

# 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.
4. Ana Mila & Marie during this time of transition (that all will happen smoothly)

### Vale

#### **Murray Reid**

*who managed UCA camps, esp Crystal Creek*

*Passed away 18.6.22*

*His funeral will be at KUC*

**Saturday 25 June at 10am**

*( subject to likely coroner clearance)*

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### Vale Rev. Iris Reedman



Rev. Iris Reedman passed away on June 15 at BlueCare, Carina. She was 79. Iris was a much-loved minister and chaplain whose ministry spanned almost 50 years. Ordained a Methodist deaconess in 1971, Iris served in Congregations in Fassifern, Tully-Innisfail, Stanthorpe and Kingaroy (where she was ordained a UCA Minister of the Word in 1982), then had ten years as chaplain at Moreton Bay College, then Stephen's Parish, Yeronga, and finally 15 years in chaplaincy at Royal Brisbane Hospital and the Royal Children's Hospital. Iris retired on December 31 2018.

Iris' funeral will be held this Friday, June 24, at 10:30 am at Bayside Uniting Church, 420 Wondall Rd, Manly West.

The live stream link for those unable to attend will be <https://youtu.be/NCvm4P8-jo0>. We thank God for Iris's ministry and pray for God's peace and assurance for her extended family and friends.

Some pictures from Ps John Fifita Commissioning Service - Mareeba faith community & Northern Tongan ministry.



Obviously pre ultra-sound LOL



## Garry's Thoughts

Hurry up and wait!!

I know I'm back on the job when an announcement comes over the P.A at the Cairns airport, "Qantas is paging Reverend Garry Hardingham travelling to Brisbane on Qantas flight 713 through gate 19. You are the last remaining passenger. Please make your way immediately to gate 19!!" And I was last because they forget to call the flight in the Qantas Club (again) and its only when my Qantas app starts dinging that I realised I needed to be gone.

So I make my way down the world's slowest escalator, past the not-yet open coffee shop, past the Lego and lolly shop and make a bee-line for gate 19. There I am met with accusing eyes and under-the-breath grumbles through gritted smiles as the bloke, who acts like St Peter at the gates of Heaven, hurriedly motions me through and I make my way along the 87kms of walkway to the awaiting aircraft. Finally, as I round the last ramp onto the aero-bridge I am then confronted with about 50 people slowly making their way to the door of the plane. It then takes 5 minutes just to get to the door of the plane.

Hurry up and wait!!

Life is so often filled with moments like this. Times when you get an urge to just get on with it, but find circumstances holding you back. I know that many ministry agents feel this frustration often in their ministry. Times when congregations want to see new things happen, but hold back because often new things threaten the old things. The hoped for change dies on the vine as the momentum stalls and people crave a return to what is familiar and certain.

Of course the most classic story of hurry up and wait is the Exodus. God calls His people out of Egypt to find safety and a dramatic race to cross the Red Sea hotly pursued by the Egyptian army occurs, only then to spend 40 years seemingly wandering aimlessly around in the desert wondering if they might have been a bit rash.

God is in the business of shaking up His people.  
But God is also in the business of asking His people to wait on Him.

It can be a frustrating contradiction. But I believe that being presented with an urgency to act followed by the patience to see it through is a lesson we all need to learn. Maybe I'm a slow learner, but I have also seen the results of God's patient work with His people and His church.

Never stop seeking the possibilities.  
Never stop dreaming of what can be.  
And never lose hope in the journey.  
For the Spirit that calls us is the same Spirit that guides us.

Hurry up and wait!!

Blessings

Garry

# Synod News & Info.

## Reflection - See my hands

John 20 is one of the Gospel chapters I cannot escape in trying to understand and perhaps encourage new communities of faith.

In this chapter, we meet four very different people as they encounter the risen Christ in ways that speak, to me at least, of Jesus' tailor-made love for each and all of us.

We have Mary, who 'wears her heart on her sleeve' and encounters Jesus with all the emotions we experience. Perhaps that's you?

We have 'boots and all' Peter, who elbows John aside at the tomb and steps right in. He's a bloke who grabs this Jesus journey with calloused workman's hands. Perhaps that's you?

[Read more](#) of the Reflection from **Ps. Phil Smith, BELLS Faith Community.**



## DATE CLAIMER: Moderator's Convocation 2022 - Pastoral Response to Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD)

*An opportunity for those in Specified Ministry in the UCA to gather in the community and be encouraged in their call.*

From January 1, 2023, voluntary assisted dying will be available in Queensland, with the passing of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act in 2021. Voluntary assisted dying (VAD) gives people who are suffering and dying, who meet eligibility criteria, the option of requesting medical assistance to end their lives. Those involved in pastoral care ministry have important legal obligations in Queensland. It is also critical to be ready for pastoral support of people and their families who may be considered in the process of accessing or undertaking VAD.

- What are the pastoral issues that may emerge? How will you respond in your context? What are your legal obligations?
- The Moderator's Convocation will be an opportunity to explore these issues, how they affect your ministry and to be resourced to respond to this important issue in Queensland
- Further detail, a detailed agenda and registration will be provided soon

**Venue:** Brisbane (TBA)

**Dates/Times:** Wed 7 Sep 10:00am – 5:00pm (approx.)

Thu 8 Sep 9:00am – 2:30pm (approx.)

**Cost:** There will be a cost per ticket (TBA)

If you are interested in attending Convocation, please show your expression of interest by replying **YES** to Vanessa Van Der Rhede @ [events@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:events@ucaqld.com.au)

## Safe Ministry with Children

**A spotlight continues on principle 5: Our people are suitable for working with anyone vulnerable and are committed to the values of safe ministry.**

The Church Council must ensure that all people who work or volunteer in activities or programs, including working or volunteering with children, are screened, appointed, trained, supervised and supported to deliver the ministries associated with their appointment. Each part of the application process is to be completed with prayerful consideration of the gifts and graces of the applicant, their suitability to volunteer in the role, and the needs of the Church. Volunteers, helpers and leaders should be recognised and thanked annually to affirm their contribution to safe ministry. This provides opportunities for the congregation to acknowledge this vital contribution and offer prayerful support and encouragement.

Please bookmark the Synod's Safe Ministry with Children [webpage](#) and the NSCU [website](#), which contains helpful resources and guidance for congregations, presbyteries and synods.

Safe Ministry resources are available to assist, or for more information, contact Lynde Davy at [Lynde.Davy@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:Lynde.Davy@ucaqld.com.au).