

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.

Townsville

9th April

Lay SMC Training (Face to face)

Venue: Aitkenvale UC

Unit 1: 9am- 11:30am

Unit 2: 11:30am - 1pm

Come for one or both Units

Food - Cuppa available

Registrations ESSENTIAL:

office@ucacarpentaria.com.au

Or Ph 4068 8131 (for printing of booklets)

Due to unforeseen circumstances this training has been cancelled

Watch this space for a new date- most likely June

Date Claimer

Northern Madness
Presbytery Youth Camp
23-26th September
 Watch this space!!!!



36th Synod

Registrations CLOSES 4pm - Friday 8 April 2022

Uniting Early Learning career opportunities

Part-time Cooks (Early Learning) – Kirwan Uniting Church Childcare Centre and Mount Louisa Childcare Centre

We are currently looking for 2 energetic Early Childhood Cooks to join our within our Townsville Child Care Child Care Centres:

- Kirwan Uniting Church Child Care Centre working part-time, 25 hours per week.
- Mount Louisa Child Care Centre working part-time, 25 hours per week

Your role will involve planning and preparing nutritiously balanced meals and snacks at the centre, for the children attending the childcare centre. It is anticipated that applicants will be able to commence work as soon as possible. If you are passionate about providing nutritious meals and working with a great Education and Care team, we encourage you to [apply!](#)

LIP BALM FUNDRAISER COST \$2/tube

SUPPORTING YOUTH, CHAPLAINS AND TRAVEL

ACROSS THE PRESBYTERY

GREAT FOR EVERYDAY SUN PROTECTION
GREAT FOR SMALL GIFTS



**HANDMADE IN
 MACKAY by Robyn**

CONTAINS: *Candelilla Wax, Bees Wax, Fractionated Coconut Oil, Castor Oil, Cocoa Butter*
Flavours: *Chocolate * Coconut Natural *Pineapple *Strawberry *Hubba Bubba* Watermelon

Triples –

- 1-#LOL Hubba Bubba, chocolate, musk
- 2-Tropical (Pineapple, coconut, strawberry)
- 3-Tutti Frutti (Strawberry, Apple, Orange)

Can be ordered by contacting Robyn Cooley (Presbytery Admin) 0429 195 506

Pay via Direct deposit:

Bank: ANZ;

Account Name: UCA Carpentaria Presbytery; **BSB:** 014-676; **Account #:** 4749 06 525

Christy's Thoughts

Over the weekend I was in Brisbane for a training workshop. On my way down and back I noticed that there were families everywhere. It wasn't until I commented about it that I was reminded that it was school holidays. What I found interesting about it was that in the few months since Jess finished High School, I have completely moved out of the mindset of school and school terms. You would have thought it would have taken longer to do that, but it really hasn't.

I wonder what else I have moved past without really thinking about it. I guess being involved in our children's lives means we are caught up in their comings and goings until all sudden their lives change. University is a completely different experience, one in which parents still have a role to play but nowhere near as intense.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. It is meant to be a day of celebration where palms are waved, and praise is given to the Son of God who rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. As I have thinking about this event I began to wonder if those who gathered thought later about all that unfolded in the week that followed. Did they know what to make of it all?

The thing is that we do move through events in life without always realising what they might mean. I certainly have. I did give some thought to the significance of the last day of year 12 for Jess, but I didn't realise that all too quickly the years leading up to that point would become a memory not something that is front of mind.

What makes Palm Sunday so significant is what it leads to. It is a parade to be acknowledged and celebrated but it only finds meaning and significance when we consider what follows. The joy of that day is quickly forgotten in the events that unfold during the week.

I have probably shared this before, but Holy Week is one of the meaningful times in the year for me. I look forward to it every year. In years past I have led many services each night where we walked through the week, acknowledging, and remembering all that occurs. It is such a significant week not only for the disciples but for us.

