

# Link



## Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Christy on leave from 2-29 January
- ◆ Pray for Margaret Hulme and family with the passing of Rev Phillip Hulme. Garry will preside at the funeral service
- ◆ Pray for the Dewar family too as they continue to deal with an illness in the family
- ◆ Upcoming commissioning and induction services in Jan and Feb (see dates claimers)
- ◆ Garry preaching at Mossman and Port Douglas this 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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## ***New Year greeting from Garry...***

Happy New Year!!

It seems quite a while since many of us could say Happy New Year with the hope and expectation that 2023 will be a better year than the year before.

For the first time in a few years we begin the year with no covid restriction or the fear of lockdowns and restrictions that have taken such a toll upon many of our churches. And, in the few conversations I have had this year, there does seem to be a real sense of optimism that 2023 is the year that we get on with it.

Already at the start of this year, we have a number of congregations leading off with new ministry in place. And we welcome pastors Netani Bolatolu in Cairns Emmanuel, Tau William on Mornington Island, John Tai in West End and the newly minted and Rev Malia Mau in the Burdekin as they commence work in our Presbytery. And I know you will all support them and their families in your prayers.

We also welcome back Revs Glenn Louttit and Luke Smallwood who both, after spending time suffering under the darkness of placements south of Bowen, have been called back into the glorious light of this Presbytery.

And while we are mindful of congregations like Mossman and Kirwan who are in the process of finding new ministers, we are prayerfully excited that God is doing new things in these places and we know God has a plan for them. Two very good experienced ministers who we are blessed to have back amongst us.

Yes, there are so many things that we should be thankful for.

Lately, I have been practising something that Rev Mark Dewar talked about during a worship service in Innisfail last year. He said that when some one greets him and asks: "How ya goin' mate?" he replies, "I am grateful." Not good, but grateful. For indeed we should be grateful that God continues to walk with His church and to guide us on the sometimes difficult path he calls us to.

And I have to say that saying, "I'm grateful" is a brilliant way to open up a further conversation. Because when they ask me what it is I am grateful for, then..... It can change the whole course of the encounter.

So, I am grateful for this new year.

Its a year that won't be without its challenges, tragedies and complexities. But I am always grateful for the group of people who make up our congregations, chaplaincies and other expressions of the church that God has plonked into this part of the world and into this part of the church in order to be a light for the world and a place where our communities can find the hope, love, joy and peace of Advent all year long.

Let 2023 be a year of gratitude!!

Blessings and Peace.

*Garry*



# Carpentaria News...

## Vale Rev Phillip Hulme

Rev Phillip Hulme passed away peacefully Tuesday afternoon and his wife, Margaret was present with him. Margaret wants to thank you all for your prayer vigil over the past few days.

Please continue to pray for Margaret, and sons, Daniel and Matthew and their families. Be thankful for his ministry and his heart for the people.

If your congregation has been blessed by Phillip's ministry be assured that his heart of ministry remained strong and he is deeply thankful to God and for those he has shared ministry with, particularly in North Queensland.

Rev Hulme's funeral will be take place on Monday, 23 January at Kawana Waters UC at 10am.

## 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 Claimers – Inductions and Commissionings

### January 2023

**Friday 13th 7pm** - Pastor John Tai - Townsville West End Uniting Church

**Friday 20th 6pm** - Pastor Netani Bolatolu - Cairns Emmanuel Uniting Church

**Sunday 29th 10am** - Rev Tau William - Mornington Island Uniting Church (Flights to Mornington Island only available on weekdays via Rex airlines - but well worth the effort)

### February 2023

**Friday 10th 7pm** - Pastor Andrew Hicks - Wulguru Uniting Church (moving from supply to placement)

**Friday 17th 7pm** - Rev Malia Mau - Burdekin Uniting Church

## School Holiday Workshops for Teenagers

Hambledon House Community Centre is holding wonderful workshops over the school holidays. These workshops are aimed at teenagers:

VPG is running the Respect Me Program which was held from 9-10 January.

HEADSPACE is aimed at 12 – 25 year olds and is a self-care afternoon with free pizza held on 12 January from 2:30 – 3:30pm.

Please share with your contacts and your youth. People can either contact the numbers in the flyers or can call Hambledon House Community Centre on 4037 2874.

If you would like further information please call Mandy Butcher on 0474 420 434.

# Synod News & Info.

## Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps / Celebrations

### Building A Culture Of Discipleship Workshop

Want to attend the Building A Culture Of Discipleship Workshop on Saturday, February 11, 2023?

[Register here](#), or use the QR code in the image.

Contact [adminsupport@mpres.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@mpres.org.au) if you have any questions or would like more information.

### Voluntary Assisted Dying Forum

On January 1, VAD became law in QLD, which is why Redcliffe Uniting Community HUB is hosting a Voluntary Assisted Dying Forum on Tuesday, January 24, from 9 am to 1 pm.

The forum will help give you the confidence to navigate these new laws as a Minister, Chaplain, Pastoral Career, Nurse, Care worker, Volunteer or simply a friend. You can have the confidence to minister, serve and volunteer at the end-of-life stage, and do it with grace and compassion.

For bookings and more information, [click here](#).

## Blue Care 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023

Blue Care will be celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023 with celebrations across Queensland. We are encouraging localised celebrations in all our UnitingCare and Blue Care facilities and also in our Uniting Church congregations.

Do you have someone in your area who could be a local champion? Someone who could facilitate these local celebrations?

Plans are already underway and support will be given to our local champions in many and varied ways.

Please contact Sheri Holland via email at: [sheri.holland@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:sheri.holland@ucareqld.com.au) for further information.

## 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*

