

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 for 2023
- ◆ Pray for Margaret Hulme and family – funeral for Rev Phillip Hulme will be held on 23 Jan and Garry will preside at the funeral service at Kawana Waters UC
- ◆ Commissioning and Induction services in Jan and Feb (see date claimers)
- ◆ Garry travelling to Weipa on Sat and returning on Sun to Cairns before flying out to Brisbane for funeral

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...

Pics from Commissioning of John Tai

Some pictures from John Tai's commissioning in West End Townsville on Friday, 13th Jan. Rev Dennis Corowa presented John with his UCA scarf as he symbolically handed over the ministry in West End after 33 years of service to this congregation.



Grant Information

Communities Innovation Fund: Responses to Social Isolation and Loneliness

The Queensland Government is investing \$4 million over four years in a new Communities Innovation Fund. The Communities Innovation Fund will provide up to \$200,000 per year to community organisations for innovative services that create meaningful connections for Queenslanders experiencing social isolation and loneliness.

The Communities Innovation Fund is a flagship initiative of Communities 2032 – the Queensland Government's new ten-year plan for supporting vibrant, inclusive, safe and welcoming communities. As a key priority of Communities 2032, the Communities Innovation Fund is focused on initiatives that combat social isolation and loneliness in Queensland communities.

Purpose

It can be difficult to make new connections, and to maintain them, especially after the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We all need to feel like we are part of our community, and that we have people in our lives to genuinely connect with.

When people are well connected with their communities, when they have genuine and meaningful relationships to rely on, they have better health and wellbeing, and better quality of life. We are committed to helping Queenslanders experiencing social isolation and loneliness.

We know that community organisations are uniquely placed to help address these critical issues, with committed, skilled and experienced people working at the heart of their communities.

The Communities Innovation Fund is designed to provide funding to organisations with new ideas that will help people connect, reconnect, find and keep meaningful relationships within Queensland's diverse communities.

Through the Communities Innovation Fund, we are looking to test and try new approaches that could be scaled up or expanded in the future.

What funding is available?

Two separate grants rounds will open in early 2023:

Small grants

The small grants round is for short-term initiatives up to \$50,000. The total value of funding available for small initiatives is \$800,000 over the next four years (\$200,000 per year). The small grants will open each year for applications.

The small grants round will support projects like events, courses, innovative ways of creating connection and professional development opportunities.

The application form can be downloaded at

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/nextcloud/index.php/s/zBqHDj8PsnNEWoM>

Date Claimers – Inductions and Commissionings

January 2023

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

From the Word for Today...

Handling Temptation Christ's Way

'After the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time.' Luke 4:13 HCSB

Observe this:

(1) *Temptation comes when you're alone without support.*

Just as a wolf looks for the sheep that wanders from the safety of the fold, the Enemy rejoices when you neglect Christian fellowship and cut yourself off from other believers. You may think the Lord is always with you, but that doesn't mean the devil won't tempt you. The Bible teaches us how to overcome temptation: *'A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.'* (Ecclesiastes 4:12 NLT)

We are born, and born again, to walk this journey with others. United we stand, divided we fall is a popular motto. *'They all were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.'* (Act 1:14 HCSB) Paul writes, *'For the body is not one part but many.'* (1 Corinthians 12:14 NASB) Walking in step with other believers increases your protection against Satan.

(2) *Your greatest weapon in the hour of temptation is knowing God's Word.*

Jesus repelled Satan's attacks by quoting it. Satan is rendered powerless when he is confronted by a believer who declares, 'It is written!' You must decide to take a stand, but it's your stance on God's Word

that makes the Enemy retreat. When Satan approached, Jesus didn't go looking for a Bible; He quoted the Word He knew by heart. That's your key to victory. John says, 'I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God's Word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one.' (1 John 2:14 NLT)

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The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass



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](#)

Contact adminsupport@mpres.org.au if you have any questions or would like more information.

Blue Care 70th Anniversary in 2023

Blue Care will be celebrating its 70th 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 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*