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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
- ◆ Prayers for Rev David and Janette Ellis (formerly of the Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplaincy (McKay Patrol)) on the passing of David's Mum (from Gympie UCA) on Fri, 16 June after 4 months in care at Wesley Mission Chermiside
- ◆ 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...

Aitkenvale UCA Looking for Church Organ

The organ presently in use at Aitkenvale has seen its last days and Church Council is looking at it's replacement. Does any other Congregation have an Organ in "good to very good" condition that they may wish to sell. Please contact Reg Dix, Treasurer on mob 0427 609 509.

Reg Dix, Treasurer, Aitkenvale Congregation

UnitingCare Prayer Points for July

→ Financial Support and Gambling Support Services

These two separate, small services provide invaluable help and support for those facing financial difficulty or who recognize a gambling problem.

→ Pray for the staff-

*That they have patience and wisdom in how to walk alongside those they look after.
That where necessary practical ways can be found to support their clients to help themselves.*

→ Pray for clients-

*That the often complex personal situations can be addressed by referral to other available programmes. Pray that funding and places would be available without long waitlists.
That they can continue with the programmes despite setbacks in their progress to address the identified issues.*

→ Pray for clients' families and friends-

For those impacted by others' situations may find forgiveness and be able to help in the process of healing and overcoming situations caused by the clients.

Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain

Reminder: Easter Madness Camp – Invite to Steering Committee

A letter of invitation was distributed to all Ministry Agents on 14 June, from the Presbytery of Moreton Rivers, inviting one ministry agent from our Presbytery to be a part of the steering committee for the Easter Madness camp held each year in Brisbane.

If you are interested please let Ana know and please note in your consideration that you must also be available to attend the camp.

Fundamentals of Transitional MINistry - Date Claimer

The Fundamentals of Transitional MINistry Course is being offered here in Queensland. This is the first part of the Intentional Interim Ministry Course. The course will be at Trinity College from August 9-11.

- [Register here](#)

For further details, contact Rev Brian Hoole at [0435242000](tel:0435242000) or brian@emmanueluca.org.au.

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Calling all ministers, worship leads, and congregations! Discover Engage Together: FREE weekly resources for engaging, inspiring, and participatory worship experiences. **Contact Chris Barnett at chrisb@nat.uca.org.au for more info.**

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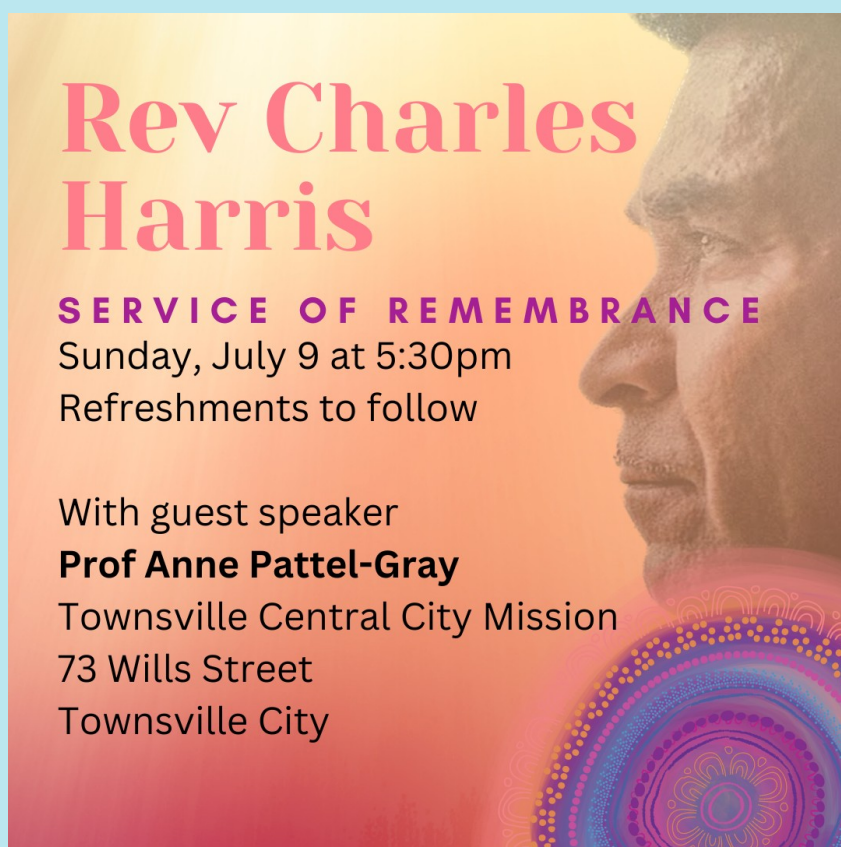
Service of Remembrance at Townsville Central UC

You are invited to an upcoming service at Townsville Central on July 9 at 5:30pm.

