

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.

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting 4-6 November 2022

Registration is now closed 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. Pray for our Presbytery meeting, worship services and all the matters to be dealt with.

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

From The Word for Today...

Building Good Relationships

'Not looking to your own interests, but each of you to the interests of the others.'
Philippians 2:4 NIV

Paul writes, *'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with others, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 2:34 NIV). That means do these five things:

(1) Be genuinely interested in others.

'Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn.' (Romans 12:15 NIV) And you can only do that when you take the time to find out what's going on in someone else's world.

(2) Be upbeat.

'A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.' (Proverbs 15:13 NIV) Though it can be helpful, try not to vent to others all the time. Make sure you remember to take your problems to the Lord in prayer.

(3) Be careful what you say, and always say less than you think.

'Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm.' (Proverbs 29:11 NIV) And since how you speak is just as important as what you say, always be kind and courteous.

(4) Be reliable.

The Bible says, *'In the last days... men shall be... trucebreakers.'* (2 Timothy 3:1-3 KJV), but you don't have to fulfill that prophecy. When you say you will do something, do it. Character is measured by actions, not words. So strive to be a person whose word has meaning.

(5) Be an encourager.

Barnabas was known as a motivator because he *'encouraged the believers.'* (Acts 11:23 NLT) Ever notice what happens when you push a child on a swing? Eventually they start gaining some momentum and doing it themselves; they just needed a little help to get going. Even a smile can work wonders. Job said, *'When they were discouraged, I smiled at them. My look of approval was precious to them.'* (Job 29:24 NLT) Sometimes it's that simple!

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 25 October 2022)
The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass

Synod News & Info.

Vacancy

UnitingCare Qld is seeking a full-time Chaplaincy Coordinator to join the Mission Group in our Brisbane City Central Office

The Chaplaincy Coordinator supports the work of Blue Care and UnitingCare Health Chaplains, including a key role in coordinating our new Care & Wellbeing service for Blue Care Community clients.

Click [here](#) for more information about the role and to apply.

Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps

Applications are now open for the 2023 NYALC

The next National Young Adult Leaders Conference will be held from 26 - 29 January 2023 on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria. Jointly hosted by the President and the National Chair of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, NYALC is for Uniting Church young adults aged 18-30 who are engaged in leadership and who want to grow their skills, faith and discipleship in a supportive community. For over a decade this popular national event has had a wonderful track record of nurturing and empowering cohorts of young people who are, or have gone on to become, leaders in the Uniting Church and in their communities. Applications are now open for the 2023 NYALC.

You are encouraged to promote the event widely through your networks, and to support and involve young people in your region. Here are some suggestions:

- Consider whether there are young people in your region that you might encourage to attend. Personal invitation is very powerful, so you might like to tap them on the shoulder directly, or speak with their minister.
- Consider whether your presbytery may have some financial capacity to sponsor a young person to attend. The indicative registration cost for the event is approximately \$600 (not including travel).

Applications can be accessed through the NYALC website: <https://nyalc.org.au/>, and close on 7 November. Places are limited to only nine people per Synod.

*Sharon Hollis
President, Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia*



Advent and Christmas materials to share

[JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY TO JOY!](#)

Don't miss out! Please complete this [form](#) to sign up for updates and ideas for worship, community and congregational reflections and studies, and materials to help families connect with and countdown to Christmas. **The 2022 Advent and Christmas website is under construction; for more information, click [here](#).**

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Safe Ministry with Children

Free online training for working or volunteering with anyone vulnerable

The Church has a primary responsibility to care for those who are vulnerable. All volunteers in Church roles, activities and programs supporting anyone vulnerable, can complete the free [Worker Orientation](#) training module available from The [NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission](#). This free training module must be completed, along with a [suitability check](#) to ensure that the Church can offer safe activities and programs for vulnerable people. **All pre-screening documents are available on the [synod website](#).**

Principle 10 of the 10 Principles for a Child Safe UCA

Review and continuous improvement of policy, procedure, and practice The Uniting Church is committed to continuous improvement and review of policy, procedure and practice. We examine incidents and reports to identify systemic issues and take lessons from what we learn. We have a Breach Procedure to identify and address breaches of the Safe Ministry with Children (SMC) Policy. We formally review compliance with the SMC policy each year to help to create a safe and supportive environment for children and anyone vulnerable. **More information is available on the website.**

Supporting Congregations with visiting Preachers and speakers

Visiting preachers and speakers can enhance and support the life of a congregation and its people. Visiting preachers and speakers have a responsibility and obligation to honour the foundations and beliefs of the Uniting Church. Congregations inviting a visiting preacher or speaker from another denomination require the visiting preacher to sign a Statement of Agreement to work within the Basis of Union.

The Statement of Agreement enables the preacher or speaker to participate in a Uniting Church service of worship. A copy of this document is 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@ucaqlid.com.au or 07 3377 9983.

