

Link



Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Christy will be at Ingham on Sunday
- ◆ Garry will be with the Mareeba Faith Community on Sunday
- ◆ Travelling mercies for Robyn and Gavin as they travel around NQ for Presbytery work
- ◆ Pray for Semisi & Malia Ma'u and family as they travel to NZ for Semisi' brother's funeral

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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

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

Carpentaria News...

Pics from Induction of Rev Malia Ma'u at Burdekin on 17 February 2023



Pics from Induction of Rev Doug Foster at Synod Office as Ministry Agent Coordinator on 15 February 2023



Date Claimers

March 2023

Sunday 12th - 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 16th 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>

From The Word for Today...

Are you being sifted?

'Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' Luke 22:31-32 NIV

When Jesus told Peter, "Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat," it raises the question in our minds, Lord, did you have to say yes?

A good sifting brings glory to God, such as when Job continued to praise his Maker when things seemed lost and even his wife was telling him to give up on God. It probes your weaknesses. When you're still thinking, 'I can,' a swift sift will push you to say, 'I can't, but God can.'

It allows God to scrape away the distractions that could hinder you from fulfilling His purpose in your life.

Peter's sifting would scrape away all his stomp-and-snort bluster, revealing a heart that's teachable and willing to welcome Cornelius and his Gentile clan into the family of God. Notice, Jesus didn't say, 'Get ready for a whirlwind of hurt, Peter. I know you're going to let me down!' Instead, He pointed to the future.

Peter would survive the sifting; he would return humbled but stronger and with a purpose to strengthen his brothers and sisters. The Lord said yes to the sifting in order to transform Peter from a leader who serves to a servant who leads. And that's a significant shift from the thinking of men to the thinking of God.

You may have days when you wonder if God is letting Satan sift you. You can take a God-view of it, knowing He is always in control. Remember, "*greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world*" (1 John 4:4 KJV).'

*(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 22 February 2023)
The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass*



Synod News & Info.

Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps / Celebrations

Lent 2023 materials and resources are now available

Each week there is a reflection, discussion questions, and challenges to help you and your community consider practices that form people who become lifelong followers of Jesus' way. Following this year's Lectionary readings, this material will explore parts of Jesus' recorded ministry and discover some of the templates he set for his disciples when he invited them to "follow me".

Sign up for updates [here](#) and [click here](#) to 'Journey with Jesus' during Lent.

Possible electricity savings

The Synod Office is exploring options for saving money on your electricity expenditure. To register your interest in this initiative, please email bdu@ucaqld.com.au with the following;

- Contact details
- Congregation or UEL location
- Four most recent electricity bills

Please contact bdu@ucaqld.com.au if you have any questions.

Easter Madness 2023

Easter Madness, the annual four-day High School camp, is happening 1-4 April at QCCC, Mt Tamborine. Easter Madness is for young people to evolve and dive deeper into their faith and discipleship, build community and develop leadership, communication, team and social skills. Partner with Easter Madness and give the gift of discipleship to a young person or a leader today.

We want to encourage you to share Easter Madness with your congregational / community families. This is such a great opportunity for you to be involved with youth ministry and discipleship. Please check out our church kit - www.eastermadness.com.au where you can download ppt slides, flyers etc.

Use the QR code or head to www.eastermadness.com.au to donate today.

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.

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.

If you have any questions, contact Vanessa, the Office of the Synod's Fundraising Support Manager, at vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au.

Life of the Church

Prayer – Love heals, not hurts

On Valentine's Day last week, when many celebrate the love in their lives, Uniting Church [Thursdays in Black](#) ambassadors President Rev Sharon Hollis and General Secretary Colleen Geyer shared this prayer for those whose intimate relationships have come packaged with violence and abuse. Read more from the World Council of Churches campaign, [Love Heals, Not Hurts](#).

Read the prayer on [Facebook](#)

Save the Date! Uniting in Prayer 2023

You are invited to **Uniting in Prayer**, a national Uniting Church prayer event between Pentecost and the 46th Uniting Church Anniversary this year (28 May – 22 June). As whole-of-Church discernment about the future of the Uniting Church continues through the Act2 Project, *Uniting in Prayer* is an opportunity to come together in thanksgiving and hope as we seek the leading of the Spirit. For 26 days, we'll be sharing prayers from across our Church; we'll gather for prayer and invite Uniting Church communities to pray for each other.

"Through Uniting in Prayer, we want every part of our Church to be joined together in prayer for one another and our life together," says Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis in a video message.

Save the date in your personal and Church calendars now and look for resources landing in mid-April to help you and your community participate.

In the meantime, you can [register](#) yourself or your community for updates!

Blue Care 70th 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 for further information and support.

Vacancies

UnitingCare Queensland is seeking a Director of Mission (DOM)

The Director of Mission (DOM) will ensure UCQ, as an agency of the Uniting Church, reflects on how it lives out its mission, support the induction, formation and development of leaders across the organisation and foster a culture that builds strong and healthy collaborative relationships between UCQ services, its leaders and the wider Church.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

All applicants should include a cover letter, references and a resume. Send applications or questions to placements@ucaqld.com.au. Applications close March 13, 2023.

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](#).

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 or [07 3377 9833](tel:0733779833).

