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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)

**Carpentaria Presbytery**

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## Reminder re Carpentaria Link - Weekly Reflection

As you know Carpentaria Link has a weekly reflection often done by myself or Christy. But, we would like to hear more from you all, rather than Christy and I trying to scrape the bottoms of the barrel of our imagination every week. So, here is your opportunity to contribute to Carpentaria Link by offering a reflection. You can choose the date from the calendar found at [https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link\\_roster/link\\_roster\\_calendar.php](https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link_roster/link_roster_calendar.php)

Once you register, you can create a Calendar file (.ics) and you will automatically receive a reminder on the Friday before your reflection is due. We would love to hear how God is working in and through you all, so go to [https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link\\_roster/link\\_roster\\_calendar.php](https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link_roster/link_roster_calendar.php) and sign up.

*Blessings*  
*Garry*

## Bush Chaplaincy Appeal

Due to rising fuels costs the Presbytery is holding an appeal to help the Kennedy Bush Chaplaincy and the Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplaincy, with their ministry.

If you would like to support these important ministries, please send donations to accounts below:

### **Kennedy Bush Chaplain**

Acct Name: UCA Kennedy Patrol  
Acct # 412172554  
BSB: 014-503

### **Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplain**

Acct Name: UCA McKay Patrol  
Acct # 169408  
BSB: 034-173

*Blessings*  
*Garry*

## Northern Madness Camp – Helpers Wanted

The Committee is looking for helpers for the Northern Madness Camp. They need volunteers to cook as well as camp leaders. Please email [office@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:office@ucacarpentaria.com.au) or call Rev Greg Rankin on 0413 787 626 who is the coordinator of this year's camp.

## Northern Madness Camp – 23-26 September 2022

Northern Madness camp is for all youth in grades 7-12 and will be held at Mount Louisa Community Church in Townsville from 23-26 September 2022. Registration is now open and closes on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Spread the word and support young people within your congregations and communities to attend.

Registrations: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1212.php>

**What is authentic faith?**  
camp for grades 7-12  
23-26 September '22  
Mount Louisa Community Church  
Townsville

**Authenticity**  
**Northern Madness**

Guest Speaker  
**Nathan Randell**  
Nathan works at YWAM (youth with a mission) and has done so for 5 years. He completed his DTS (discipleship training school) 10 years ago and has been involved with missionary trips and many roles at YWAM.

EXPLORE how to live out an authentic faith in Jesus  
ENJOY fun, games, activities and worship  
JOIN with other young people from North Queensland

