

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.

Presbytery Appeal

Bowen UCA

In 2019, as part of a fundraising event, a large donation was received by Bowen Uniting Church. In 2021, a letter of demand was received from an insolvency firm to return the funds. After much investigation into the legitimacy of the claim and the rights of the congregation, it was determined that the demand to return the funds was legal and that the congregation would have to pay.

Bowen UCA having received the funds in good faith, applied the full fundraising amount to the cost of ministry. Permission was given to the Synod Legal team to negotiate a settlement figure on behalf of the congregation. The agreed amount now owed is \$25,000.

At our Presbytery meeting on the 5 November, a Presbytery wide appeal was launched to help Bowen. If you would like to help see bank details below. Let's help Bowen clear this amount so that they can get on with the work of valuable ministry they do to the community.

Bowen Appeal

Account Name: UCA Carpentaria Presbytery

BSB: 014-676

Account No: 474906525

Reference: Bowen Appeal

Christy Allen

Pics from Celebration of Ministry & Retirement Service for Rev Dennis Corowa at Presbytery Meeting on 4 November 2022



Christy, Bruce Moore (Moderator-Elect & Guest Preacher), Dennis & Garry

Intergenerational Advent Resource

[Journey to Joy Worship Planning resource \(Draft Sample\)](#) - A collaborative team has created these resources from across the Qld Synod of the Uniting Church to help congregations, communities, and families celebrate Advent together intergenerationally. It contains bible readings, themes and suggestions for prayers, videos, and activities to do in worship to assist with weekly worship preparation for the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Day or Christmas Eve. There is also an Advent Candle Litany and suggestions for a Blue Christmas / Solace / Thanksgiving and Remembering Service.

These resources are connected thematically with the ***Journey to Joy Countdown to Christmas, Advent and Christmas Reflections*** to enable ongoing engagement for congregation members, families, and people in your community over this Advent and Christmas season. These additional resources include 15-character reflections (three for each week's theme), topics and questions for discussion for small groups, families, or individuals to engage with. These reflections invite the participant to explore a character connected with the Advent story, how their own story might connect, and some challenges connected with the weekly theme. They are designed to invite conversation, connection, and creativity across generations by providing opportunities to share and hear each other's stories and engage in activities together to explore God's big story.

If you have questions about how to use or print the materials, please get in touch with Jess Pinkerton at jessica.pinkerton@ucaqld.com.au

Paul Wetzig

Annual Southern Zone Christmas Party on Saturday, 26 November 2022

A friendly reminder that you are invited to the annual Southern Zone Christmas Party on Saturday, 26 November. If you can please RSVP as soon as possible this will be a big help for our planning!

Here are the details again:



SOUTHERN ZONE
Christmas Party
2022

What: Southern Zone Christmas Party!

When: 16:30 – 19:00, Saturday November 26

Where: Townsville Central City Mission
73 Wills Street, Townsville City

How: Let's gather for fellowship, food, fun!
We ask that you bring a plate of food to share.

**To help us cater and plan a fun evening, please
RSVP by Nov 22 to:**

 office@centralcitymission.org
07 4771 2584
TOWNSVILLE CENTRAL CITY MISSION

Cairns – Mayor’s Christmas Cheer Appeal

Hambledon House Community Centre is pleased to be a part of this years Mayor's Christmas Cheer Appeal food hamper program

If you know of anyone in your congregation or community that could benefit from a little extra help this Christmas please send them to Hambledon House to fill out an application form. Applications close on Monday, 14th November.

- a family with a minimum of 2 children over the age of 1 and under 16
- A single parent with a child/children under 16
- A foster family caring for one or more children under 16
- A carer who cares for one or more children or adult/s with a disability
- A senior over the age of 65 years with a concession card

All individuals must have a valid concession card. Please drop into Hambledon House Community Centre, 177 Bruce Highway, Edmonton and we'll be happy to assist. Or call us on (07) 4037 2874.

Mandy Butcher, Community Chaplain Cairns South

Burdekin Uniting Church Craft Spectacular

The Burdekin Uniting Church is holding its Craft Spectacular on Saturday, 3rd December. Help us raise funds for St Andrews Meals on Wheels!

