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Carpentaria Presbytery

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Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Prayers for Robyn and family as they gather in Gympie to be with her mother who is unwell
- ◆ We welcome Garry & Teresa Hardingham safely back home
- ◆ Christy is in Cairns until Friday
- ◆ Northern Zone meeting was cancelled on Sat due to bad weather

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Date Claimers & Reminders

Southern Zone Meeting

* The next Northern Zone meeting will be held on **9 September**

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.

Safe Ministry Lay Training - Module 1-5

* A training day is scheduled at Aitkenvale on **30 Sept & in Cairns on 7 October**

Carpentaria News...

Safe Ministry with Children Lay Training for Modules 1 to 5

Presbytery have organised for a fully accredited Safe Ministry with Children facilitator to conduct face to face training for lay people within the Carpentaria Presbytery in two locations during September and October. This FREE training will meet the legislative requirements under Safe Ministry with Children.

Rev Fa Matangi from the Moreton Rivers Presbytery will facilitate this training on the following dates:

1. Saturday 30th September

- Townsville (Southern Zone area)
- Venue: Aitkenvale Uniting Church – 277/279 Ross River Road, Aitkenvale

If you are unable to attend in person due to distance, we are trying to arrange live streaming from the Aitkenvale session. This is not a given, but if you would attend via this method (if it is available), please email Ana direct to inform her and register for the Townsville session. As part of the registration form, note your intent to connect via live streaming in the 'notes' section.

2. Saturday 7th October

- Cairns (Northern Zone area)
- Venue: Edmonton Uniting Church – Ravizza Close, Edmonton.

The training will be conducted in 2 sessions at both venues. The sessions will be as follows:

- Session 1 (9:30am to 11:00am) – Module 1 & 2
- Session 2 (11:30am to 1:30/1:45pm) – Module 3, 4 & 5
- BYO water and snacks if you are doing both sessions.

[Register here:](#)

Townsville 30th September (closes 27th Sept):

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1717.php>

Cairns 7th October (closes 4th Oct):

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1818.php>

A letter has gone out to all Ministry Agents and Secretaries with information for distribution to all lay leaders and volunteers within their congregation / faith community.

If you have any queries or need assistance please contact Ana at Presbytery Office on office@ucacarpentaria.com.au



UnitingCare Prayer Points for September

Birch St Hub

"We support individuals and families through drop-in services, play group, group activities and educational workshops on a range of life skills. Our family support services are co-located in the hub, so we can organise child and adult counselling. Our free pantry day is where we donate fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meals and bakery goods as part of our emergency relief services."

<https://www.unitingcareqld.com.au/services-and-support/counselling-and-wellbeing/mental-health-support/birch-street-community-hub>

- ➔ The Hub is relocating to Anderson St while a new purpose built centre is constructed on the Birch St site.
- ➔ Pray that those people they serve will be able to travel to the new site and that new neighbours will be able to access their services.
- ➔ Pray for staff- that the move goes smoothly, that new staff members will quickly settle in and that the support offered to their clients will continue to be delivered with love and compassion.

Thanks for your great work.

*Rev Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain
UCA and UnitingCare QLD*

Pics from Combined Worship at St Mary's By the Sea – Mossman/Port Douglas & Cairns Korean Faith Community

Last month we were highly blessed by a visit from the Korean community from Emanuel Church.

Pastor Young-Hun, dear Mrs Hee-sun, the choir and their congregation joined Mossman/Port Douglas congregation for a joined service at the stunning St Mary's By The Sea Church at Port Douglas.

We worshiped our Wonderful God in English and Korean. The message on "If you just believe" by Pastor Young-Hun was very encouraging. The Choir and both worship teams lifted us up and we enjoyed a picnic afterwards as one family in Christ.

The church was overflowing and the anointing and presence of God was their with us. I thank and praise our Lord for our Korean brothers and sisters, they are highly anointed, may the joy of The Lord continue to be their strength. I pray that we continue to deepen our friendship and grow in our faith, commitment and obedience to God.

