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Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Pray for Christy and Peter as they adjust to Jess' move to Armidale to stay on-site at Uni & for Jess as she settles into her new place
- ◆ Update from Garry & Teresa they are well and enjoying their holiday in the UK
- ◆ Roberta Stanley's induction service as Regional Council Chairperson will be held on 27 June
- ◆ Pray for congregations and faith communities within Carpentaria Presbytery including Prison Ministry and the Presbytery of Georges Rivers in NSW

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...

Pics from West End Townsville

Malia Ma'u from Burdekin UC and John Tai welcomed & lead the Tongan Defence Force and Townsville Tongan community in a combined worship service on Sunday at West End UC, Townsville.



Vale – Heather Anderson

Chris Guise who was previously a Pastor of Carpentaria Presbytery and who was the last ministry agent at Hughenden UC, has advised that the last surviving member of the former congregation of the Uniting Church in Hughenden was Heather Anderson. She recently turned 96. Only a few days after this, she had a fall and ended up in hospital. Heather passed away last night and we have been asked to share this news and her funeral details with the Presbytery as many may remember her. Her daughter Ros, still lives in Hughenden.

Heather's funeral will be held on **Monday 26th June at 10am in the Anglican Church in Hughenden.** Those who knew Heather are invited to attend.

UnitingCare Prayer Points for June

Prison Ministry

- Pray for all our prison chaplains who volunteer their time to share God's unconditional love with inmates throughout Qld (especially in Lotus Glen and Townsville).
- Pray the Holy Spirit will touch the hearts and minds of inmates and correctional officers.
- Pray for those with loved ones in prison.
- Pray for truth and justice to prevail in the courts.
- Pray inmates who are journeying with Christ will find love and acceptance within a Christian community once they are released.
- Pray for more people willing to become prison chaplains (especially in Lotus Glen, Rockhampton and Southern Qld Correctional Centres). Also, for more First Peoples chaplains throughout Qld.

Wendy McHugh, Prison Chaplain

National Prayer Chain – Prayer Points

Arising from the Act2 Project, the whole church has been called to begin Uniting in Prayer across the national Uniting Churches. The two councils that Assembly has joined to pray for each other are: Presbytery of Carpentaria and Presbytery of Georges River.

The Presbytery of Georges River will pray for Carpentaria Presbytery and all the ministries within our Presbytery. They have sent through some prayer points for their Presbytery:

- ◆ Relationships across the NSW+ACT Synod are tense at the moment, while the Secretariat tries to lead the Church here into significant change. Please pray for reconciliation and unity across our Presbytery - and our whole NSW+ACT Synod - especially places where unresolved or unattended-to conflicts have led to broken relationship and mistrust.
- ◆ Please pray for our Presbytery staff team: Rev Kent Crawford, Rev Charissa Suli, Ian Goff, Jono Hirt, Poppy Roumeliotis, Lune Lim, Gabi Cadenhead and Nadine Rozario.

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Contact Chris Barnett at chrisb@nat.uca.org.au for more info.

From The Word for Today...

How to develop patience

'A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.' Proverbs 17:22 ESV

Here are two more things you need to do in order to develop patience:

1) *Develop a sense of humour.*

The Bible says, *'A tranquil heart is life to the body'* (Proverbs 14:30 NASB). Scientific studies reveal that people who laugh, live longer. Humour is a stress dissolver. It's an antidote to apprehension. It's a tranquilliser without any troubling side effects. It's a shock absorber for the potholes of life. When you can see the humorous side to a situation, it crushes its power over you. And when you trust God with your problems you can continue to have a joyful heart.