That Jesus led those closest to him through the week knowing full well what was coming is mind boggling. Most would want to hide away and grieve alone. But Jesus openly shares and seeks to prepare those around him for what will follow.

The season of Easter is not one to rush through or forget. We should not pass through it without stopping to give due attention to all that happens. Only then will Good Friday and Easter Day make sense.

I pray that each one of us will have the time and space to fully appreciate the coming week. May we enter Jerusalem with Jesus. May we be present as we listen for Jesus' teaching on so many things. May we share in the last supper with Jesus and his disciples and may we be fully present in those last hours before Jesus is arrested.

And as we awake on Good Friday morning may we remember all that Jesus did for us when he obediently went to the Cross and celebrate with joy the day of Resurrection.

Blessings,

Christy Allen

Synod News & Info.

Reflection - Whoever is forgiven little, loves little

Several years ago, I complained to a mentor that my relationship with God felt flat, distant and like I was going through the motions. On top of that, I found dealing with people increasingly frustrating and my patience waning. I was still doing the 'stuff', like attending church, reading my Bible, praying and serving, but somehow the joy, love and life had been sucked out of my faith.

After about 5-10mins of this rant, my wise older mentor interrupted with some short but surprising advice that I didn't expect to hear. He simply said, "I think you should have a look at your repentance," "Why?" I asked?

He suggested that "there was something about getting up close to our own sin and failings, that puts us in a better position to experience God's forgiveness and love. And that once we understand how much we have been forgiven, it makes it so much easier to forgive others and extend God's love towards them."

[Read more](#) of the reflection from Steve Drinkall; Manager, Mission Engagement, Queensland Synod office.

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 6 is available [here](#).

Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program 2022

Applications for participation in the Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program will be closing Thursday 14th April. 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](#).

For any further information regarding how the program works, we are hosting a last-minute [online Q&A session](#) to answer questions from prospective participants, Tuesday 12th April, 1-2pm, Meeting ID: 811 7198 1046, Passcode: UCAQ. For further information contact Rev Kath Behan, Kathryn.behan@ucaqld.com.au, 0425221217.

With thanks to Sharon Baker for sharing this video. <https://vimeo.com/696000407>

Federal Budget 2022

The Uniting Church Assembly welcomed a number a short-term measures in the 2022-23 Federal Budget that will make a difference to people's lives but called for a longer-term vision to bring about changes that enable all people and all creation to flourish. Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) President Rev Sharon Hollis has welcomed a number of positive measures, including for refugees and mental health, but noted the missed opportunities to address inequality and invest in a more sustainable future.

[Read more](#) about the hit and misses in the Budget on climate, meaningful change for First Peoples, cost of living, aged care, rural and remote Australia and foreign aid and development.

Stand Up Speak Out



Last chance: Win one of ten \$50 vouchers!

You are invited to provide feedback on a [website](#) and other activities as part of the Forward with Dementia program.

- **People with dementia and their supporters, carers and family** can participate in a [20-minute survey](#). Everyone who returns a completed survey will go in to a draw to **win one of ten \$50.00 shopping vouchers**.
- **Others involved in dementia diagnosis and care** can provide 2-minute feedback via the link directly.

This will help with further development and future efforts to improve post-diagnostic support for people in the 12-months following a dementia diagnosis.

Community Climate Action Grant

Applications are now open for [Round 6 - Community Climate Action of the Community Sustainability Action grants program](#). Funding will be provided to eligible recipients for community-led projects that encourage greater participation and help deliver climate action in Queensland. Grants of up to \$50,000 (excluding GST) are available for projects that focus on community-based solutions to help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, better manage climate risks, and/or improve the climate resilience of local facilities, programs, assets or services.

To assist with funding applications for solar, please click through to the example proposals using [Energex](#) and [Ergon](#), provided by our preferred supplier GEM Energy. GEM have installed systems for a number of our congregations, schools and for Alex Park Conference Centre.

For more information on how to apply for this grant, please email bdu@ucaqld.com.au