

# Link



## Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

### Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Presbytery Ministers, Administrator, PLT, congregations, faith communities, Ministers/Pastors/Chaplains and mission outreaches within Carpentaria Presbytery
- ◆ Herberton Uniting Church community
- ◆ Garry as he flies or drives to Mt Isa (weather permitting)
- ◆ Teresa as she begins supply at Cassawary Coast
- ◆ Continue to pray for Mark and Marie Dewar & their family
- ◆ Christy preaching at Burdekin on Sunday

### 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.

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# Carpentaria News...

## Presbytery Appeals

### Bowen UCA

Thank you to those who have generously donated to this appeal so far, and continue to pray for 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. So 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*

### Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplaincy Donations

Thank you to those who have generously donated to the Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplaincy Appeal. Please note that any cheque donations to this appeal must be written out to Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplaincy, not to the McKay Patrol. Full account details are listed below:

#### **Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplaincy**

BSB: 034-173

Account: 169408

*Robyn Cooley*

## Secretary of Carpentaria Presbytery

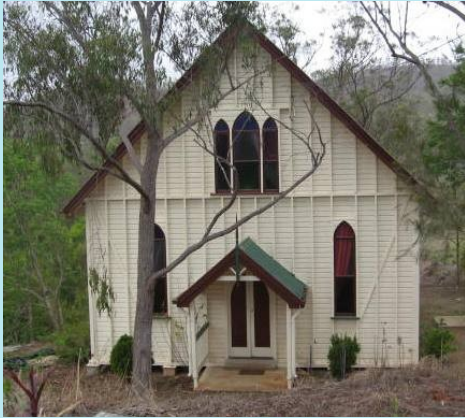
Di Chapman will be stepping down as Secretary of Carpentaria Presbytery at the end of December 2022 so pray for this space as we are actively looking for a new Secretary. We thank Di for her faithful service in this important role.

Let Garry or Christy know if this is something you feel you may be interested in and have the gifts for this role.

*Garry Hardingham*

## Pics from Herberton Uniting Church Community

It was a sad day for the Uniting Church community in Herberton as their heritage listed historic building was burnt down in a fire on 25 November 2022. They have had a presence in the community for over 129 years. The Herberton Uniting Church was constructed in 1891 as the Herberton Presbyterian Church. In 1977 following the creation of the Uniting Church in Australia, the Herberton church became known as the Herberton Uniting Church. Both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches on the Tablelands were formed from Herberton. Remember and uphold the Herberton Uniting Church community in your prayers



## Date Claimer: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 by 5.2. All decorations will be displayed in the hall on Friday afternoon 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 3pm and 7pm but may be delivered before the day to the Church Office at 118 Munro St. Ayr open Wed, Thurs & Fridays 9am - 12pm please! Phone list: 042835324

All entries to be at the Memorial Hall by 5.2.30pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5.2.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Junior Section (to 15yrs)  Senior Section

## From Word for Today...

### Don't forget to say thank you

**'As they went, they were cleansed.'** Luke: 17:14 NLT

*'Ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!"'* (Luke 17 12–15 NLT)

We can confidently take our problems to Jesus. He can restore what you have lost and give you back your peace and joy. Cry out to Him. Forget about looking dignified; desperate people do desperate things, and God responds to desperate prayers:

*'You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.'* (Jeremiah 29:13 NIV)

Do whatever He tells you to do. Don't lay down terms to God. And don't seek an identical experience to somebody else. Jesus told these ten lepers to go and show themselves to the priests. Why didn't He just heal them immediately like He did to others? Faith doesn't demand explanations! Be prepared to walk it out as your prayer can be answered in the process.

*'And as they went, they were cleansed.'*

Sometimes when God gives you the answer, you have to walk it out in faith, each step bringing you closer to your deliverance. But nothing happens until you take that first step. Most importantly, don't forget to thank Him. Jesus noticed that only one of the ten lepers returned to give thanks. You can go to Him confidently when you are next in need when you've remembered to thank Him for your last request.

*(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 30 December 2022)  
The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass*

## Synod News & Info.

### Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps

#### Easter Madness 2023 (1-4 April)

Easter Madness has now kicked off and we would love to encourage congregations in sponsoring a youth to further their faith journey. If you register now there is a \$22 discount available now until the end of December. - [REGISTER](#) - Code: *EarlyBird*

#### Free workshop: Trauma-informed and healing-informed practice

Trauma is a term becoming more widely used and understood by the public, and something the community services sector has been learning about and incorporating into practice for years. But what do trauma and healing-informed practices look like in a culturally safe context? This workshop will examine the difference between trauma-informed and healing-informed practices and will establish why using both approaches is imperative to a holistic practice framework.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 7. **Time:** 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm. **Location:** Online via Zoom

Register [here](#).

## Advent and Christmas materials to share

### Resource for Advent up to Christmas Day

The Southside Uniting Church has produced a set of daily readings following the Narrative Lectionary called Advent Everyday. They are making it freely available, and offering a 'print and post' option for anyone who would like a hard colour copy for \$10 (plus \$5 per additional copy). Email [hello@ssuc.org.au](mailto:hello@ssuc.org.au) to pick up this option.

All artwork and writing is original.

*Jock Dunbar, Minister at SSUC*

### 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](mailto:jessica.pinkerton@ucaqld.com.au)

## Safe Ministry with Children

### Expanding the focus of Safe Ministry with Children to include everyone vulnerable

The Church aims to provide welcoming environments where all persons, including children and vulnerable people, feel comfortable, safe, and included. We aim to provide experiences that are free from discrimination, exclusion, bullying and abuse. The Church welcomes everyone. We put processes in place to maintain safe boundaries and respectful relationships. Mandatory ratios detail the [minimum standards](#) required for a volunteer-to-participant ratio in all types of activities and programs provided by the Church. These ratios provide safety for participants, volunteers and leaders. Other mandatory processes, such as [mandatory screening](#) and [mandatory reporting](#), have been developed to offer safe activities and programs for the Church and to ensure both our legal obligations and our duty of care to children and vulnerable people are met. All of these 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](mailto:safechurch@ucaqld.com.au) or call [07 3377 9983](tel:0733779983).**