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Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Christy will be in Cairns at end of this week and in Atherton next week
- ◆ Robyn will be on leave from 1-18 June
- ◆ Funeral Service for Ian Ness' mother will be held on 8 June at 11am in Bowen

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...

Ministers Holidays

A friendly reminder from the Presbytery that church councils and / or Ministry Agents please inform the Presbytery office when a Ministry Agent is on holidays. This helps us to know in case of emergencies and also so as not to disturb the Ministry Agent when they are on leave. Please just send an email with the dates you are on leave.

Xero and Financial Matters

The latest Weekly Link has information regarding the monthly subscription for the use of the Xero bookkeeping system and the bookkeeping services of the synod office. These charges will apply from 1st July 2023. If you have not received the Weekly Link, please let the Presbytery office know, so the information can be forwarded to you. There are some other financial updates / information that may affect congregations. Robyn will email secretaries and treasurers with this information before the current financial year finishes.

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

Season of Creation 2023 – Let Justice and Peace Flow

Once again Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN) invite people to share creative works celebrating Creation. Creative works could include, photos, videos, poems, prayers, short stories, drawings, paintings, art, music, - anything creative. All photographs and creative works will be displayed on the QCEN Facebook page. A selection will be exhibited at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane throughout September.

Submission of Artworks:

Upload your creations at www.fb.com/QCEnvNet or email to admin@qct.org.au

Artworks can be posted or delivered to Queensland Churches Together. Please email admin@qct.org.au or call 07 3369 6792 to arrange delivery. Photos and artworks should be submitted by **6th August 2023**. Contact Craig Batty if you have any questions: 0414 744 558

To share information about Season of Creation with parishioners and contacts, please download and print a flyer <https://qct.org.au/images/qcen/SoC-display-flyer-2023.pdf>. A jpg version of the flyer be used on facebook pages <https://qct.org.au/images/qcen/SoC-display-flyer-2023.jpg> If you have problems downloading the flyers, email me at admin@qct.org.au and I will forward the original files.

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...

Prepare in Advance

'Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies...' Daniel 1:8 NKJV

Are you continuing to do things you don't want to do and indulge in thoughts that lead you astray? Are you being constantly overcome by the same old temptations? Here is the bad news: the new birth doesn't do away with your old nature; it actually intensifies the struggle between your flesh and your spirit.

Here is the good news: you can live victoriously! How?

1) *Through prayer.* Jesus told His disciples, *"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."* (Matthew 26:41 NKJV). If you're tired of praying for forgiveness after you have failed, start praying before the temptation comes. No, you can't pray temptation away, but you can prepare yourself in advance to overcome it. And if you need help, call in reinforcements. Find someone who knows how to stand with you in prayer. The Bible says, *'Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labour'* (Ecclesiastes 4:9 NKJV).

2) *By making up your mind.* 'But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies...' The way to subdue your impulses is by activating your will – in advance. When you do that, God empowers you by His Spirit. Where did Daniel's strength of purpose come from? God. He prayed three times every day (see Daniel 6:10). Don't set yourself up for failure; keep yourself out of harm's way. When Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph, he *'... fled and ran outside'* (Genesis 39:12 NKJV). Both Joseph and Daniel had prayed and made up their mind about what they would do *before* temptation came knocking. You must do that too.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 31 May 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass

Synod News...

Governance Research Brief Report – Seeking Your Input

A new governance research brief on Queensland Synod's church invites discussion on accountability & governing activities - no proposed changes to the church structure, but an emphasis on strengthening governing bodies. Feedback is welcomed to shape the future - no changes to Act, Constitution, or Regulations.

- [General Secretary's Cover Letter.](#)
- [Governance Research Brief Report](#)

We greatly appreciate your input. If you have any initial thoughts, please email generalsecretary@ucaqld.com.au before July 14, 2023. Your feedback will be included in a report to the Synod Standing Committee, which will help determine how to present the paper to the Synod in October 2023.

#UnitinginPrayer

Join the Assembly's Uniting in Prayer initiative, a 26-day prayer event across the Uniting Church from May 28 to June 22. Reflect on our future, support each other, and engage through local worship or the national prayer chain. Share using #UnitinginPrayer. Experience spiritual renewal and connect with the Christ community.

- [Sign up here.](#)

Additional information is available [here](#).

Fund a Nurse at Hummingbird House: Quality Care for Children with Life-Limiting Conditions

Please help us fund a nurse at Hummingbird House, Queensland's only children's hospice. We witness the challenges children face with life-limiting conditions and believe no parent should say goodbye without proper care. Your support can provide quality pediatric palliative care, including symptom management and emotional support. Join us in ensuring no family faces these challenges alone. Donate, host a fundraiser, or explore workplace giving. In-kind donations are also appreciated. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference. Contact us for more information.

[Sponsor a Nurse appeal fundraising page.](#)

The Hummingbird House Fundraising Team can be contacted at 07 3621 4365 or fundraising@wmq.org.au.