Burdekin Craft Spectacular
Burdekin Memorial Hall, Home Hill

Saturday 3rd December
9am – 2pm

Quality Cottage Crafts; Patchwork, Patterns, Fabrics, Flowers, Cards, Beads, Woodwork & much, much more...

Morning/Afternoon Tea, Lunch, High Tea Trolley
Free Demonstrations, Fun Treasure Hunt for the Kids
Four \$100 cash Lucky Door Draws

Entry - \$10 Children - FREE
Group booking (10 or more) \$12 incl morning tea – Group tickets must be Pre booked & pre-paid.
Ph or email to book.

burdekincraftspectacular@gmail.com or Ph. 0428 877 883

Thanks to our Sponsors

Burdekin Uniting Church
CRAFT SPECTACULAR
Sat 3rd December, Burdekin Memorial Hall
Support - Meals on Wheels
Enter the **"Make a Christmas Decoration"** competition

Help us raise funds for **St Andrews Meals on Wheels** and you could win \$100. Junior Section Prize: \$50 Make a Christmas Decoration of your choice - your choice of character, size and medium and enter it into our competition for \$2.

All Decorations will be displayed in the hall on the day. The public will vote for their choice with a gold coin donation. All this money goes directly to Meals on Wheels.

Decorations should be delivered to the hall Friday afternoon 2nd December between 3pm and 7pm but may be delivered before the day to the Church Office at 118 Murro St, Ayr open Wed, Thurs & Fridays 9am - 12pm please phone first 046365424

All entries must be at the Memorial Hall by 8.30am on the day Sat 3rd December.

For details on how to enter Email: burdekincraftspectacular@gmail.com

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Entry Form: Entry Fee \$2

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone No.: _____
Phone / Text 0428 877 883 to nominate

Bring this entry form, \$2 and your decoration to the Memorial Hall by 8.30am Sat 3rd December

Junior Section (to 15/9) Senior Section

From The Word for Today...

God Has Redeemed You

But when Jesus heard about it he said, “Lazarus’s sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.” John 11:4 NLT

Observe: (1) *God has a plan in mind that you don’t see.* Why did Jesus wait two extra days after hearing Lazarus was sick before going to visit the family? He waited for two reasons:

(a) *That your faith may be strengthened.* Jesus said, ‘I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe.’ (John 11:15 NKJV) In life, crises come and go. Your next crisis will be different from your last one, but the thing that must remain strong is your faith.

(b) *That God may be glorified.* The Pharisees believed your spirit left your corpse on the fourth day. Had Jesus arrived earlier than the fourth day, they may have said Lazarus wasn’t really dead. Hence Jesus said, ‘This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God.’ It’s in looking back that you see God’s wisdom and will at work in the situation.

(2) *God will make you deal with issues you’ve tried to bury.* When Jesus told them to take away the stone, Martha replied, ‘Lord, by this time, there is a stench.’ (John 11:39 NKJV) Are you praying for an answer in one area while God is telling you to take away the stone and deal with an issue you have buried in another area? When your heart is right with God, your prayers will be answered (see 1 John 3:21–22).

(3) *God will make you an example of His grace.* Picture Lazarus after his return to life. Without speaking a word, his life declared to everyone that Jesus is Lord. And the same can be true of you. God has redeemed and raised you up to be a testimony of His grace.

*(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 16 November 2022)
The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass*

Synod News & Info.

Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps

2023 NYALC – Postponed to January 2024

The National Young Adult Leaders Conference planned for 2023 has been temporarily postponed to January 2024. Through 2023, in the lead-up to the 2024 NYALC, the President will host a number of NYALC online events for Uniting Church young adult leaders. This will include opportunities to begin exploring faith and leadership and to contribute to Act2 – a major project considering the future shape of the UCA. The first of these online events will take place on **Saturday 28 January 2023 from 2-4pm AEDT**. Save the date, and to express interest or for more information contact Lara: LaraR@nat.uca.org.au

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

PREMIER GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - A GIFT FOR YOU

My name is Fiona Cochrane and I'm a Pastor at [The Rock Christian Family](#) in Townsville. Every year we work with the combined churches of Townsville to host an amazing leadership experience, **The Premier Global Leadership Summit! This year, through prayer God laid YOU on our hearts. You are seen by Him!** The Premier GLS creates a place for faith-filled people to be inspired, equipped and recharged. It is a 1-day, dynamic leadership event where we experience fresh ideas, actionable concepts, heartfelt inspiration, and learn from world class speakers who share their wisdom and practical perspectives to support us in our leadership growth.

