

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY



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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.

Invitation to Commissioning Service

of

Pastor John Fifita

into

Mareeba Community of Faith

& the

Northern Tongan Ministry

Date: Friday 17th June **Time:** 6pm

Venue: **Spanish Club Hall**
38 Chewko Rd Mareeba Q 4880

Ministry Agents Please bring Alb/ Stoles

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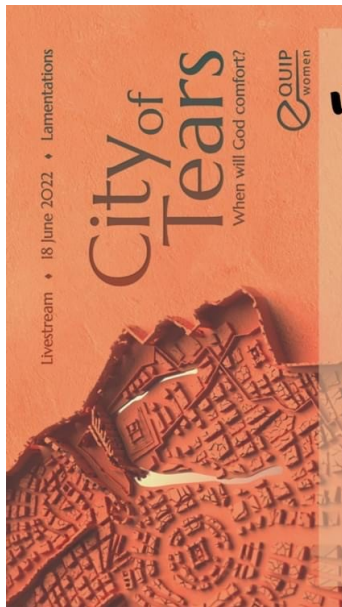
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Saturday 18th June

Edmonton UC Cairns: Don't miss out!!!!!!



City of Tears
When will God comfort?
LIVESTREAM • 18 June 2022 • Lamentations
EQUIP women

You're invited

Please join Edmonton Uniting Church Women for a live streaming of EQUIP2022.

Location: Edmonton Uniting Church
Ravizza Close, Edmonton.

When: Saturday June 18th
9.15am Morning Tea for 9.45 am start
Concludes at 3pm

Cost: \$22 (includes morning tea and lunch)
Payable on the day. EFTPOS available

*for more info go to
www.equip.org.au/*

RSVP to Barbara: 0411330373 or
barbarajfoster56@gmail.com
by 15th June. Include dietary requirements

Carpentaria Presbytery Ministry agents & Spouse Retreat With Guest Speaker 2nd-5th August 2022

PLT face to face begins Sunday 31st July evening- Mid afternoon 2nd August

Registrations open click on the link: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1111.php>.

For all Ministry agents in a Synod placement

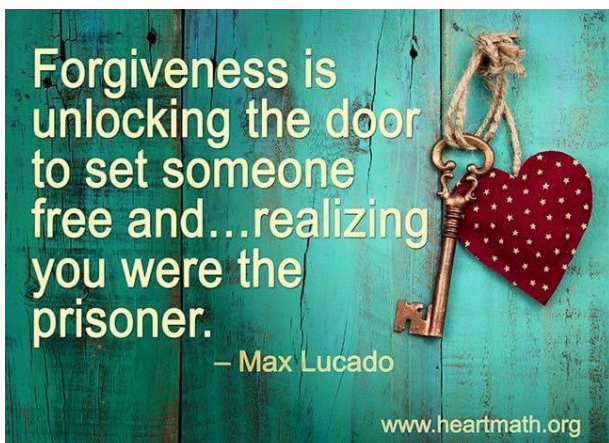
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Live Presentations in Townsville

26th August: Session AM- Sacrament
Session PM- Identity & purpose

27th August: Church council workshop

**Watch this space
More information to come!**



Garry's Thoughts

There is something going wrong in the world at the moment.

Maybe something has always been going wrong, but the 2020's is shaping up to be a crazy decade. With a pandemic, a war in the Ukraine, increasing militarisation of China, a potential financial crash after decades of increasing growth, a growing divide in our political systems and a general unease across most sections of our communities, there seems to be an accelerating crazy going on.

Or maybe I'm just a bit slow on the uptake?

Jesus said there will be wars and rumours of war. Was he talking about now?

Or was he talking about the fall of the Roman Empire, or the Mongol hordes or the Black Death or the French revolution or the two World wars?

Or is it now!!!????

The truth be told, the world has always been crazy. And it always will be while it is inhabited by these strange two legged animals who spend more time concentrating on themselves than concentrating on their creator.

The hardest thing to do when the world becomes just a little bit more crazy for a while is concentrate on the main game. And the main game is living, loving and working for a better and more just society by listening for the voice of the shepherd and following His commands.

Because, no matter how crazy the world gets, His presence is the true place of refuge, truth and peace.

Last Friday, my 4th grandchild, Henry, was born. In the midst of the craziness of the world, God has blessed his creation with new life. I always believe that a child born into the world is God's way of saying, "Go on, I'm still here. I'm still in control. Trust me. The world's troubles will pass."

