

# Link



## Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Plenty Process for Carpentaria and Central Qld Presbytery will be held on Thur at Synod office
- ◆ Garry preaching at Mossman on Sunday
- ◆ Christy, Robyn and Ana will be travelling to Ayr for induction service on Friday
- ◆ Commissioning and Induction Services in Feb (see date claimers)

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## 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.

# Carpentaria News...

## Date Claimers

### February 2023

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

### March 2023

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> - Northern Zone pulpit swap

## Presbytery Appeal

### Laptop Appeal PNG

Presbytery is seeking second hand laptops to be donated to David Kini Theological College in PNG and the Bible Translation Committee. If you can help that would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate funds to help get second hand laptops please send through to the following account:

**Account: UCA Carpentaria Presbytery**

BSB: 014-676

Account #: 474906525

Ref: Laptop Appeal PNG

## Grant Information / Workshops

### How can grant writers help your congregation? Register now for this grant webinar happening on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Do grant opportunities fall into the too hard basket as you don't know where to start? Maybe a grant writer can give you the advice and direction you need without costing a fortune. Come along to this grant webinar to hear from a master grant writer who has helped community organisations with successful grant applications. We are hosting our first grant webinar of the year and we have a master grant writer Anna Dunn from Plentify Grants who will educate us on the benefits of a grant writer in grant applications. We will also provide some beneficial tools to help you with your grant applications.

Plentify Grant Writing assists clients to navigate the grant application process and prepare high-quality applications that address the questions from the funder. We work with business, sporting and community groups to prepare the necessary grant application components and ensure work is completed prior to funding deadlines.

Follow the registration process below to get your **FREE** ticket.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/7621b224-ac8b-4dda-91ed-7af881f88218@6f22e5a7-e1b9-4ede-a7c5-31fca0deaa40>

## Learning for Living Course – Accredited Lay Preachers Course

Moreton Rivers Presbytery invites to you to the Learning For Living Course. It is open to everyone who would like to explore the foundation of their faith. Learning for Living is also an accredited lay preachers course and through the support of participants congregations they can become recognised and accredited within the Uniting Church. It is offered online and a link will be sent to those who register. It is run on **Thursday evenings from 7pm - 9.15pm**, starting on the **16 February**.

Registrations are now open - <https://bit.ly/Learning4Living2023>

*Moreton Rivers Presbytery*

## Reflection...

**Mark 5:34** *“Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”*

In the Bible, there are many people whose names are never revealed. They may be described by their association (The companion on the Emmaus Road; Manoah’s wife), their ailment (ten lepers); their background (Samaritan woman) or their shortcomings (Woman taken into adultery).

In the above verse, Jesus is talking to the woman ‘subject to bleeding.’ We do not know her name, but I am sure her neighbours had pet names for her. She was defined by her imperfection. She was a person reduced to an ailment.

She touches Jesus and she is healed. She got what she came for. So why does Jesus stop and call her out? Obviously, He had other urgent business to attend to.

But He stops, calls for her, and then calls her ‘daughter.’ There is so much power in that word. It is a transformational word. Yes, she is healed physically, but she needs to know that, under the power of Jesus, she has moved from a person described by her imperfection, to a person with a living relationship with Jesus. Daughter... we become not sinners but sons and daughters of the living God through the power of Jesus.

Jenny was an outcast at school. She had only one uniform which became grottier as the week progressed. She was teased and shunned. On the first day of a new school year, she was put in Mr M’s class. He set them some writing task which they had to bring out to him when finished. When Jenny placed her work in front of Mr M’s table, he looked at her book, then looked up at her and said, “What did I do to manage to get such a beautiful person in my class?”

Those words changed her life.

Jesus calls us from being defined by our imperfections, to being in close relationship with the living God.

*Rev Russell Clark, Retired UCA Minister*

# Synod News & Info.

## Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps / Celebrations

### Grants and funding - National Men's Shed Development Programme

The National Shed Development Programme (NSDP) provides direct financial assistance to address the health and well-being of the shed members within the shed environment, support health education for shed members, deliver appropriate activities and programmes, and improve facilities and the sustainability of Men's Sheds across Australia.

If you run a shed in a regional, rural and remote area and engage and meet the needs of members from designated Priority Groups, you are especially encouraged to review the funding criteria, which are [available here](#).

**If you have any questions, contact Vanessa, the Office of the Synod's Fundraising Support Manager, at [vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au).**

### Gifts in Wills Webinar

Would you like to make a difference for generations to come? Leaving a gift to the church, no matter how large or small, can make a difference in missional work. Do you want to learn more about how to leave a gift in your will to the church? We will hold a free webinar on Tuesday, April 18, at 11:30 am. This webinar will cover the role of The Property Trust in estates management and everything you need to know about how to leave a gift to your congregation or the church as a whole. We will have a senior associate from Thynne Macartney talk about what useful gifts you can leave to the church.

**When:** Tuesday, April 18 at 11:30 am

**Where:** Online event - Webinar

[Click here](#) to register.

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## Life of the Church

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

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be their local champion for anniversary celebrations. Planning is already underway for the festivities throughout the year. If you would like to put your name forward to be your local champion, please contact Sheri Holland at [Sheri.holland@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:Sheri.holland@ucareqld.com.au) for further information and support.

## Safe Church and Safe Ministry with Children

### Safe Church assessment - Information request

Thank you for your continued and extraordinary commitment to the care of the children we are entrusted to look after. As part of fulfilling our commitment to the community to conduct child-safe activities, presbyteries have been requested by the General Secretary to work with congregations to supply information for a routine annual Safe Church assessment. Congregations will be contacted by their presbytery. The information must be collated and forwarded to the Synod office before March 15. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

### Annual Safe Church Audit

The annual audit includes all volunteers, not only those volunteers in child-related roles. All volunteers must complete a [Statement of Personal Commitment](#) each year and complete training relevant to their role. New resources have been developed to assist congregations, presbyteries and [regulated businesses](#) in gathering this [information](#). Resources are available on the synod [website](#).

### Principle 10 of the 10 UCA Child Safe Principles

*Review and continuous improvement of policy, procedure and practice.* The Uniting Church is committed to continuous improvement and regularly undertakes reviews of policy, procedure and practice. We examine incidents and reports to identify systemic issues and take lessons from what we learn. Please let us know how we can work together better to ensure everyone can connect, contribute and belong.

**If you have any concerns or questions, please get in touch with your Presbytery office or the Safe Church Assurance and Support Officer, Lynde Davy, at [safechurch@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:safechurch@ucaqld.com.au) or [07 3377 9833](tel:0733779833).**