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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.





Will you be the wind beneath their wings?

While we recently bid farewell to former Flying Bush Chaplain from Carpentaria-McKay Remote Area, David Ellis and his wife Janette, we also welcomed Pastor Michael Chapman and his wife Di to continue the long-standing legacy of this vital role in the region.

We are hoping to raise \$80,000 for the much needed maintenance and AVGAS, the aviation fuel required to fly the plane. Please consider donating now to give the encouragement and connection of a Flying Bush Chaplain to people facing hardship and isolation in this harsh region.

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Just wanted to share this from my devotion: The Word for Today;

Competence Doesn't Compensate For Insecurity

'From that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.' [1 Samuel 18:9 NLT](#)

One of the truest tests of leadership is how you respond to somebody else's success. Do you rejoice, or secretly resent them? Do you feel like *their* blessing somehow came at *your* expense? King Saul sent David out to fight Goliath. When he succeeded and the Israelites began to sing David's praises, Saul couldn't handle it. *'From that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.'* Leaders who lack confidence are a danger to themselves, their followers, and the groups they lead. That's because leadership doesn't camouflage your flaws; it puts them on display. Whatever negative baggage you're carrying grows heavier when you attempt to lead others. Insecure leaders generally have four common traits:

(1) *They don't provide security for others.* To be a good leader, you must make your followers feel good about themselves. Honour them. Reward them. Promote them.

(2) *They take more than they give.* Insecure leaders are on a continual search for validation, acknowledgment, and love. And because of that, their focus is on obtaining personal security, not instilling it in others.

(3) *They continually limit their best people.* Insecure leaders don't see their best people as co-workers; they see them as potential competitors who might rise up through the ranks and threaten their position. Such leaders generally find ways to take the credit for work that was done by others.

(4) *They continually limit their organisation.* When followers are undermined and go unrecognised, they become disheartened and eventually stop performing to their potential. When that occurs, the whole organisation suffers. Today, examine your leadership style and see if any of these shoes fit you.

Bless you, Marie

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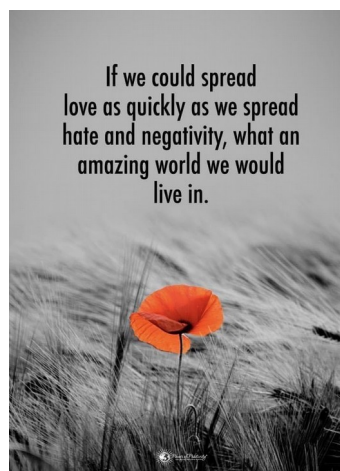
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Synod News & Info.

Seventy Times Seven - the challenge and miracle of forgiveness Prayer - Forgiveness

Father God,

As we journey through our daily lives, we face the reality of living in a broken world. Each day we are faced with frustrations, challenges, and the difficulties in life. At times we may do things that we regret and sometimes we are hurt by others. The hurt may be small and passing, or the pain may be deep and enduring.

As we pass through the Easter season, we are reminded of your sacrifice for us. No matter how far we have drifted from you we are loved and forgiven.

As we pass through the coming week, I pray that we may learn from your love and grace. Fill us with your spirit and comfort us through the difficult times. May we forgive as we have been forgiven. And may we love as we have been loved. I ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

Kevin.

Kevin Griffiths is the Executive Director Shared Services, Office of the Synod.



Reflection - Forgiveness: 70×7

A little while ago, I was travelling and using the car's GPS to help guide my path.

I had a rough idea where I was going, but the GPS knows everything, right? So, I had the destination plugged in, and that lovely, calm voice was chattering away in the background, offering instructions to take the next exit, turn right, turn left and so on. At one point, passing through an area, I thought I knew well, I decided to set my own path, taking an alternate route that would avoid some traffic and multiple traffic lights. I'd save some time. The GPS disagreed with my decision.

"Do a U-turn when possible", it instructed, knowing that I had done wrong and would soon be well off course. I persisted with my own decisions, and so did the GPS with its corrections: "Do a U-turn when possible".

This went on for quite a while – me locked in a battle of will with my GPS, my stubbornness against the GPS' wisdom. If the situation were reversed, I would have been furious: "I TOLD YOU TO DO A U-TURN!" I would have raged. Not the GPS. That same calm, measured, eternally patient voice: "Do a U-turn when possible", is repeated for the umpteenth time. It would keep repeating that phrase for as long as I kept heading in the wrong direction.

[Read more](#) of the reflection from Scott Guyatt, Director Mission Strategy Queensland Synod; and the Connect 100 Coordinator, Community Partnerships, UnitingCare Queensland.

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