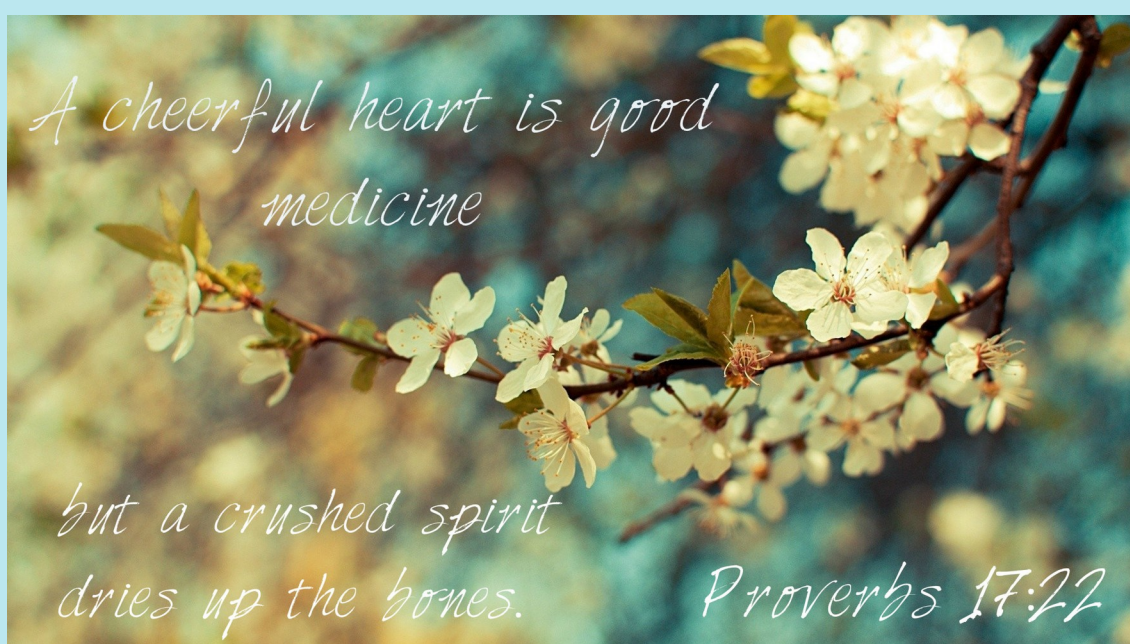
2) *Deepen your love.*

Paul writes, *'Love is patient and kind'* (1 Corinthians 13:4 NLT). That means when you are impatient, you are unloving. When you love someone, you're concerned about that person's wishes, distress, needs, and point of view – not just your own. When you are filled with love, almost nothing can provoke you to anger or impatience. On the other hand, when you are filled with anger, almost anything can provoke you.

Under pressure, whatever is inside you is going to come out. So, deepen your love. *'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.'* (Ephesians 4:2 NIV).

And one more thought: when you learn to love the people who irritate you, you take a weapon out of Satan's hands that he can use against you. Today pray, 'Lord, make me a more patient person.'

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 21 June 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass



Synod News...

UnitingCare supports NAIDOC week

UnitingCare Queensland embraces the "For Our Elders" theme for National NAIDOC Week 2023. We recognise the immense importance of honouring and respecting Elders, which aligns with our core services. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders hold invaluable cultural knowledge and play vital roles as leaders, nurturers, and custodians. We wholeheartedly encourage First and Second peoples to observe this year's NAIDOC Week theme and deeply reflect on how they can honour and respect Elders personally and professionally.

- [We have established our NAIDOC Merchandise hub to provide further support and resources and encourage everyone to explore it.](#)

Throughout National NAIDOC Week, we have planned various exciting events and activities. These include awards ceremonies, celebrations, cultural activities, and community days across various locations. We are actively involved in these events, joining hands with affiliated organisations to support and celebrate the remarkable achievements of First Nations peoples.

- [Click here to view events across the state!](#)

At UnitingCare, we sincerely appreciate the contributions of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, whose shared lived experiences enrich our organisation. We extend our warmest wishes to everyone for a joyful and fulfilling NAIDOC Week.

- [The National NAIDOC Week website also offers valuable resources and information related to the 2023 theme and registered events.](#)

For additional resources and information, contact the RAP Team via reconciliation@ucareqld.com.au.

Empowering Lay Preachers - National Conference of Lay Preachers 2023

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the conference will now be in Brisbane at the Queensland Synod office, concluding on Sunday instead of Monday afternoon. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope you can still join us for an excellent alternative experience.

