

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

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>
Registration closes on 25 October 2022.

Reminder: Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting - 4th to 6th November 2022

Our next Presbytery meeting to be held 4th to 6th 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 registration closes on 25 October**. **You must let us know if you are not attending the whole time so we can finalise our numbers for accommodation & catering.**

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

Date Claimers

Northern Zone Gathering - 29th October 2022

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

Messages / Notes for Marie Dewar

As you are all aware, Marie Dewar faithfully served the Carpentaria Presbytery for over 10yrs as Executive Assistant. We get a chance at our November Presbytery meeting to farewell Marie and thank her for her ministry.

If you have any messages, notes or pictures you would like to share with Marie please send through to Ana at office@ucacarpentaria.com.au All messages will be collated into a farewell card to present at Presbytery.

David's Thoughts...

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

If an epic journey was to be defined by the mode of transport, say Planes, Trains and Automobiles, then the journey I took to Mittagong last week was an epic journey. The journey was taken in order to attend the Defence Force Uniting Church Chaplains retreat. The alarm was set for four Tuesday morning, bags packed the night before ready for the day's journey. Car to the Airport for the 0555 flight to Sydney, Train to Campbelltown, change trains at Campbelltown through to Mittagong, car to the retreat centre arriving 1530 in time for the opening worship.

Breath; two full days of retreat, a time to pause and reflect, a time to replenish the soul, a time to take in the goodness of all we have been given. Then on the Friday, car to the 1118 train from Mittagong to Macarthur, change trains to catch the train to the Sydney airport and then the flight home, arriving home at about 2050 to be picked up at the airport by car. Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

In 1987 a movie comedy was released called 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles'. It starred Steve Martin as Neale Page an advertising executive and John Candy as Del Griffith a traveling sales man. According to the plot, the two are not known to each other in the movie but, through a set of misadventures end up being travel companions. Neale the advertising executive is keen to get home within two days to be with his family for Thanksgiving. In their travels they use Planes, Trains and Automobiles, most of which either break down or get cancelled, hence the name of the movie. At the end of the movie (spoiler alert) it comes to light that while Neale is keen to get home, Del has no home to go to and Neale provides some 'ministry'. There is a little more about this but you get my drift.

We all know that within the ultimate journey of Jesus towards the cross there were no Planes, no Trains and no Automobiles. Yes, he rode for a short while on his entry to Jerusalem but mainly Jesus' journey was on foot. Along the way his journey was full of adventure, miracles and challenges. He met with and ministered to people, he challenged the leaders of the day and the religious leaders and he gathered around him the disciples who he taught along the way. But he also paused to take time for himself, to be with his Father. His journey was as rich as the adventure on Planes, Trains and Automobiles. For me in the middle of my journey was the retreat property, a chance to pause and reflect upon the work I am called to do. A time to replenish the soul in order to journey with those who I am called to minister to. In all of this there is and needs to be balance, otherwise we get too caught up with the journey, for me the example of Jesus is apparent.

Rev David Kelly
Chaplain, Airforce (ADF)



Synod News & Info.

Stand Up Speak Out

Help End Child Poverty

This Anti-Poverty Week (16 - 22 October) looks at how poverty impacts the opportunities and outcomes of children and young people. We know that poverty affects far too many Australian children and families, diminishing their lives now and in the future. As one of the wealthiest countries in the world, it's just not right that 1 in 6 of our children grows up in poverty. The call to action this Anti-Poverty Week is 'Let's work together to halve child poverty by 2030'. We can all be part of this movement by:

- Visiting the [web page](#) to read more and sign up to receive updates
- Downloading the [Pledge to halve child poverty by 2030](#) - take a photo and post it to social media with #EndChildPoverty
- Finding an event on the Anti-Poverty Week [event calendar](#)
- Following on social media - Facebook - @antipovertyweek, Twitter @AntiPovertyWeek, Instagram - @anti_poverty_week
- Using hashtags #EndChildPoverty #AntiPovertyWeek #APW22
- Downloading the [Promotional Kit - Anti-Poverty Week](#)
- Sharing the [school resources](#) on Poverty and Inequality in Australia

Safe Ministry with Children

National Children's Week is from 22-30 October

Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities. [Volunteering](#) with the Church is a good way to gain useful skills, improve future employability and give back to the community. More information about junior volunteers is available on the synod [website](#).

Working or volunteering with anyone vulnerable

All people seeking to volunteer in roles, activities and programs supporting adults and young people with disabilities, or anyone vulnerable, should complete the free [Worker Orientation](#) training module available from the [NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission](#) and must be deemed as being [suitable](#) to apply for a Blue Card. To offer safe activities and programs for vulnerable people, all [pre-appointment screening](#) documents are available on the synod [website](#).

Please let us know how we can work together better to ensure everyone can connect, contribute and belong. Contact Lynde Davy at safechurch@ucaqld.com.au or 07 3377 9983.

Health and Wellbeing

Queensland Mental Health Week October 8-16th

Queensland Mental Health Week (QMHW) is an annual awareness initiative linked to National Mental Health Week and World Mental Health Day, which is held on 10 October every year with the aim to shine a spotlight on individual and community mental health and wellbeing.

The week also gives us the opportunity to understand the importance of mental health in our everyday lives. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. This year's theme is 'Awareness, Belonging, Connection', reflecting the important factors that help people maintain positive mental health and well-being.

Check out the [QLD Mental Health Week Events](#) page for local events, conversations and activities to raise awareness of the importance of positive mental health and well-being.



October is National Safe Work Month - a time to commit to building a safe and healthy workplace

National Safe Work Month is an opportunity to build awareness of work health and safety, encourage discussion about safety at work, and ensure everyone is aware of health and safety hazards and how to manage risks to keep workers safe. The 2022 theme is: Know safety, work safely. Make safety at work your priority. Being healthy and safe at work means being free from physical and psychological harm - no job should be unsafe, and everyone can help create a safe workplace.

Check out Safe Work Australia's glossary of risks and hazards [here](#) .

For more safety tips and resources on the above topics, visit the Safe Work Month [Worksafe QLD](#) site or message the WHS team at Health.Safety@ucaqld.com.au .