They are holding a service to remember the life and ministry of Rev Charles Harris, one of the first indigenous ministers ordained into the Uniting Church in Queensland. It will be a service promoting the themes of reconciliation in which we look back to consider how we might powerfully step forward.

We are always looking for more musicians so please let me know if you can play!

Contact Lorne Anderson for more information: minister@centralcitymission.org



Rev Charles Harris

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
Sunday, July 9 at 5:30pm
Refreshments to follow

With guest speaker
Prof Anne Pattel-Gray
Townsville Central City Mission
73 Wills Street
Townsville City

From The Word for Today...

Be Joyful

'That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.' Psalm 90:14 NIV

It doesn't help the cause of Christ when His followers go around looking miserable. You say, 'But I have problems.' Everybody does.

When the apostle Paul was in prison, he wrote, '*Rejoice in the Lord always*' (Philippians 4:4 NIV). Expressing joy is something you do *in spite* of your circumstances, not *because* of them. The Bible says, '*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation*' (Isaiah 12:3 NIV).

God has put a well of joy within you, but you have to draw it out and share it with others. Joy is contagious. Happiness travels through relational networks like ripples on a pond. It's so robust, in fact, that it can permeate three degrees of separation. That means *your* happiness quotient is more likely to increase when a friend of a friend of a friend becomes happy.

We hunger for joy. 'Satisfy us in the morning,' writes the psalmist – but not with more money or power or applause. No, '*Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days*' (Psalm 90:14 NIV). Joyful people make us come alive.

The Bible says, '*The joy of the LORD is your strength*' (Nehemiah 8:10 NIV). We love joy, but often we forget how powerful it is. Joy gives us the strength to resist temptation. It gives us the ability to persevere. It's the Velcro that makes relationships stick. It gives us the energy to love. We don't just need air, food, and water; we need joy. And the person who brings it is like an oasis in a desert land. So today, be joyful.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 28 June 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass

Joy comes from God

"Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."
– Psalm 90:14; NIV

Synod News...

Torres Strait Islands Embrace Coming of the Light: A Celebration of Faith, Culture, and Resilience

In the Torres Strait Islands, a diverse community prepares to honour their rich heritage through the annual Coming of the Light celebration. This deeply significant event, commemorated on July 1st, embraces the fusion of faith, culture, and resilience within the island communities.

The Coming of the Light holds a profound place in the hearts of Torres Strait Islanders, symbolising the positive transformation brought forth by the gospel. The arrival of Reverend Samuel Macfarlane on Erub (Darnley) Island in 1871 kindled the introduction of Christianity in the region. This event not only reshaped religious practices but also influenced the cultural traditions of the Torres Strait Islanders.

Among those reflecting on the celebration's importance is Auntie Annai Ghee, a devout Christian woman with deep roots in Torres Strait culture. Her father, Pinau, was born on Murray Island, while her mother, Jacynthia, hails from a South Sea Islander background. Annai recalls the impact her Preacher Grandfather Sterling had on her. She recalls great memories in his church meetings and experiencing God's love in her young years.

Read more of the article, written by Steve Webster, Mission Facilitator - Transforming Communities, talking with Auntie Annai Ghee [at Journey Online](#).

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](#).

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

- [Register for the conference here](#)

UnitingWorld News...

UnitingWorld End of Financial Year Appeal 2023



We're blessed to be a part of a powerful network of people and organisations working together to make sustainable progress to end poverty in our world. Last year we were able to impact the lives of more than **201,600 people** together through sustainable community development in partnership with local church communities.

We need your help to do it again! In rural Bali, our partners are making a big impact to end poverty through their community development program. It's a program that helped thousands of families keep their heads above water during the pandemic and that is now helping people like Komang, his wife Desak and their three children escape intergenerational poverty.

Your tax-deductible gift will help resource the critical work of our church partners in the Pacific, Asia and Africa, giving people the tools and opportunities to lift themselves out of poverty – for good.

Each donation made to this appeal will be combined with funding from the Australian Government to reach more people. We have committed to contribute at least \$1 for every \$5 we receive from the Australian Government, which means right now your gift can go up to six times as far helping us extend the reach of our programs.

Your tax-deductible donation will make a huge impact and transform lives. Please give generously.

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