

# Link



## Carpentaria Presbytery

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### Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Garry and Teresa thanks everyone for prayers and well wishes. Garry advised that his recovery is going well and he can now walk unaided
- ◆ Pray for upcoming PLT, Presbytery Meeting and Retreat
- ◆ Christy will be conducting the Commissioning Service for Pastor Nadia Abraham at Mossman UC on Friday at 7.00pm

### 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.

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# Carpentaria News...

## Date Claimers

### April 2023

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Commissioning Service for Pastor Nadia Abraham at Mossman UCA at 7.00pm

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Multicultural Service will be held at Atherton UCA at 9.30am (all welcome to attend)

### May 2023

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Calvary Zone meeting in Cairns

**Fri-Sun 5<sup>th</sup>-7** – Presbytery meeting at Mission Beach

**Sun-Wed 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** – 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 0418 184 834 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/](http://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/40daysoffitness/).

## 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](mailto: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*

## 40 Days of Fitness – Daily Devotions



[www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/40daysoffitness](http://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!!*

### UnitingCare Prayer Points for April

#### Foster and Kinship Care

- ➔ Pray for wisdom and insights for the staff as they seek to find and support families.
- ➔ Pray for the children, that they may feel God's peace and presence in their times of disruption and adjustment.
- ➔ Pray for the Carers, whether they are kin or strangers. Pray for patience and love for those entrusted to their care.
- ➔ Pray that suitable people would come forward and take on this important role in our communities.

*Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain*

# Synod News...

## **REGISTER NOW: 2023 Conference of National Lay Preachers 4th - 7th August 2023**

The Queensland Synod is pleased to host on behalf of the National Lay Preacher Committee, the 2023 Conference of National Lay Preachers to be held Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Sunshine Coast Queensland.

For Lay Preachers, prospective Lay Preachers and those interested in leading worship. Share in a wonderful few days and be encouraged, supported and challenged in your ministry.

On behalf of The National Lay Preachers Committee, Uniting Church in Australia and the Queensland Synod Office, I would like to invite you to attend the 2023 Conference of National Lay Preachers. Please find the program attached.

**Venue:** Alexandra Park Conference Centre – 13 Mari St, Alexandra Headland QLD 4572

**Dates/Times:** Fri 4 Aug 4:30pm – 8:30pm  
Sat 5 Aug 8:30am – 8:30pm  
Sun 6 Aug 8:30am – 8:30pm  
Mon 7 Aug 8:30am – 12:00pm (approx.)

**Cost:** \$299\* per person includes all conference costs and meals

**You can now register for this event here** - <https://www.trybooking.com/CENVA> Please RSVP via the registration link **by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Additional information can be found on the NCLP website [National Conference of Lay Preachers 2023 - Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod \(ucaqld.com.au\)](#) We would encourage you to register as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding registration, please reach out to Vanessa Van Der Rhede by email on [events@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:events@ucaqld.com.au)

We look forward to you joining this National Conference.

*Neil Ballment & Geoff Hill*  
*National Conference of Lay Preachers Convenors*