

Link



Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Continue to pray for Garry in his recovery and recuperation, and for Teresa as she cares for him
- ◆ Craig will be in Mareeba for meetings from Thursday to next Tuesday
- ◆ Christy on leave until 16th April
- ◆ Pray for preparation for upcoming Presbytery Meeting and Retreat in May

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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...

Date Claimers

May 2023

Thursday 4th – Calvary Zone meeting in Cairns

Fri-Sun 5th-7 – Presbytery meeting at Mission Beach

Sun-Wed 7th-10th – Ministry Agent and spouse retreat at Cardwell

Garry on Leave

As you are aware, Garry Hardingham had double knee replacement surgery on Wednesday 22nd March. Garry is now at home in full recuperation / rehabilitation mode. He is progressing through his exercises and feeling more confident in standing now, with the use of a cane. This week he made comment "never thought I'd be happy to get the cane". Bending exercises still painful, but going well.

Please remember, ***Garry is on sick leave until the end of May at which time he commences 2 months of long service leave and a month of annual leave and will not be attending to any Presbytery business.***

If you need to contact the Presbytery for ministry related matters, please contact Rev Christy Allen on 0418184834 or Rev Craig Mischewski on 0400 036 630, who is stepping into Garry's role for this time. For Admin matters please call Robyn Cooley on 0429 195 506 or Ana Mila on (07) 4068 8131.

In the meantime, Garry has prepared a daily devotional in the lead up to our Presbytery meeting, '40 days of fitness'. You can subscribe to this devotional by clicking on the following link. www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/40daysoffitness/. We are up to Day 18, but you can still download all previous days.

Presbytery Secretary

Di Chapman stepped down as Presbytery Secretary in December 2022. Ana Mila has been filling in as the monthly meeting Secretary since that time. This will not continue. The Presbytery is seeking a new Presbytery Secretary, who is to be elected at our Presbytery Meeting in May. If you want more information about what is involved in this position, please contact Rev Christy Allen. The UCA Regulations gives an overview of this position (Reg 3.6.2 (f), (g), (h)). The person who takes up this position, will work with the Presbytery Admin team.

Safe Ministry with Children Training

In preparation for the Safe Ministry Training to be held at the Presbytery meeting, all **Ministry Agents** are required to be able to access their EDUCATE login. You will have been sent a link in recent times from the Synod office. If you are not able to logon to this, please contact Steve and Angela from the learning and development section of the synod office. Their email is learning@ucaqld.com.au. Once you have successfully logged into this platform, you are required to complete Module 1. Module 2 is to be conducted at Presbytery. If you have any problems with this or have any further questions, please contact the Presbytery office.

Blessings
Christy & Robyn

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting - 5th to 7th May 2023

Our next Presbytery meeting to be held **5th to 7th May 2023**, is fast approaching. It will be great to be together again! A reminder that this meeting is for both Ministry Agents and lay reps from each congregation along with Ministry Agents who are in placements in other roles e.g.: chaplaincy (**2 per congregation, including Ministry Agent**). It would be wonderful to have more lay people join our meetings.

The Presbytery meeting will be held at the Mission Beach Resort and **will begin at 2.30pm on Friday afternoon** for all Ministry Agents who are required to attend the compulsory Safe Ministry with Children training. For all other delegates, please arrive by no later than **5:00pm** as a BBQ buffet dinner will be served at **5:30pm Friday night** for all Presbytery attendees, with our opening worship and first session to follow at 7:00pm. **Registrations for Presbytery must be finalised by Friday, 21 April.**

Register here: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1515.php>

More information will be sent out before the Presbytery meeting, so keep a look out for it but remember to register. As in recent times each congregation & agency will be invoiced \$120 for Travel equalisation per entity. If you have any queries, please contact Ana at the Presbytery Office.

Robyn & Ana

40 Days of Fitness – Daily Devotions



www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/40daysoffitness

As we prepare for our first Presbytery of 2023, are we match ready?

Not just for the meeting, but for the work we are called to into the future?

At this Presbytery meeting we will be exploring, not only what we are currently doing, but discerning together what ways we can be strengthened for the challenges ahead.

As part of this, Garry has written a series of daily devotions that you can subscribe to and/or distribute in your congregation or fellowship so that together we can be prepared for God's mission for Carpentaria.

Let's get fit!!

From The Word for Today...

Christ's Love for You

'To know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge.' Ephesians 3:19 CSB

Princess Alice was Queen Victoria's daughter. When her son contracted an incurable disease called black diphtheria, the doctors quarantined the boy and warned his mother to stay away from him lest she gets infected. Yet she couldn't. One day she overheard her son whisper to his nurse, 'Why doesn't my mother kiss me anymore?' His words melted her heart, and she ran to him, smothering him with kisses. Within a few days, she died and was buried.

What would compel a mother to risk her life for her child? *Love!* Now stand at the cross and ask what would lead Christ to do something even greater for us? *Love!* Writing to the believers in Ephesus, Paul says, 'I want you to know, Christ's love surpasses knowledge.' You can trace the greatest action of Christ to his greatest attribute – love.

Perhaps the people who should have loved you didn't, and those who could have loved you, wouldn't. Maybe you were left at the hospital, or left standing at the altar, or left with an empty bed and a broken heart. Regardless of the cause, you were left with the question, 'Does anybody love me?' And today, Christ answers unequivocally, 'I do!'

The truth is, His love for you 'is too wonderful to be measured'. Hymn writer Charles Gabriel wrote: 'I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, And wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean. How marvellous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvellous! How wonderful! Is my Saviour's love for me!' God couldn't love you more than He does right now, and that will never change.

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