

Link



Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Christy will be preaching at North Church in Smithfield on Sunday
- ◆ Garry has been in Mt Isa since Tuesday and is conducting Jan Schneekloth's funeral service at Cloncurry on Friday
- ◆ Travelling mercies for Robyn and Gavin as they travel back home to Mackay
- ◆ Pray for congregations and faith communities within Carpentaria
- ◆ World Day of Prayer is on Friday

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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...

Prayer Requests for March

Lifeline

- This month we give thanks for 60 years of faithful service by staff and volunteers.
- Phone counsellors - for wisdom, listening ear and self care about what they hear.
- Callers - they may know the peace of God and that others care about them and their circumstances.
- Retail outlets - pray for wisdom and patience to interact with customers in this time of growing economic hardship.

Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain

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

Assembly Info

Act2 Congregation Resources

The Act2 Team are sharing with you today [a collection of resources](#) to help your congregation get involved in the Project. These include:

- [A video](#) - You can share the video with your community via email, social media or in worship when you meet

- A poster (download at the bottom of this email) - You can put it up in your community space. For a hi-res file [see the website](#). If you would like a poster mailed to you, reply to this email with a postal address.

Some pre-written notices introducing the Act2 Project and opportunities to contribute - You can put these in your worship PowerPoints, newsletter, websites and your social media.

Church Council Conversations

We are also asking your Church Council or local leaders to have a conversation about the Act2 Project and the role it can play in helping local communities of faith flourish into the future.

Below you can download a Church Council Pack with six questions for you to discuss and share back. We invite your Church Council to discuss the questions and share your feedback in one of the following ways:

- Using the online form [on the webpage](#)
- Email the provided [Response Form](#) to the team uca.act2@nat.uca.org.au
- Mail the provided [Response Form](#) to: Act2 Project Unit, c/o Uniting Church Assembly, PO Box A2266, Sydney South, NSW 1235

Responses to the Church Council questions are due 30 April 2023.

If you have any questions, please ring out Act2 Hotline on (02) 8026 9728.

From The Word for Today...

Start fresh every day!

'A quick-tempered person does foolish things.' Proverbs 14:17 NIV

You overslept, the car wouldn't start, you were late for work, and your computer crashed! These things can make you angry, but only if you let them. Solomon said, '*A quick-tempered person does foolish things,*' so if you fly into a rage, expect a rough landing!

The Bible says, '*He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.*' (Proverbs 16:32 NKJV).

Anger always comes back to bite you and ends up doing more damage than the thing that triggered it. David said, '*My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.*' (Psalm 5:3 NKJV).

Start by offering your day to God; then you will be less likely to react in anger when things go wrong. Our time here is short. What a shame to let something that happened twenty years or twenty minutes ago ruin your day. Make up your mind to enjoy every single day.

You might make mistakes; things may not go your way. You may be disappointed, but choose to live a happy life rather than let what does or doesn't happen to steal your joy. Every morning say, 'Father, this is going to be a great day. I thank you that I have discipline and self-control and that I make good decisions. I may not have done what I could have yesterday, but that day is gone. I'm going to do better today.'

Ever wonder why a car's windscreen is big and its rear-view mirror small? Because what's behind isn't nearly as important as what's ahead. So keep looking ahead, and no matter what happens today, don't lose your peace.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 1 March 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass

Synod News & Info.

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

Reminder: Safe Church information request - Due March 15

As you know, we are all working together to fulfil our commitment to the safety and well-being of our community and to ensure we conduct all appropriate child-safe activities. Presbyteries have been requested by the General Secretary to work with congregations to supply information for a Safe ministry with children assessment. Congregations will be contacted by their presbytery. The information must be collated and forwarded to the Synod office by March 15, 2023.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your Presbytery office or email the Safe Church Assurance and Support Officer, Lynde Davy, at safechurch@ucaqld.com.au.

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).

Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps / Celebrations

Online Discipleship Bookclub tonight and March book title

Join us **tonight** for the launch of the Online Discipleship Bookclub, where we'll be joined by author Michael Frost to chat about his book "ReJesus - Remaking the church in our founder's image".

When: Feb 28, 7:00 PM AEST

Where: Zoom Meeting

It's a 'no obligation book club' where you can attend the gatherings whenever you like, whether you've read the book or are just interested in learning more about it. So don't feel that by coming, your committing to something for the rest of your life!!

Next month our book will be "[Canoeing the Mountains - Christian leadership in uncharted territory](#)" by Tod Bolsinger. If you want a free copy of the book and to be our guest reviewer, please email me at paul.wetzig@ucaqld.com.au. We're only looking for a 300-word review of the main ideas and the reviewer's thoughts on how they might apply in their context. The review will be shared via our communication channels and the Discipleship Facebook page to encourage others across the Synod.

[Click here to join the Zoom meeting \(Meeting ID: 898 9611 4544 / Passcode: Bookclub23\)](#)

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

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!

