

# 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 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](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

Registration is now open for the November Presbytery meeting at Mission Beach Resort, Mission Beach from **Fri, 4 Nov to Sun, 6 Nov beginning at 1.00pm on Fri** with training. Register here: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1414.php>

## Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Our next Presbytery meeting to be held 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022, is fast approaching. It will be great to be together again! A reminder that this meeting is for both Ministry Agents and lay reps from each congregation along with Ministry Agents who are in placements in other roles e.g.: chaplaincy (**2 per congregation, including Ministry Agent**). It would be wonderful to have more lay people join our meetings.

The Presbytery meeting will be held at the Mission Beach Resort and will begin at **1pm on Friday afternoon** (for all Ministry Agents, wanting to access Fringe Benefits or to find out more and get assistance with this). The next session begins at **3pm** and is for all Ministry Agents who are required to attend the compulsory Code of Ethics Training. For all other delegates, please arrive by no later than **5:30pm** as a BBQ buffet dinner will be served at **6pm Friday night** for all Presbytery attendees, with the evening program to begin at approx. 7pm.

**Register here:** <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1414.php>

More information will be sent out before the Presbytery meeting, so keep a look out for it but **remember to register**.

As in recent times each congregation & agency will be invoiced \$120 for Travel equalisation per entity. If you have any queries, please contact Ana at the Presbytery Office.

*Blessings*

*Robyn & Ana*

## Musicians and Lead Singer Needed for Presbytery Meeting Worship

We will have worship services during our Presbytery meeting in November so if you are interested in helping out our worship as a musician or lead singer then your services are much appreciated.

Please contact Ana on [office@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:office@ucacarpentaria.com.au)

## 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. While the Knit-a-Bear initiative is currently being run across Northern Queensland, discussions are underway to extend the program state-wide. *[Extract from 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](mailto:caherman09@gmail.com)

*Christine Herman*

## Spirit of Synod and Moderator's Medals

Our very own, Robyn Cooley has been awarded the 2022 Spirit of the Synod award. *“Serving the Presbytery of Carpentaria, and her central Queensland congregation of Mackay Northside, Robyn’s expertise, attention to detail, deep faith, kind and thoughtful nature, and selfless contribution to the church locally and regionally were warmly appreciated”*. (Quote from Daily Summary – Saturday May 14 – Day 1 of the 36th Synod)

The Moderator presented the award on 4 September 2022 at Northside UC Mackay, which is Robyn’s home church, and Christy was able to make it to the special presentation. The Carpentaria Presbytery is very proud of you Robyn and we are blessed because of your gifts of service to us.



## Date Claimers

### 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



# From The Word for Today...

## The truth about giving

***“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed.” [2 Corinthians 9:10 NIV](#)***

Here is what the Bible teaches about giving:

(1) *You cannot outgive God.*

*‘He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.’ ([2 Corinthians 9:10 NIV](#))* When Paul talks here about ‘seed’, he’s talking about resources. Notice, some of the resources God gives you is to be used for your own needs, and some is to create ‘a harvest of righteousness’. What does that mean?

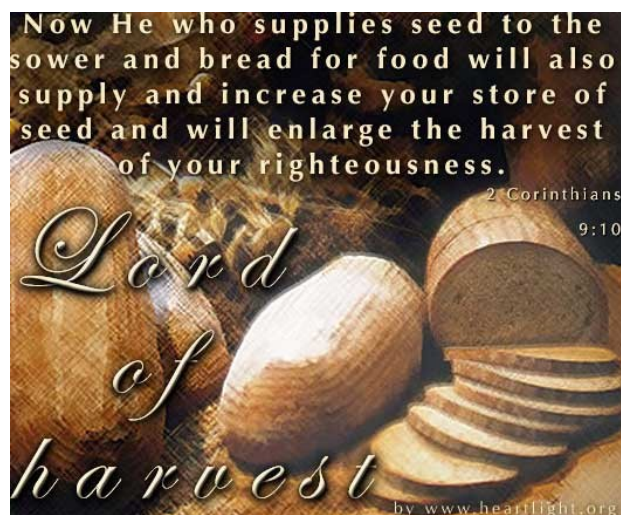
Paul explains: *‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.’ ([2 Corinthians 9:9 NIV](#))* In other words, you must show compassion towards those who are hurting and give generously to those who are unable to provide for themselves. The Bible says that when you give to the poor, you actually lend to the Lord, and He will repay you (see [Proverbs 19:17](#)).

Jesus said: *‘Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.’ ([Luke 6:38 NIV](#)).*

(2) *You should be a cheerful giver.*

You say, ‘If I get more, I’ll give more.’ No, you have the cart before the horse. It’s the level of your giving that determines the level of your receiving, not vice versa. So break through your barrier of fear and watch what God does. He won’t disappoint you. Once you have experienced His blessing, you will never want to live any other way.

*(Reflection from [vision.org.au](#) website – The Word for Today reading, 5 October 2022)  
The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass*



# Synod News & Info.

## Stand Up Speak Out

### Register for Ageism Awareness Day Online Launch Event (FREE) by EveryAGE Counts

Ageism Awareness Day will be launched at 10am (AEDT) on 7 October with an online launch event. EveryAGE Counts are excited to welcome Ita Buttrose AC, OBE as their special guest for the Ageism Awareness Day panel discussion. [Register here](#).

### Free webinar: Top Legal Issues for the Board Agenda by Not-for-profit Law, Justice Connect

Keeping up to date with current issues and being aware of key risks affecting your not-for-profit organisation is central to the role of the board/committee. In this free webinar, a short, sharp overview of five current legal issues to be aware of as you look ahead to 2023 is provide.

Participants will receive:

- 75 minutes of plain-language training from a lawyer
- Copy of webinar recording and slide presentation
- Information on further resources and support

This introductory webinar is suitable for all board/committee members and senior staff of organisations. When: Tuesday, 6 December 2022, 12.45 pm - 2 pm AEDT. [Register here](#)

## Safe Ministry with Children

### Principle 9 of the 10 Principles for a Child Safe UCA - Policies and procedures document child safety.

Our commitment to a safe Church for everyone is documented in policies and [procedures](#) so that there is clarity, accountability and shared understanding. Each [Church Council](#) formally [adopts](#) the Safe Ministry with Children (SMC) [Policy](#) every year, and commits to providing a Safe Church for [everyone](#). We put these policies and procedures in place to protect anyone vulnerable, including children. More information is available on the [website](#). 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](mailto:safechurch@ucaqld.com.au) or 07 3377 9983.

### A new resource to assist with Mandatory Reporting

For anyone facing the challenging process of reporting concerns about neglect, abuse, sexual abuse or grooming to a child, you must follow the instructions in the [Template for complaints and allegations](#) and then complete the [Guide for Reporting Child Safety Concerns](#). The guide will take you through the Queensland government's child protection reporting guide, to help you decide whether a report must also be made to child protection authorities.

Always follow the [Mandatory Reporting Process for Ministry Agents](#), and the [Mandatory Reporting Process for Lay Workers and Volunteers](#), which outlines the steps to take when reporting incidents of suspected abuse, grooming or neglect. This will ensure you are meeting your legal obligations and fulfilling your duty of care to the children involved in your activities. A copy of each of these documents is available on the synod [website](#). Contact Lynde Davy [safechurch@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:safechurch@ucaqld.com.au) or 07 3377 9983.