We believe in you and want to encourage you! **As a gift from the Global Leadership Network Australia and the Townsville Combined Churches, through live stream, we would like to extend the GLS to you!** Our hope is to share generously with remote communities to give an injection of hope and encouragement as you so faithfully lead in some of the hardest places in Australia.

When I began to invest into my leadership through the Premier GLS many years ago, what stood out to me and kept me attending year after year, were three things.

EQUIPPED & REFRESHED

1: With the practical tools I learned at the GLS, I felt better equipped to pastor The Rock and was completely refreshed by taking time to invest in my own leadership journey.

LIKE MINDED LEADERS

2: I heard from like-minded leaders, who wanted to grow and invest back into their community.

CHURCH GROWTH

3: When I attended and members of our church came along, we all grew exponentially. We now have a strong culture of engaged leaders in our church that as pastors makes leading so enjoyable!

For the last few years, we have been through some rough times. From floods, crime, economic hardships and Covid, now more than ever we want to show our support, and as a nation, we need leaders like you to lead with Godly wisdom and courage, to steer our cities towards positive change.

Would you take up the invitation to join us via Live Stream? To make this possible the Global Leadership Network have extended a 70% discount from the Premier GLS ticket. (Usually, \$119 now \$45 per person).

When: Saturday, November 12 (9am - 5pm) - Breaks are included

How: A live stream link will be sent to you the week of the Premier Summit.

Below are instructions for how to book your ticket. We would love to connect with you, and I hope you would consider this opportunity!

JOIN TOWNSVILLE'S PREMIER GLS ONLINE

1. Click on GLS Premier – Townsville
Event : <https://brushfire.com/glna/gls22premier/539267/register>

2. Enter in **TVL-STREAM** access code (field above registrant type) and click on tick
3. GLS Premier LIVESTREAM ticket will appear as an option and people continue to go through registration process and check-out

Fiona Cochrane / Anne Harley

You are invited to an online Connections2022 webinar for older adults being held by the National Mental Health Commission

The Commission advises the Australian Government on all Australians' mental health and well-being. Your experience will contribute to the advice the Commission provides about improving services and programs for older adults in your community. The online webinar will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, November 16 2022, 9:30 - 11:00 am AEDT.

[Register here to attend](#) or call toll-free: 1800 220 246 or email community@making-connections.com.au.

Safe Ministry with Children

Wednesday, November 16, is International Day for Tolerance

“Tolerance is respect, acceptance, and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world’s cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human.” The International Day of Tolerance is a perfect moment to reflect on a period when you had a different point of view than one of your friends. Take a moment to stop and reflect on the day that honours open-mindedness and listening. Having a conversation with someone who has a different perspective can lead to a greater understanding of each other. [Tools for Listening](#) have been developed to support ways to listen to children and young people in the Church. More information is available on the [website](#).

Principle 3 of the 10 Principles for a Child Safe UCA

Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and well-being. The Uniting Church acknowledges that families have the primary responsibility for the upbringing of their children and that strong family, community and cultural connections create protective factors which can impact a child’s vulnerability to abuse. We [include](#) families in our ways of working and make space for all people to voice concerns in relation to the safety of children. More information is available on the [website](#).

Blue Cards, Recordkeeping and new National Checks and Information Sharing

Maintaining up-to-date Blue Card records helps keep children safe. Accurate recordkeeping is an essential step in safeguarding children and vulnerable people. A congregation management [system](#) is available to support congregations with recordkeeping. The Blue Card Services [portal](#) is available for use by congregations to maintain accurate Blue Card records. Recent changes will allow Blue Card Services access to a central database that records adverse interstate Working With Children Check (WWCC) decisions (a Blue Card ‘negative notice’) and allow information sharing with other WWCC agencies in Australia. A fact sheet [Upcoming changes to the blue card system](#) provide more information about how these changes will affect blue card holders, applicants and employer organisations. More information about recordkeeping is available on the [website](#). Contact Lynde Davy at safechurch@ucaqld.com.au or 07 3377 9983. For more information about the Blue Card Services organisation portal, contact Blue Card Services on 1800 113 611 or 07 3211 6999.

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 call 07 3377 9983.