

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 Presbytery.

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.

Stitches of support

Have a knack for knitting and want to give back in a new way?

StandBy Support After Suicide (StandBy) Northern Queensland is calling on crafty volunteers to participate in its new 'Knit-a-Bear' project, aimed at providing comfort and support to those bereaved and impacted by suicide.

The volunteer opportunity running across Mackay, Townsville and Cairns will help to provide knitted bears for StandBy's outreach teams to use when supporting people left behind following a suicide, reminding them that they are not alone.

The pilot initiative was launched following discussions with UnitingCare Queensland's Volunteer Engagement Team about how volunteers could get involved with StandBy.

StandBy North Queensland Service Leader Cindy Everett said Knit-a-Bear was a convenient way volunteers could make a meaningful difference to StandBy's work.

'The bears can be knitted in the comfort of people's own home,' she said.

'They form part of every support session that we do so they are an ongoing resource that we need.'

'For those that may have leftover wool lying around, this is an opportunity to turn that into a symbol of care and hope for those impacted and bereaved by suicide,' Ms Everett said.

While the Knit-a-Bear initiative is currently being run across Northern Queensland, discussions are underway to extend the program state-wide.

The above is an article from the UnitingCare News. Any knitters from your congregation looking for an outlet for their craft are welcome to be involved. Pattern can be supplied. For further information please contact Rev Christine Herman on 0403978516 or email caherman09@gmail.com

Christine Herman

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

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Southern Zone Gathering – Mundingburra

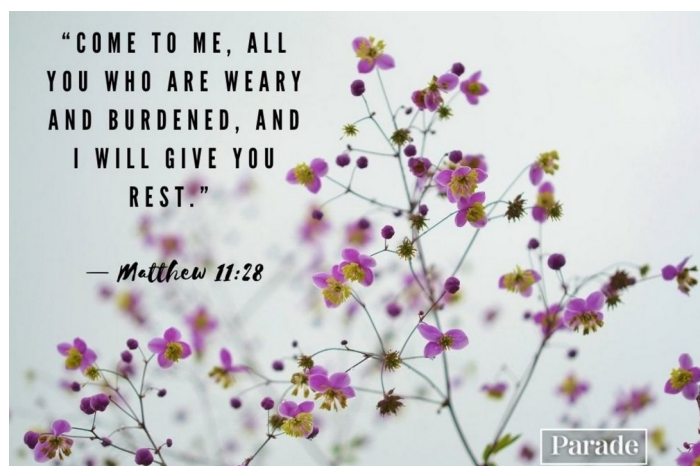
A BYO picnic for Southern Zone will be held on Saturday, 8 October 2022 between 2pm and 6pm. We'll have a BBQ tea around 5pm. You can participate by showing up at some point in the afternoon and either bringing all your own stuff or making arrangements within your group or congregation. Picnic will be 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

Northern Zone Gathering

Northern Zone gathering will be held on 29th October 2022 at 11.30am at Sugarworld Parklands, Hambledon Drive, Edmonton (not the swimming area). Please bring a plate of food and drinks to share or meat to BBQ as well as outdoor/camping chairs. This gathering is open to all the Northern Zone Congregations and their members. All enquiries can be made to Dinah John, Northern Zone Secretary on email: dinahtourangi@live.com.au

Dinah John



From The Word for Today...

Knowing who belongs in your life

'A friend loves at all times, and is born, as is a brother, for adversity.' [Proverbs 17:17](#)

Wherever you live and whatever your profession, 'butcher, baker, or candlestick maker', you will have to deal with these three kinds of people:

(1) *The critic.*

Let's face it, most people are comfortable with the status quo. They not only fear change but will often attack it. So if you dare to be different, prepare to sail through some rough seas. The apostle Paul's critics referred to him as a madman, a fool, and a babbler. So why would you expect the same crowd to treat you any better?

(2) *The cautious.*

These people won't point an accusing finger, but neither will they extend a helping hand. When you get into trouble, they will distance themselves from you, fearing they may be tainted by your perceived liabilities. Basically, they will wait to see if you make it through the tunnel and come out the other side. Then they will wait to see who else accepts you and if you can be of benefit to them. Then they may reconnect with you. These people are users. They are not bad; they're just self-serving. So love them, but don't lean on them.

(3) *The committed.*

'A friend loves at all times, and is born, as is a brother, for adversity.' Even when they hear the worst about you, the committed still believe the best about you. They value you for your strengths and show grace in handling your weaknesses. These people are priceless because they will love you 'at all times'. So when God puts such a person into your life, protect and nurture your relationship with them.

*(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 28 September 2022)
The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass*



Synod News & Info.

Health and Wellbeing

September 29th Celebrate World Heart Day

World Heart Day is an opportunity for everyone to stop and consider how best to use heart for humanity, for nature, and for you. Beating cardiovascular disease (CVD) is something that matters to every beating heart. The three pillars of consideration include.

Humanity: Access to treatment and support for CVD varies widely across the world.

Nature: Air pollution is responsible for 25% of all CVD deaths, taking the lives of 7 million people every year.

For you: Psychological stress can double heart attack risk. Resisting harmful coping mechanisms and bad habits induced by stress helps maximise our individual heart health.

For more information about CVD talk to the WHS team Health.Safety@ucaqld.com.au or check out the World Heart day site at [World Heart Federation](http://WorldHeartFederation.org).

Safe Ministry with Children

October 1 we celebrate the International Day of Older Persons

We value our volunteer's gifts and recognise the incredible contributions of each [volunteer](#), particularly the worth and significance of lived experience gained from older persons in our congregations and communities. We value the knowledge and experience of our [retired ministry agents](#). More information about volunteering is available on the [website](#). Contact Lynde Davy safechurch@ucaqld.com.au or 07 3377 9983.

October 2 is the International Day of Non-Violence

The Uniting Church commits to keeping safety high on our agenda. We commit to maintain vigilance in recognising the signs of abuse and support anyone who has [concerns](#). We expect safe [boundaries](#) and respectful relationships, and provide safety for all people to realise their full potential. We commit to equitable treatment of all people regardless of age, abilities, gender or social, economic or cultural background. Please let us know how we can work together better, to ensure everyone can connect, contribute and belong. Contact Lynde Davy safechurch@ucaqld.com.au or 07 3377 9983.

News from life of the church

The cooperative - Albert Street Lecture

At 7pm on Thursday 27 October, Rev Dr Katalina Tahaafe-Williams will present on her topic "Called to Inclusion: The Politics of the Lowest Common Denominator". This will be the final Albert Street Lecture for 2022, with more to come in 2023.

Katalina is a Public & Contextual Theologian and the Social Justice and Multicultural Consultant at the Uniting Church in Australia.

Register now at: <https://thecooperativehub.com/.../albert-street-lecture...>

The whole lecture will also be livestreamed here: <https://youtu.be/mWR7hhDdj84>

We need your help to end family violence in the Pacific - Faith can end violence

The rate of men's violence against women and children in the Pacific is one of the highest in the world. In some places, it has remained at more than double the global average! Rev Noa Turaganivalu from Fiji explains: "It's been a cultural and traditional norm for the male to come first and be at the top of everything we do... I was taught that being a man meant to be strong, and women were inferior to men."

Rev Noa Turaganivalu from Fiji is a living example of the power of Gender Equality Theology to transform people and families. Rev Noa says that it has changed his life in a way that makes him proud as a husband, father and grandfather.

[Read more at Uniting World](#)

