

# Link



## Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ *Christy and Craig in Brisbane at Synod meetings (Placements & Presbytery Ministers PSI)*
- ◆ *Prayers for Rev Tevita Mone and family (who was previously at Bowen), his father passed away last week. Rev Dr Alifeleti Mone was former President of the Tongan Free Wesleyan Church (a partner church of UCA)*
- ◆ *Prayers for our Presbytery Ministers as they lead the Presbytery in its mission & vision as well as provide support and pastoral care to the ministry agents within Carpentaria & resource congregations / faith communities*

## Date Claimers & Reminders

### 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

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# Carpentaria News...

## Reminder - 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.

## 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

## Free Bystander Action Training

Training will be held at UnitingCare Community Townsville on Wednesday, 6 September 2023 from 8.30am – 12.30pm. Bystander Action Training is about building communities that do not allow violence against women to continue. Each of us has a part to play in preventing domestic violence and family violence.

The Bystander Approach offers a framework in which everyone has a positive role to play in violence prevention and intervention. [Click Here](#)

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Sam McDonell on 0488 488 833 or email: [sam.mcdonell@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:sam.mcdonell@ucareqld.com.au)

## From The Word for Today...

### A Time to be Careful

**'If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!' 1 Corinthians 10:12 NIV**

The time to be careful is *after* you have reached your goals and you're celebrating your victories. There are three crucial points in every battle, and believe it or not, the easiest one is sometimes the fight itself. The most difficult point is the period of indecision right before the conflict – whether to stand and fight or run away – the battle between faith and fear. But by far the most dangerous period is the aftermath. With your resources spent and your guard down, you need to watch for things like overconfidence, dulled reactions, and faulty judgment.

Remember King David's story? *'In the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle ... David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened ... he saw a woman bathing ... Then David sent messengers, and took her'* (2 Samuel 11:1-2, 4 NKJV).

Pay particular attention to the phrase, 'Then it happened.' David chose to stay home rather than go to battle. Who knows why? Maybe his impressive record of successes made him soft, or he got careless, or arrogant? It was only a brief affair, but it changed everything. His peace vanished, his character was ruined, and his family life was destroyed.

Don't fall prey to the perils of past victories! Remember your H.A.L.T. sign. When you're Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired, you're in a vulnerable place and need to be extra careful. Resting on your laurels is synonymous with flirting with disaster. Trouble awaits the man or woman who dwells in the comfortable land of accomplished dreams. So, the word for today is – *'If you think you're standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!'*

*(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 19 July 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass*



# Synod News...

## Social Justice Priorities Survey

The Moderator's Advocacy Social Justice Team (MAST) and Plenty Transforming Communities Refer Group want your feedback. Share the issues you think are important, and tell us about the work you are doing to support your community. You can make your voice heard in less time than it takes to make a cup of tea.

[Click here to take the survey](#)

If you have any questions or comments, email [communications@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:communications@ucaqld.com.au)

## Small Grants: Strengthening Rural Communities

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) offers Small Grants for remote, rural, and regional communities across Australia. These grants support a wide range of initiatives that directly benefit local communities. Objectives include enhancing community recovery from COVID, reducing social isolation, and sustaining local organisations.

- [Apply now and make a positive impact in your community!](#)

## FRRR Small and Vital Grant Stream is Now Open!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to apply for the Community Strengthening Rural Communities: Small and Vital grants. This program is specifically designed to support small rural, regional, and remote communities across Australia. With grants available for a wide range of grassroots, community-led initiatives, this is your chance to secure funding for projects that directly benefit your local community.

- [Take action today and create a positive change in your community! Apply now to make a meaningful impact!](#)

## Support our farmers through Outback Links

Meet Marj and Ray, an extraordinary couple running a stone fruit farm in Yarraman, QLD, while caring for their four young grandchildren. Despite reaching retirement age, they've faced the challenges of drought and financial uncertainty in recent years. Now, as the busiest time of the year approaches, they have a tremendous amount of work ahead. Marj's determination is clear: "We must keep going for our grandkids."

Outback Links enables anyone to make a difference by volunteering their support to individuals like Marj and Ray in remote areas of Australia. Join us in empowering and assisting those in need.

- [If you'd like to register your interest, fill out this form](#)

Learn more about [Frontier Services here](#).