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Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Pray for National NAIDOC Week which commenced on 2 July until 9 July and all the celebrations, cultural activities and community days across Australia
- ◆ 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 Chermshire
- ◆ Pray for Southern Zone meeting to be held on 8 July

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...

Date Claimers / Reminders

37th Synod

- The 37th Synod will be held on **20-24 October 2023** at Alexandra Headlands and each delegate must be fully registered by 25 August

Grants and grant writing webinar

- Next webinar to be held July 12th. To register for this webinar, which will occur at 10:00am on the 12th, click on the following link:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2404fb95-1506-43b2-9aca-fae8ea0ae205@6f22e5a7-e1b9-4ede-a7c5-31fca0deaa40>

Blue Care 70th Anniversary

- Congregations are encouraged to promote this event and look at how they join in the celebrations. For more information about local champions, please get in touch with Sheri Holland at Sheri.Holland@ucareqld.com.au

Southern Zone Meeting

- The next Southern Zone meeting will be held on 8 July

Northern Zone Meeting

- The next Northern Zone meeting will be held on 26 August

Calvary Zone Meeting

- The next Calvary Zone meeting will be held on 2 November in Cairns

November Presbytery Meeting – Change of Venue

- The next Presbytery meeting will be held on **3-5 November 2023** in Townsville at Mount Louisa Community Church. Accommodation options will be advised closer to the meeting

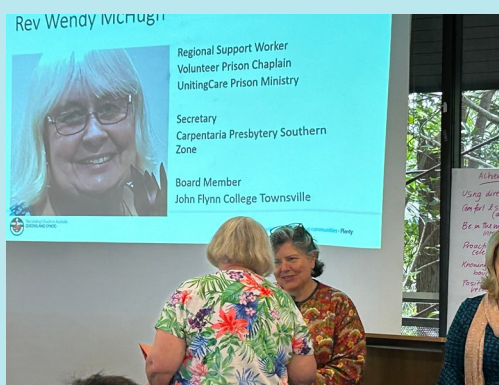
Aitkenvale UCA Looking for Church Organ

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

Pic from Wendy McHugh's Graduation on 26 June 2023

Christy was able to attend Wendy McHugh's graduation for Mentor Training



Pics from Induction Service for Rev Roberta Stanley as Queensland Regional Chair to the UAICC on 27 June 2023



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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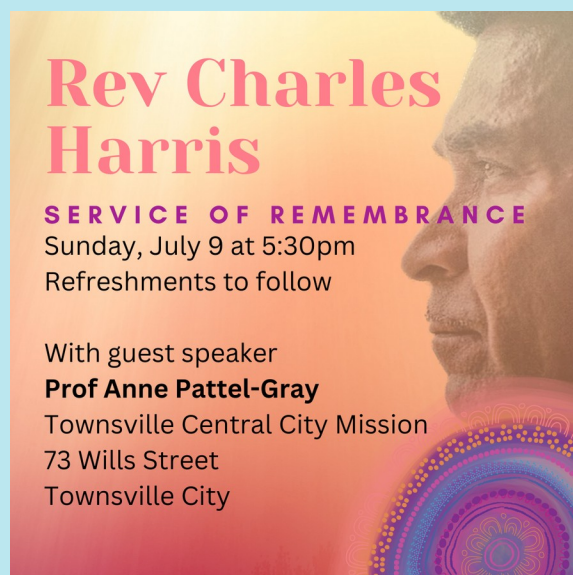
Service of Remembrance at Townsville Central UC

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



From The Word for Today...

When you're under attack

'With us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles.' 2 Chronicles 32:8 NIV

The new birth creates a battle between your old nature and your new nature, and you must learn how to fight it. For the last handful of days, we have been looking at scriptural strategies for winning. Here are a few more:

1) *Fill your mind with Scripture.*

David said, *'If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction'* (Psalm 119:92 NIV). Your mind is like soil; it will grow any seed you plant, good or bad. When you plant words spoken by God, you're sowing energy, life, and hope into your spirit. God's Word can strip Satan of his power to infect you with fear and unbelief. The psalmist said, *'The law of their God is in their hearts; their feet do not slip'* (Psalm 37:31 NIV).

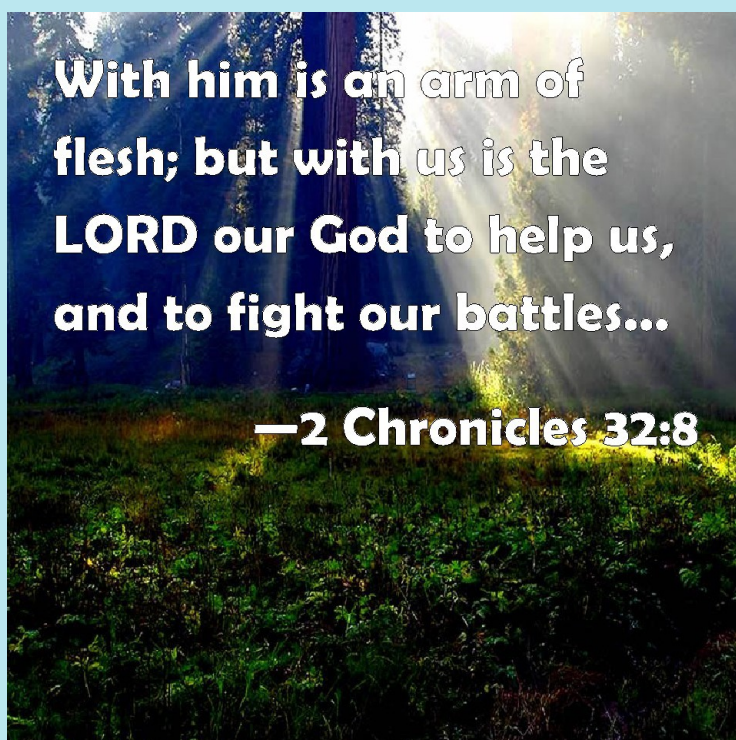
2) *Reach out to others.*

'When Job prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes. In fact, the LORD gave him twice as much as before!' (Job 42:10 NLT). Does that sound strange? It may be strange in the kingdom of men, but not in the kingdom of God. You are the solution to somebody else's problem, and when you reach out to them, God will reach out to you (see Ephesians 6:8). Go ahead, try it.

3) *Remember that seasons change.*

David said, *'Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning'* (Psalm 30:5 NLT). This attack won't last forever – morning is coming! People change and circumstances change. So, start believing God to change things on your behalf. He promised to do it, and He will.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 5 July 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass



Synod News...

Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday: Promoting Multicultural Engagement in Congregations

A discussion with Rev Louisa Yu, Chairperson of Multi-Cross Cultural Reference Group and member of Assembly 'Being a Multicultural Church Panel'

During a recent dialogue with Reverend Louisa Yu, the Queensland Synod Multi-Cross Cultural Reference Group Chairperson and a member of Assembly's 'Being a Multicultural Church Panel', she expressed her excitement regarding Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday. The purpose of the conversation was to highlight the importance of this occasion and inspire other congregations to take part.

Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday, scheduled for July 16 this year (and the third Sunday of July each year), is a Sunday which the 16th National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia resolved to set aside and dedicate to promote intercultural engagement within congregations and faith communities. It serves as a reminder for all to celebrate and appreciate the diversity within their congregations and communities.

- **[Read the story, by Andrew McKaysmith, Synod Writer and Content Creator, at Journey Online](#)**

[Click here](#) to access the Assembly's range of Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday resources.

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](#)