

# Link



## Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

### Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ 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 and Christy will be conducting the service
- ◆ Pray for Christine Herman's father who is unwell and Tevita Niurua in Napranum who injured his back
- ◆ Farewell for Greg & Lizzy Rankin will be held at Ingham UC on 11 June at 10am

### 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...

## 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 Wrap 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 Wrap, 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.

### *Farewell*

*For*

*Greg and Lizzy*

*10.00am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June*

*Ingham Uniting Church*



**As you know, our Rev. Greg has been called to placement in Emerald, and we would like you to join with our Congregation for his Closing Service. You are also invited to stay for fellowship and lunch after the service.**

Liz Bosworth

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## 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@ucaql.com.au](mailto:vanessa.griffiths@ucaql.com.au)

## Turning Queensland Blue for BlueCare 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Exciting news from UnitingCare for your presbyteries!

Sheri has organised various landmarks to go "blue" for BlueCare 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Please share this information in your area and encourage members to take photos and share to social media so facebook can go blue for BlueCare (this is after St Origin so it is okay for Qld to go blue then )

Thanks Sheri for initiating this.

Linda Hanson



**70 YEARS**  
1953-2023

**BlueCare**  
At the heart of Queensland for 70 years.

**LIGHTING UP LANDMARKS BLUE**

<p><b>BRISBANE</b> 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Story Bridge,</li> <li>• Victoria Bridge,</li> <li>• Reddacliff Place sculptures Donna Marcus: Steam 2006</li> <li>• Wickham Terrace Car Park architectural wall</li> <li>• Breakfast Creek Bridge, Newstead.</li> </ul>	<p><b>TOWNSVILLE</b> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wharton Reef Lighthouse</li> <li>• Victoria Bridge</li> <li>• George Roberts Bridge</li> <li>• Old Magistrates Court House</li> <li>• Flinders Square</li> <li>• Little Fletcher Bridge</li> <li>• Central Park Boardwalk.</li> </ul> <p>"Townsville sign" is currently offline.</p>
<p><b>ROCKHAMPTON</b> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage buildings riverside</li> </ul>	<p><b>DALBY and CHINCHILLA</b> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dalby Corporate Building which adjoins the main highway</li> <li>• sides of Charles Drew Bridge</li> <li>• along the Warrego Highway between the Big Melon and Chinchilla Visitor Information Centre</li> </ul>
<p><b>FRASER COST</b> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maryborough City Hall</li> <li>• Avenue of fig trees adjacent Seafront Oval in Hervey Bay</li> <li>• Fig trees at various locations on the Hervey Bay Esplanade.</li> </ul>	

# From The Word for Today...

## Are You Flourishing?

**'It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves' Psalms 100:3 NASB**

Do you need motivation today? Take a look at the palm tree.

1) *You can cut it, but you can't kill it!*

The minerals and nutrients most trees need to survive are found on the surface, just below the bark, so, when you cut them, they die. But not the palm tree. Its life comes from within, so it flourishes, even under attack. Listen: *'... we have this treasure in earthen vessels...'* (2 Corinthians 4:7 NKJV). How wonderful; even though the earthen vessel without may be cut and wounded, the treasure within is secure, beyond the enemy's reach!

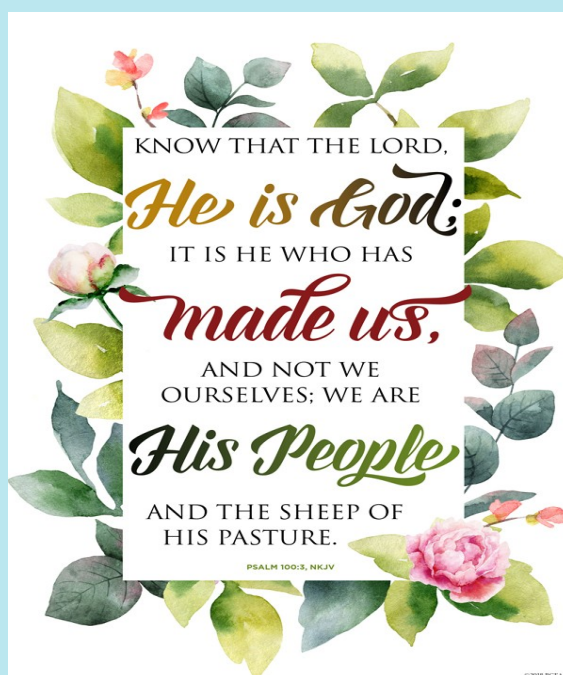
2) *It will bend, but it won't break!*

Tropical winds can blow most trees away, but not the palm tree. The stronger the wind, the further it bends – sometimes all the way to the ground. Yet when the storm ceases, it straightens up again and is actually stronger in the place where it bent. What a picture! We were made to bend, but not break. *'being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance...'* (Colossians 1:11 CSB).

3) *Its depth always exceeds its height!*

While the roots of the average plant go only a few feet under the ground, the palm tree's roots can go down hundreds of yards in search of water. David said, *'As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God'* (Psalm 42:1 NIV). Go deep, work on your own connection to God and you'll never be uprooted or barren or blown away!

*(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 7 June 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass*



# Synod News...

## 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](http://www.fb.com/QCEnvNet) or email to [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au)

Artworks can be posted or delivered to Queensland Churches Together. Please email [admin@qct.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:admin@qct.org.au) and I will forward the original files.

## It's never too late to help Lifeline

Lifeline's Giving Day was last week, but you can still contribute! Each life lost impacts up to 1215 people - family, colleagues, and friends. Lifeline works. But we need your help to continue to save lives. Every life lost is a tragedy. Donate today & help save lives.

- [lifelinegivingday.com.au](http://lifelinegivingday.com.au)

Call [1800 961 881](tel:1800961881) for more information.

## 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](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto:fundraising@wmq.org.au).

## **Assembly News...**

### **#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](#).

### **PreachFest 2023 - Tickets now on sale!**

PreachFest is a three-day festival created to inspire and enliven the craft, art and vocation of preaching across churches in Australia. The event involves a series of speakers and workshops for attendees.

PreachFest is organised by the Uniting Church Synod of NSW & ACT in partnership with the Synod of Vic/Tas and is open to anyone across Australia and beyond to attend. There will be in-person venues in Sydney and Melbourne and online ticket options for those who want to attend remotely. Early bird tickets are now on sale until 31 July for the three-day event.

- [Read all about PreachFest at Journey Online](#)

Preachfest takes place from 1 to 3 November.

[Click here for more information about Preachfest!](#)