

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

Link



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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.

Carpentaria Link Weekly Reflection

Sign Up and Share Your Reflection

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

We would love to hear how God is working in and through you all.

Date Claimers

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting – 4-6 Nov 2022

The November Presbytery meeting will be held at Mission Beach Resort, Mission Beach from **Fri, 4 Nov to Sun, 6 Nov beginning at 1.00pm on Fri** with training. More details to come and registration information will be sent out at the beginning of October.

Appeals

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

Transylvania Appeal

We can respond to a need that I believe we can do something practically and urgently for a congregation that has been devastated by Covid and is now caught in both the Ukrainian refugee crisis and energy prices that are doubling every single month.

This is an extremely poor community and we can do a little in order for them to receive much.

If you would like to help in this urgent need, please make donations via the Carpentaria Presbytery.

Bank: ANZ Bank Ltd
Account Name: UCA - Carpentaria Presbytery
BSB: 014 676
Account No.: 474906525
Reference: Transylvania

Blessings
Garry

Southern Zone Gathering – Mundingburra

An opportunity to gather for a BYO picnic at some time on Saturday, 8 October 2022 between 2pm and 6pm. You can come when you want and leave when you need to however John Dansie and his children will be there from 2pm until 6pm (we'll have a BBQ tea around 5pm). You can participate by showing up at some point in the afternoon and either bringing all your own stuff or making arrangements within your group or congregation. Picnic will be held at Sherriff Park, Love Lane, Mundingburra <https://www.soe-townsville.org/parks/sherriff.html>

Invitation is open to anyone who has a connection with the Southern Zone (congregations, Blue Care, ministry agents, lay people).

John Dansie

Time for Peace – Correction to Date

A powerful activity on the International Day of Peace is the **Minute of Silence at 12 Noon on 21st September** (not 11 September as previously advertised) in every time zone as it circles the globe. Gather with others, or just pause wherever you are to join with countless millions of peace lovers all over the world in the universal prayer **“May Peace Prevail on Earth.”**

Grants Made Easy Webinar

Last week Vanessa Griffiths hosted a very informative webinar about applying for grants, grant writing and some do's and don'ts of grant applications. If your congregation is seeking funds for a major project, perhaps applying for a grant is the way to go. To see more, click on the link: <https://vimeo.com/744803618>

Pics from General Secretary Visit this week around Carpentaria Presbytery with Garry & Teresa Hardingham

Fellowship meal in Mount Isa



Up in the air



Fueling up in Normanton



Prayers and communion in Aurukun



Craig's Thoughts

That all shall be saved

When are we saved? Really good question. Some say when we receive Christ as Lord and Saviour, some say in baptism some even say when we speak in tongues (I kid you not) and some say when we learn to walk in the way of Christ. The truth is there are biblical passages to support all these positions and more, but I was meditating on this passage from 1 Timothy:

"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

(1 Timothy 2:3–4 ESVi)

Now I'm convinced that God is sovereign and God always gets God's way in the end, nothing can undermine the plans of God, and so when I read this text I'm left asking the question, if God desires all people to be saved does that mean God will get God's way in this in the end? As Uniting Church people we are children of the Reformation and the father of the Reformation is Martin Luther so I thought I'd check out what Martin has to say about this. He says this very interesting thing,

"God forbid that I should limit the time of acquiring faith to the present life. In the depth of the Divine mercy there may be opportunity to win it in the future"

This came from a letter he wrote to his mate in 1522. It seems Martin believed that dying doesn't stop you from being saved, he believed that even after death there was an opportunity to be saved. I suggest he got that idea from Paul where we read:

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Romans 8:38–39 ESVi)

Imagine that even death can't separate us from God. This is not new thinking for the Psalmist writes:

*"Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!"*

(Psalm 139:7–8 ESVi)

So its not a new thing to believe that God is sovereign in life and death.

It has long been my contention that if God is determined to save people then God will, by hook or by crook, achieve God's purposes. So will all people be saved? I'd like to think so but for some I think it might take a bit of direct God confrontation in death to achieve that purpose.

*Craig Mischewski
Minister at Aurukun, Weipa and Mapoon
Chair of Calvary Zone*

Synod News & Info.

Vale, Queen Elizabeth II

A message from the Moderator on the occasion of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II

On behalf of the Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod, I join in the sadness of people across the globe as we honour the life and mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II. She has lived an extraordinary life through extraordinary times - a life of service, grace, courage, hope, and a deeply held Christian faith.

She was baptised into Christ in the chapel at Buckingham Palace in 1926, and in her first Christmas broadcast in 1952, she prayed "that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life".

She was deeply committed to her country and people and showed deep affection to the people of Australia throughout her reign. Our prayers are with her children and family that they may be comforted through these sad times and for King Charles III as he begins his reign in the midst of grieving for his mother.

*Rev Andrew Gunton
Moderator, Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod*

Safe Ministry with Children

Principle 6 of the 10 Principles for a Child Safe UCA

Child-focused complaints processes: We acknowledge that to be effective, processes to raise concerns and complaints about the safety of children need to be known, simple and taken seriously. The [Responding to concerns process](#) prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children in the way we manage and respond to complaints and concerns. The [Mandatory Reporting Process for Ministry Agents](#), and the [Mandatory Reporting Process for Lay Workers and Volunteers](#), outline the steps to ensure you are fulfilling your duty of care by reporting incidents of suspected abuse, grooming or neglect. A copy of each of these documents is available on the synod [website](#).

If you have any questions, Contact Lynde Davy, the Office of the Synod's Safe Church Assurance and Support Officer, at safechurch@ucaqld.com.au or call [07 3377 9983](tel:0733779983).

Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Initiative – Community Impact Program

With the Australian Government's support, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, or FRRR, is investing in the future, enabling agriculture-dependent communities to identify and act on their drought preparedness priorities at a grassroots level.

To learn more about the program and funding eligibility, click [here](#).