- To register for the conference, RSVP by July 21 at <https://www.trybooking.com/CENVA>. For more information, [visit our website](#).

The conference starts at 3:40 PM on Friday, August 4, and ends at 4:00 PM on Sunday, August 6. Ample time is given for attendees to arrange return travel, especially for those with interstate flights. The program is redesigned to offer an enjoyable experience with diverse engaging content. Excitingly, a conference dinner is included, featuring exquisite cuisine and stunning views of the Brisbane River. The Queensland Synod office, located at 60 Bayliss Street, Auchenflower, will be the new venue, conveniently situated around 400 meters from Auchenflower Train Station. Accommodation options are available nearby. The venue is approximately a 20-minute drive from the airport or 1 hour by train.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with the event organiser [using the link on this page](#).

Assembly News...

President's Conference 2023

Join us at the 2023 President's Conference, from 26-30 July, hosted at Redcliffe Uniting Church. Connect with Uniting Church members, get inspired by powerful speakers, and reflect on God's work in our Church and ministry. Don't miss out on this transformative event!

- [Register for the conference here](#)

For all information about the conference, [click here](#).

Uniting Church: Together, Yes for First Nations!

The upcoming referendum offers a significant chance for Australians to recognise and honour the First Nations people and advance as a unified nation. Members of the Uniting Church can actively participate in the Together, Yes campaign by becoming a 'conversation host.' By gathering a group of up to 10 people, hosting two impactful discussions, and engaging in shared learning, you can make a meaningful contribution. The campaign will provide high-quality materials to facilitate these conversations, promoting empathy and connection. On June 1st, an online information session will be held to provide details about Together, Yes, the role of hosts, and how to get involved.

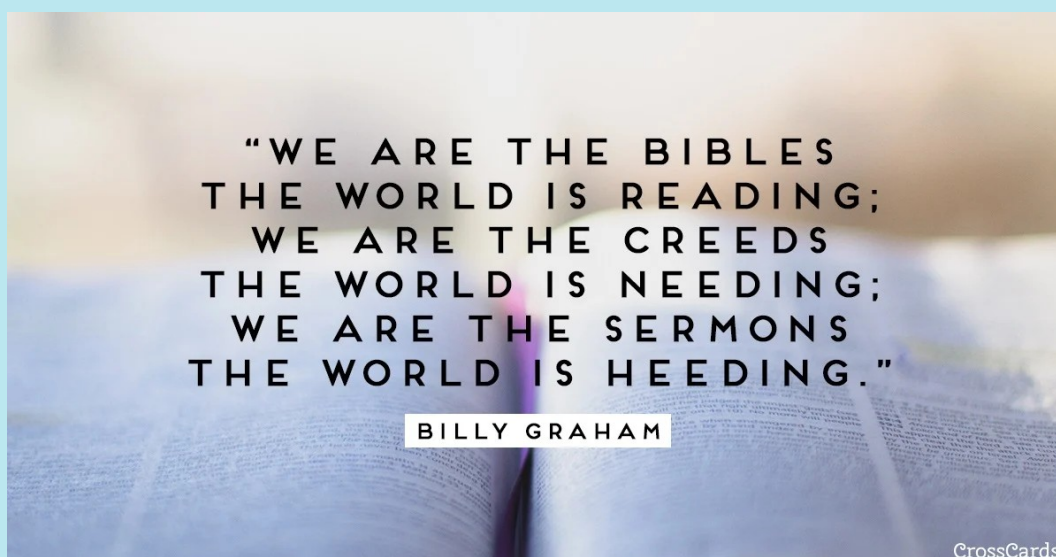
- [For more information and to sign up, please visit the Together, Yes website](#)

Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis encourages members to consider hosting these conversations, underscoring the church's dedication to justice for First Nations people.

Additional details can be found on the [Assembly website](#).

PreachFest 2023 - Tickets now on sale!

PreachFest is a 3day festival from 1-3 November, created to inspire and enliven the craft, art and vocation of preaching across churches in Australia. [Click here for more information about Preachfest!](#)



UnitingWorld News...

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