

Link



Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Pray for safe travels for Robyn and Gavin as they travel around NQ this month so Robyn can meet up with congregations
- ◆ Christy and Craig in Brisbane for PSI and Placements meetings
- ◆ Robyn will be in Brisbane for 2 day workshop from Fri-Sat
- ◆ Christy will be in Mt Isa and Cloncurry from Thur-Fri

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.

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Carpentaria News...

Reflections on Being Lost and Finding Purpose

Have you ever been lost? I have on a few occasions, but the fact I can write this indicates that this lostness was not permanent. Instead of lost, I call it “temporarily displaced”.

Jonah reminds us that we can be temporarily displaced from faithfully following God in one of two ways.

Read more of the reflection written by Doug Foster, Ministry Agent Coordinator, at [Journey Online](#)

Upcoming Safe Ministry with Children Facilitator's Training - Ministry Agent Training - Friday, 26th May 2023

The Synod has planned to conduct Safe Ministry with Children Facilitator’s training for those that are needing to update their training or wanting to be trained as facilitators to train Ministry Agents.

We have set a date of **Friday, 26th May 2023** to run the training and will be conducting two training sessions on this day. From 9am-12pm we will be conducting a face-to-face facilitator’s training course at the UC Centre for those who are able and would like to attend face-to-face.

In the afternoon, from 1pm-4pm we will be conducting the same training as an online session for all those who are interested but cannot attend the morning face-to-face session. Both sessions will be recorded with the goal to edit the footage to provide a recording of the training session as a further resource.

An invite will be sent out at the end of this week to all those trainers that are no longer current or will need to refresh their training in the next 12 months. If there are any others that want or need to participate in the training please let Steven Bazal know on email: Steven.Bazal@ucaqld.com.au so an invite for training is sent to them. If you have any questions or need any further information, please let Steven know.

Steven Bazal, Learning and Development Officer

Fundraising for Congregations

Everyone can play a part in fundraising as successful fundraising is about building relationships and believing in what you do!

Fundraising is more than just the dollars, it is raising ambassadors who will join our cause and be loyal for the long haul. I wouldn’t have to walk far in the church to find people passionate and committed to serving God and the communities in which they belong.

Australian charities are doing it tough as there is increasing competition for the same funds. How can we stand apart from other charities? We must be intentional about our planning, goals and recognise the value of your team! If you would like to learn more about fundraising planning including grant planning, please contact Vanessa Griffiths on 0438 277 011 or vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au

Vanessa Griffiths

UnitingCare Prayer Points for May

RAFS – Remote Area Family Services

- If you would like to see what the Team do, their story is about 28mins in: <https://iview.abc.net.au/video/RF2304Q007S00>
- Prayer for Staff- safety on the roads and a sense of God's presence as they interact with families.
- Pray for Families- that the children enjoy their learning as well as their fun times: that Mums and Dads find rest and enjoy meaningful time together without the children.

Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain

From The Word for Today...

Lessons from a broken heart

'Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.' Psalm 51:12 NKJV

A broken heart can't be healed by working sixteen hours a day, sweating it out in a gym, or using mood-altering substances like alcohol and drugs. Those things may bring a temporary fix but don't bring a lasting cure. After falling into sin and shame, David prayed, 'Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.'

Good news: God can restore what you have lost and teach you things about yourself you didn't know that make you a better person. And one of the first lessons He teaches us is about forgiveness. You can't hold the club of unforgiveness over somebody else's head and expect to find healing yourself. Forgiveness is just a word until you extend it. Your peace of mind and confidence before God depends on your willingness to extend grace to others (see Mark 11:25).

The second lesson He teaches us is about relationships. And some of those relationships will bring you more pain than pleasure. Judas' betrayal, painful as it was, was instrumental in bringing about history's greatest event – the cross. Does that mean anybody and everybody can walk into your life and do what they want? No, their access to you is limited by the shield of God's purpose. Some people bring comfort, while others build character, and you need both.

The third lesson He teaches us is about 'the yes zone'. 'What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open' (Revelation 3:7 NIV). So whether God opens the door or shuts it, trust Him, follow Him, and say, 'Yes, Lord,' because He loves you and has only the best in mind for you.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 4 May 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass

Synod News...

Rise in Cold, Flu and COVID-19 Cases with the Cooler Weather: Staying Vigilant in Preventative Measures is Key to Minimising Spread

The cooler weather is already seeing an increase in cases of the common cold, flu and COVID-19. Continuing the good habits learnt through the pandemic will help to prevent their spread. By being aware of the risks and taking proactive steps, we can protect ourselves and those around us. You can help keep your workers, congregation and visitors safe by cleaning, providing access to hand-washing facilities and encouraging people not to attend if they are unwell.

For more information, contact health.safety@ucaqld.com.au or covid19@ucaqld.com.au.

