

# 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
- ◆ Travelling mercies for Garry and Theresa as they fly out to England on Friday for their long awaited leave
- ◆ Prayers and condolences for Ian Ness whose mother recently passed away (funeral details to be advised)
- ◆ Greg Rankin's closing service at Ingham on 11 June (time tba)

### 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...

## Pics from Cloncurry UCA

Pics from Ordination of Simon Owen at St Andrew's Anglican Church which is a co-operative parish with Cloncurry UCA, which Christy Allen attended last Thursday.



## 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, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023** to run the training and will be conducting two training sessions on this day. 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An invite will be sent out at the end of this week to all those trainers that are no longer current or will need to refresh their training in the next 12 months.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](mailto: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](mailto: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...

### Through Christ, you can do it

**'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13 NASB**

Paul writes: *'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'* (Philippians 4:13 NASB). Paul believed he could handle whatever life threw at him. Do you believe that too? What are the things that trigger your fear and cause you to say, 'I could never do that'? Suddenly losing a loved one? Facing an unexpected illness? Having your adult child with two toddlers move into your fastidiously clean and tranquil house after you have had an empty nest for years? Going on a stringent diet because your life depends on it? Putting yourself on a budget to prevent repossession of your home? Suddenly having to take care of a disabled, elderly parent?

Most people have some sort of situation that truly seems impossible to them, something they are unsure they can handle. The truth is, while some situations may be extremely undesirable or challenging for you, God says you *can* do whatever you need to do in life. He doesn't say everything will be simple for you; He doesn't promise you will enjoy every little thing you do but that you can enjoy life in the middle of doing them. How? Through the power of the One 'Who infuses inner strength into you'. When you need money, you make a withdrawal from your bank account. When your car is empty, you make a withdrawal from the petrol pump. So when life gets overwhelming, pray and make a withdrawal on God's grace, love, strength, power, and guidance.

*(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 24 May 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass*

# Synod News...

## Stand Up, Speak Up

### Free webinar: Diverting all young children from jails, watchhouses and courts

A free webinar aims to find better alternatives to the youth justice system for children, particularly in Queensland. It will explore community-led solutions to divert children under 14 from jails and courts, with insights from human rights, legal, and First Nations perspectives.

- [Register here.](#)

The webinar will be held online on May 26, 2023, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am via Microsoft Teams.