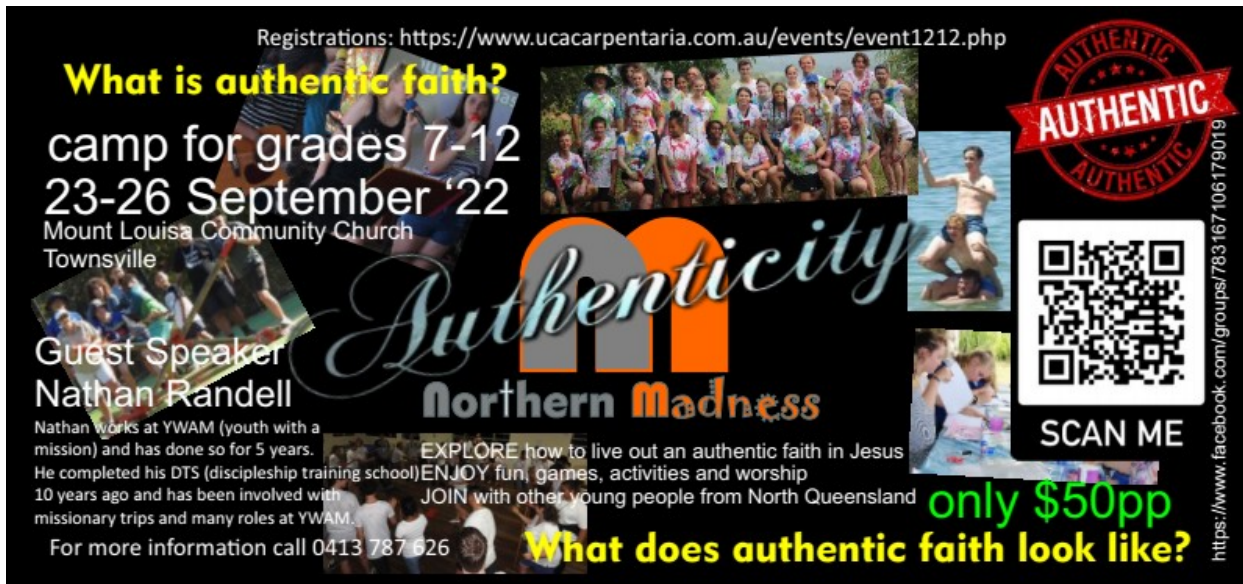
**only \$50pp**

**What does authentic faith look like?**

Authentic Authentic Authentic

SCAN ME

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/783167106179019>



## Townsville Central City Mission – Family Camp

TCCM

**SPRING  
FAMILY CAMP**

30 SEPTEMBER - 03 OCTOBER  
(QUEEN'S BDAY LONG  
WEEKEND)

MISSION BEACH HIDEAWAY HOLIDAY  
VILLAGE

BOOK NOW & mention you're with TCCM.  
Or for more information contact  
Caitie Anderson 0479100052  
caite.cox@gmail.com



## Date Claimers

### Closing Service for Teresa Hardingham

Closing Service for Teresa Hardingham at Blue Care Mareeba will be held on 30 August 2022 at 1.00pm.

### Annual Leave Dates for Robyn Cooley

Robyn will be on annual leave from Friday, 12th August to Monday, 22nd August inclusive. If you have any questions during this time, please contact Ana or one of the Presbytery Ministers.

## Basis of Union Study - Aitkenvale

Have you considered joining Aitkenvale's five week study on the Basis of Union yet? Our aim is to introduce you to this important document if you are not familiar with it, or if you are, to refresh your minds on the reason for the union, and the vision and mission to which we are called as members. Each week we will reflect on a specific theme, including The Word of God and Scholarly interpreters (Para 5, 11); Christology: Christ at the center (Para 3); Sacraments (Para 6-8); Membership (Para 12); Gifts and ministries (Para 13, 14); and Integrated councils (Para 15). After considering Rev McCaughey's commentary, we will discuss how these inform our life and mission together. (Para 18).

Two groups will meet as follows:

- Tuesday evening: 4th October @ 7.30pm - Dave and Kate Mills home
- Thursday morning: 6th October @ 9.30am - Aitkenvale Church hall, Cnr Ross River Road and Ann Street Aitkenvale

The resource to be used is "The Basis of Union: A Commentary" by J. Davis McCaughey, edited by past President Andrew Dutney. If you would like to join us, please register and receive directions to venues by phoning the Church Office on 4779 0060. RSVP by Wednesday 14th September, so we can order the study books. The cost will be \$8.25 each + postage.

It is advisable, to get a feel for what the Basis has to say, to read its brief eighteen paragraphs prior to the beginning of the study. You can download it from the internet at <https://assembly.uca.org.au/basis-of-union> or if you don't have access to the web, please phone Kate Dix on 0429 609509 and a printed copy of the Basis will be made available.

We do look forward to sharing in the study with you.

*Kate Dix for the Discipleship Stream*

## Pics from Commissioning of Joe Eka at Atherton Uniting Church on 29 July



### Pics from Commissioning of George Otumuli at Mount Isa on 7 August



### Pics from Commissioning of Ian Ness at Bowen on 7 August



## *Lorne's Thoughts*

G'day Carpentarians!

Sunday, July 31 was one the best Sunday's I have had at Townsville Central and today I am going to share with you why.

But, before that, I need to tell you about the journey that preceded it. Back in December of 2021 our Sunday School teacher, Lizzie Henderson, and I spoke and prayed about what this year might look like for our kids. We have about 10 kids in our Sunday school program and our hope for the year was that they would take ownership of their Church experience while being disciplined. While we didn't have an exact plan for each Sunday, we did start with two objectives. First, we were going to put the ball in their court and ask them what would make Sunday school more fun. And second, we were going to teach them about the different forms of prayer that we use both in the Sunday service and at home.

