.com.au), 0425221217.

### QBE | Foundation **Climate resilience and inclusion grants.**

Australia Pacific QBE Foundation is inviting eligible Australian charities working to address **climate resilience and inclusion** to apply to be considered for a grant of **\$40,000**.

All applications must be submitted via the [QBE Foundation local grants portal](#). Please read all guidelines and information [here](#) to ensure you are eligible to apply.

## News from the life of the church



Harmony Week:

Monday 21 - Sunday 27 March 2022

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. Find out more [here](#).

## Big Little Issues: A Theology Podcast

Have you listened to *the cooperative's* [Big Little Issues podcast](#) yet? **Episode 2: Divine Library** is now available! You might have heard it said that the bible is a library. If what Christians call the bible is indeed a library, contemporary questions around libraries might help us answer questions about this 'divine library'. Questions like: "how does a library function in our social world?", "what kind of contemporary library problems and opportunities are we facing?", and "how do academic and public libraries work for the common good?". Janice speaks with academic librarians, Lyndelle Gunton and Anna Lagos, to answer these questions and more.

## Celebrate God's work in the world

UnitingWorld's 'Seven Days of Solidarity' is a week of inspiring stories of Christians at work in some of the world's most challenging places. Get your congregation on board and celebrate over two Sundays, with a launch video, new worship song and video, impact stories, actions, prayers, a sermon and easy ways to support the work in giving. Click [here](#) to sign up!

We're celebrating Seven Days of Solidarity 27 March to 3 April but you can choose any time that works for you or your church.

## **Safe Ministry with Children information request.**

As you know, we are all working together to fulfill our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our community and to ensure we conduct all appropriate child safe activities. Presbyteries have been requested by the General Secretary to work with congregations to supply information for a Safe Ministry with Children Assessment. Congregations will be contacted by their presbytery. Information needs to be collated and forwarded to Synod office no later than 25 March 2021. Safe Ministry with Children information and resources are available [here](#).

Any concerns or questions, please your Presbytery office or the Safe Church Assurance and Support Officer, [Lynde Davy](#).