

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
- ◆ Garry will be at Herberton Memorial Service on Sunday
- ◆ Final PLT meeting for 2022 held on 6th Dec and last meeting for Di Chapman as Secretary
- ◆ Looking for new Secretary of Presbytery
- ◆ Robyn as she begins leave on 9th Dec
- ◆ 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

We would love to hear how God is working in and through you all.

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Carpentaria News...

Presbytery Appeals

Reminder: 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

Reminder: 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

Date Claimer – Carpentaria Presbytery Office Closure

The Carpentaria Presbytery Office will be closed during the Christmas & New Year holidays from close of business on Fri, 16 December 2022 and will re-open on Mon, 9 January 2023.

'Stable at Riverway' 2022

We welcome people from across the Presbytery to 'Stable at Riverway' from the 18th-22nd December. It's our 21st anniversary and we are pretty excited about the new venue and the opportunities that gives us. A renewed Town of Bethlehem, food trucks, youth activities, children's craft, 2 stages, Christmas markets, a yarnning circle, oasis of Hope and so much more. Check out our latest promo video The Stable 2022 Promo Video 2 (1:49): <https://youtu.be/qnR-sFze6Q0>. More promotional material and information is available on our website <https://stabilenq.com.au/> Thanks to Presbytery for your support. Hope to see you there.

Anne Harley

From Word for Today...

Seven Scriptures you should stand on

'His faithful love endures forever.' Psalm 118:2 NLT

Do yourself a favour and read the whole of Psalm 118!

(1) *'In my distress I prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered me.'* (Psalm 118:5 NLT) What are you battling today? A destructive habit? A crippling fear? A sense of worthlessness? God wants to set you free.

(2) *'The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear.'* (Psalm 118:6 NLT) Your future doesn't rest in the hands of people, but God — a good God who has good plans for you.

(3) *'He will help me. I will look in triumph at those who hate me.'* (Psalm 118:7 NLT) God will raise you up when people try to put you down. When they withhold from you, He will supply all your needs.

(4) *'I will not die; instead, I will live to tell what the Lord has done.'* (Psalm 118:17 NLT) We will all die someday, but you don't have to die before your assignment is complete and you have brought glory to God.

(5) *'The Lord has punished me severely, but He did not let me die.'* (Psalm 118:18 NLT) Is God correcting you? Rejoice! His correction is not rejection. It's protection against future mistakes.

(6) *'This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.'* (Psalm 118:24 NLT) Whether yesterday was a triumph or a tragedy, God is giving you a new day. Seize it. Rejoice in it!

(7) *'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.'* (Psalm 118:29 NLT) You will never experience a day without God's mercy.

These seven Scriptures are for you, so stand on them today.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 7 December 2022)

The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass



Synod News & Info.

Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps

Reminder: 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*

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 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

Health and Wellbeing

Caring for others this Christmas

Christmas and the holiday season can be difficult for some people who struggle to navigate the celebrations and festivities around them. They might be dealing with financial pressure, work demands, recent events, grief, or a challenging family situation. If someone in your world finds this time of year challenging, you can make a difference by checking in and having a meaningful conversation.

To help you support your friends, family and workmates, R U OK? have put together a range of ['Tis the season to be asking R U OK?'](#) tips, ideas and downloadable resources.

Further Information on well-being and support can be obtained from Synod's Work Health and Safety Team at 07 3377 9870 or health.safety@ucaqld.com.au.

Stand Up Speak Out

Youth support, not incarceration, is the key to youth justice

[Click here](#) to read the Church's public statement regarding youth justice.