So, in the midst of this crazy, hold close those you love. Love those you don't hold close and find peace in Christ and don't let the "crazy" drive you....umm...crazy!

Blessings and Peace,

Garry

Synod News & Info.

Reflection - See my hands

Did you know that when you get a wound, and your body heals itself, the tear is never actually fixed? Scar tissue - made of collagen - closes the wound and holds it together - forever. Your skin does not merge; you are permanently broken but held together.

During World War II, they studied the effects of vitamin C deficiency - scurvy - to determine what food was needed in lifeboats. They gave volunteers a diet with no vitamin C. One of the results was that people's scars popped open after a time. It turns out collagen needs vitamin C to remain strong. Collagen holds us together.

[Read more](#) of the Reflection from Rev Paul Clark, Redcliffe Uniting church.



Prayer - Doubt and belief

Life giving God, we thank you for all life and for your ongoing creation of life. As we look across our world we are saddened by the ways that humanity has determined to misuse your creation.

As we see the ongoing horror of war in the Ukraine, gun violence across the world, the degradation of your good creation we cannot help but cry out in our doubt and fear about the future of our world.

We lament the loss of certainty as we battle the ongoing effects of the Covid Pandemic, the battle with ongoing illness and we wonder what next.

Compassionate God come to us in our doubts and uncertainty, sit with us as we lament, gather us close to you in our fears and remind us again of your promises made true in your son who demonstrates your unfailing love on the cross of calvary. Help us to hold onto that love in the midst of our suffering and fear, surround us with that love in the midst of our doubt and unbelief so that we can go forward assured of your ongoing hope for the world.

We pray this in Christ's name

Amen, Andrew.

Rev Andrew Gunton is the Moderator, the spiritual head and the main spokesperson for the Uniting Church in Queensland.

Plenty

The 36th Synod was filled with colour and creativity, thanks to the artistic flair of the children from Uniting Early Learning.

In the lead-up to the event, cardboard hats and glasses were sent to child care services by Jessica Pinkerton, Mission Integration Project Officer - Uniting Early Learning. The children were asked if they could colour and decorate them for people to wear during the Plenty Party celebrating our Life Together and honouring the Plentiful work of so many from across the life of the church.

Jessica had seen first-hand how much the children enjoy creating things during her visits to Early Learning services. She was thrilled when she received almost 200 elaborately decorated hats and glasses from services across the state.

"The sheer joy on the faces of the delegates when they put on their hats and entered the Plenty party was terrific and echoed the joy of the kids that created them," she said. "I am so grateful to the children and staff at the services for the time and effort they put into decorating the hats and glasses. I know that it was a sacrifice for some of the children not to be able to take their creations home."



[Read more](#) of the report at **Journey Online**.

[Stand Up Speak Out](#)

Free online public lecture: Ageing and Identity

How can older people contribute to public discourse on ageing and identity? On Wednesday 22nd June, 6.00-7.00pm AEST the National Ageing Research Institute will be hosting a free online public lecture featuring Nobel Prize Laureate and Australian of the Year, Professor Peter Doherty. The public lecture will be followed by Q&A. To join this free online event please register [here](#).

#RaiseTheAge of criminal responsibility campaign update



#Raise
The Age

The Tasmanian government [committed to raising the age of detention from 10 to 14](#). While it's not the same as raising the age of criminal responsibility it's still a positive step forward and a sign that the campaign is working and gaining traction. The new NT Attorney General [committed to raising the age in this term of government](#). While there was not clarification of if this will be to 12 or 14 it's still another positive step in the right direction to see politicians so publicly and passionately commit to raising the age. Information about the campaign is available at: <https://www.raisetheage.org.au/>

[Health and Wellbeing](#)

Men's Health Week is this week.

Men's Health Week works on the understanding that the best people to improve men's health in Australia are those who live, work and engage with men and boys in communities around the country. This June, the event will highlight men's and boys' health and well-being across communities. Though physical health is important, men and boys face mental and emotional well-being challenges. Mental health week focuses on these challenges through discussion. The theme of Men's Health Week 2022 is **Building Healthy Environments for Men and Boys** - focusing on creating physically, mentally and emotionally healthy environments in the home, workplace and social settings.

For more information, check out the [Men's Health Week website](#) links for [male health facts](#) and upcoming [community events in your area](#).