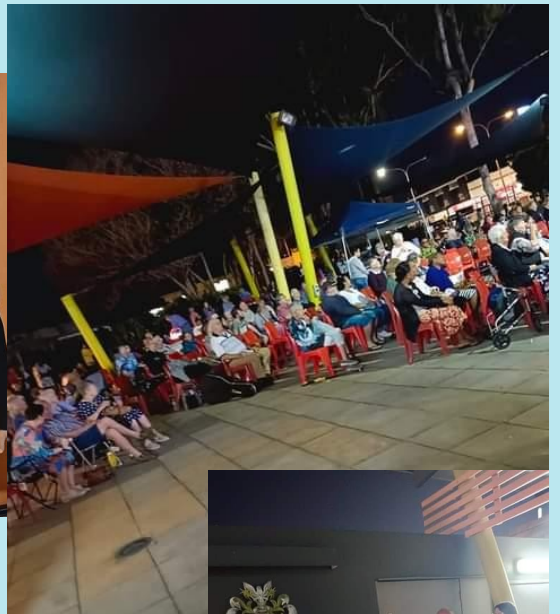
Pastor Nadia Abraham, Mossman, Port Douglas and Mt Molloy



Pics from Combined Worship at St Mary's By the Sea – Mossman/Port Douglas & Cairns Korean Faith Community (cont...)



Pics from Burdekin Gospel Music Festival on Sunday, 27th August



Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare News...

Apply Now: Seniors Celebration Donation – Up to \$300 for Senior Group Activities

The Seniors Celebration Donation supports senior groups' events like outings and Christmas parties, offering \$100-\$300. Applications are open until 9 October 2023, with results in late November. Eligible applicants are clubs providing senior activities not funded elsewhere or senior groups within larger organizations.

- [For application details, read the guidelines or contact the Grants Unit at 07 3403 8888](#)

For any questions, contact Vanessa Griffiths, Synod Fundraising Support Manager, at Vanessa.Griffiths@ucaqld.com.au.

Free Bystander Action Training

Held at UnitingCare Community Townsville, 59-69 Patrick Street Aitkenvale on Wed, 6 Sept 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](#) to register.

Support the Indigenous Voice: Join 300+ Leaders

The Uniting Church backs an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Please reflect on your referendum vote. Join 300+ leaders at St John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane, on September 5, 6:30-8:30 PM, for community action.

- Register online <https://bit.ly/voice-sprint>

International Day of Peace 2023 – Celebrate 75 Years of Human Rights

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, UNAA Queensland and St John's Cathedral Brisbane present International Day of Peace 2023 on September 21, 7 PM at 373 Ann St, Brisbane. Enjoy peace messages, songs, and the Local Agents of Peace Awards. Guest lecturer: Craig Foster AM, Human Rights Activist and Former Soccerroo.

- [Registration is required, and free entry](#)

The event will be live-streamed on the [St John's Cathedral YouTube channel](#)

From The Word for Today...

Keep a Positive Attitude

'A heart at peace gives life to the body.' Proverbs 14:30 NIV

Keeping a positive attitude isn't always easy; it requires mental discipline. Let's face it, 95 per cent of what we see and hear on the news today is negative. And while you can't bury your head in the sand, you must protect your mind against the gravitational pull of negative influences around you. This calls for constantly doing two things:

1. *Arresting the wrong thoughts.*

'Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5 NKJV). Take your wrong thoughts captive; otherwise, they will take you captive!

2. *Activating the right thoughts.*

'Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things ... and the God of peace will be with you' (Philippians 4:8-9 NKJV).

Knowing that God is in control of your life and that He is directing your steps will enable you to keep a good attitude when you're faced with things like long queues, bad weather, difficult relationships, illness, trials, and adversities. Your attitude not only affects the quality of your life but also the length of it: Solomon said, *'A heart at peace gives life to the body.'* (Proverbs 14:30 NIV) Medical science has proven that people with a strong faith who are diagnosed with terminal illnesses tend to outlive their prognosis and their predicted life span.

So, the word for today is—keep a positive attitude.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 30 August 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass)