To the first point, the kids loved the question! They gave us a HUGE list of things that they desired which included everything from beanbags to a redecoration of the Sunday school room (including a painted mural!). Had Lizzie not helped curate the list, there would have been no limit to their imaginations,

Rather than saying no to anything, we asked them to rank their wishes and think about how much each item would cost. They faithfully did so, and then presented their wish-list to the council and asked for a spending budget from the church. One neat thing that happened, however, was that as the weight of the costing hit-home they realised that they would need to supplement the costs themselves.

This brings me to Sunday, July 31. On this Sunday, the kids left the service early and set up their fundraiser. While the congregation prayed for them, they dutifully set up their craft stalls, bake-sale table, hot-dog stand, popcorn table, therapy-dog cuddle parlour, and game station.

What happened next was gorgeous! All up nearly \$900 was raised by the kids but what was more precious was the interactions between them and the congregation. There was delight in their crafts, praise for their baking, and joy in the games, not to mention that I am pretty sure that for a few of our older members in the congregation this was the first time in decades that they had bought let alone eaten popcorn!

The kids were beaming, the congregation was energised, and everyone walked away with a grateful awareness of what it means to be 'blessed to be a blessing'. What started with a simple question, how can we make Sunday school fun, turned into a prayer-infused journey with a wonderful answer on July 31. I hope this becomes an anchor for these kids for many years to come. May they find strength in the knowledge that their church family treasures them and may this blessing aid them in their discipleship journey as they learn to pray for and bless the world around them.

*Grace & Peace*

*Lorne Anderson*

*Pastor at Townsville Central City Mission*

# Synod News & Info.

## Can you say 'Peace' in another language? – Multicultural Queensland Month

The Chair of the Multi-Cross-Cultural Reference Group encourages everyone to learn how to say 'Peace' in another language during Multicultural Queensland Month.

Rev Louisa Yu believes that the simple gesture of learning a word or phrase common across all cultures will help build strong bonds between members of the congregation and the community. Compliance with strict social distancing rules throughout COVID made shaking hands impossible, which is when Rev Yu said she developed the concept.

"We first practised greeting others by saying 'hello' in a language other than English to those who are not born in Australia, and in Aussie slang like "G'day" and "Howdy" to our Australian-born friends, which people embraced," she said.

Read more at Journey Online [here](#).

## Health and Wellbeing

### Safety First During Events

Amusement rides and inflatable castles are a great addition to fetes and community gatherings. A recent UCA event was a timely reminder of how they can become safety hazards if not maintained, operated or set up appropriately. If you are planning on running events coming into the spring season, event organisers are urged to review all health and safety risks by completing a risk assessment or receiving a safety plan from the hirer. Where the risk level is deemed high, the assessment must be sent to the Health and Safety Team before any planned event.

Risk Assessment templates are available [here](#). An information sheet can also be found on Safe Work Australia's page [Amusement Inflatable Devices](#).

If you have any further queries, don't hesitate to contact us at [WHS@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:WHS@ucaqld.com.au).

## Stand Up Speak Out

### Sign the petition - #RaiseTheAge of criminal responsibility from 10 to at least 14

Everyone knows that children do best when they are supported, nurtured and loved. But across Australia, children as young as ten can be arrested by police, charged with an offence, hauled before a court and locked away in a prison. It's time for the federal, state and territory governments to do what's right and change the laws to raise the age so children aged 10 to 13 years are not sent to prison. Children belong in classrooms and playgrounds, not in handcuffs, courtrooms or prison cells.

Sign the petition [here](#).

## **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support - 13YARN**

**13YARN** [Thirteen YARN] is the first national crisis support line for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. We offer a confidential one-on-one yarning opportunity with a Lifeline-trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter who can provide crisis support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Learn more about the service [here](#).

## **Safe Ministry with Children**

### **Join Uniting Churches across Australia to celebrate Child Safe Sunday on September 4**

Child Safe Sunday occurs the day before National Child Protection Week commences on September 5. The National Safe Church Unit has developed resources for congregations to use. These include a prayer written by our President, a video message from our President, a PowerPoint presentation and a colouring-in activity for children (and adults if they would like). Please hold publication/showing of the video until the weekend of September 4, but please consider obtaining [permission](#) to share photos of the event from your congregation. A copy of each resource is available on the National Safe Church Unit [website](#).

View the President's video message [here](#).