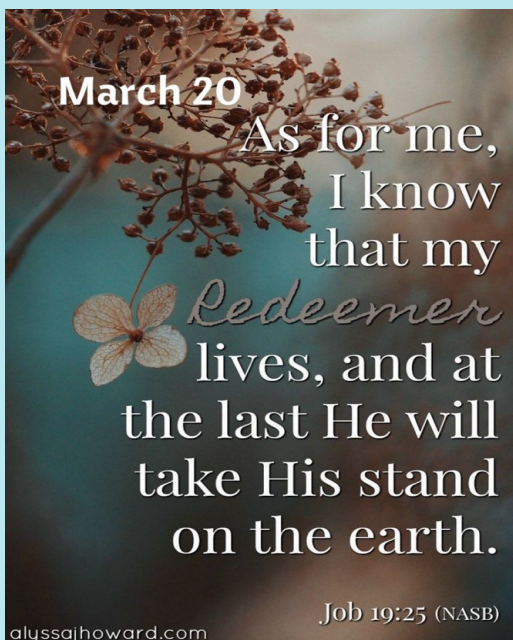


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Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ *Christy will be at North Church Cairns this weekend*
- ◆ *Garry is in Brisbane for Placements & PSI meetings. He will be at Cairns Emmanuel on Sun*
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER: Presbytery Meeting will be on 3-5 May 2024 at Mission Beach – registration closes on 19th April**
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER: Presbytery Ministry Agent & Spouse Retreat will be on 5-8 May 2024 at Cardwell – registration closes on 22nd April**



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Carpentaria News...

Ministry Agents & Spouse Retreat – 5-8 May 2024

The annual Ministry Agents & Spouse Presbytery Retreat will be held from 5-8 May 2024 at Cardwell Beachcomber Motel and Tourist Park, following the Presbytery meeting at Mission Beach.

We ask congregations to encourage your minister to attend and it would be wonderful if the congregation or agency pay for their ministry agent to attend but please discuss together. Please register as soon as possible so we can finalise numbers and **registrations close on 22 April**.

Here is the link to register: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event2121.php>

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting – 3-5 May 2024

Our next Presbytery meeting to be held **3rd to 5th May 2024**, is fast approaching. It will be great to be together again! A reminder that this meeting is for both Ministry Agents and lay reps from each congregation along with Ministry Agents who are in placements in other roles e.g. Chaplaincy (**2 per congregation, including Ministry Agent**). It would be wonderful to have more lay people join our meetings.

The Presbytery meeting will be held at the **Mission Beach Resort** and will begin at **3:00 pm on Friday afternoon** for all Ministry Agents who are required to attend the compulsory Safe Ministry with Children training. You must be present for the whole training, for it to be registered as 'complete'. For all Presbytery delegates, a BBQ buffet dinner will be served at **5:30pm Friday night**, with our opening worship and first session to follow at 7:00pm. Check-in to rooms can commence from 2:00pm.

Register here:

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event2020.php>

Registrations must be finalised by Friday 19th April (as per venue requirements)

If you have any queries, please contact Ana at the Presbytery office.

DATE CLAIMERS

- **29th March** – Good Friday
- **31st March** – Easter Sunday
- **5th - 8th April** – Easter Madness 2024 at Alex Park Conference Centre
- **20th April** – Southern Zone meeting followed by lunch (provided) from 9.30am at Mount Louisa Community church
- **27th April** – Northern Zone meeting followed by hungi from 10.30am at Cairns Emmanuel
- **2nd May** – Calvary Zone meeting at Cairns Sheridan
- **3rd - 5th May** – Presbytery Meeting at Mission Beach Resort (Registrations close 19th April)
- **5th - 8th May** – Ministry Agent & Spouse Retreat at Cardwell Beachcomber Tourist Park (Registrations close 22nd April)

Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare / UnitingWorld News...

Queensland Churches Together - Candle Vigil for Domestic Violence

Each year in Queensland, May is designated the Domestic Violence Awareness month. On 6th May at 6pm JCDVPP invite you to attend a Candle Vigil to remember all who are affected by Domestic Violence. The Vigil will take place at the Chapel at St Francis College Milton. Copies of the flyer for the Vigil can be downloaded from:

<https://qct.org.au/images/JCDVPP/VigilPoster.pdf>

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For those who are unable to attend the Vigil, a liturgy is being created so that you can hold the Vigil locally. Contact admin@qct.org.au if you would like a copy of the liturgy.

Other ways to raise awareness during May include:

- Displaying leaflets and other information in your Church/hall throughout the month.
- Adding a pray during Intercessions
- Putting information on Domestic Violence in your weekly newsletter during May.

All Welcome

MAY 1 6 PM

**SHINE A LIGHT
ON DOMESTIC
& FAMILY
VIOLENCE**

A CANDLE VIGIL

St Francis Theological College
Milton Qld
Parking available
Enter via entrance between
27 and 31 Baroona Rd
supper to follow

 Queensland Churches Together

Qld Synod – Web and Hub Update

Many thanks to all those who have been involved in testing the site navigation and providing feedback for our new Synod Website and Hub. We are pleased to be progressing towards the launch stage and it has been great to hear that we are heading in the right direction as we work to ensure the new site is fit for purpose and easy to use, and communicates our mission as a church and the heart of the work we do together.

As most of you would know by now, there will be two separate but interconnected spaces.

The public facing website is designed to share the story of the Uniting Church in Queensland, and to connect to the life of the church and beyond to share our hope in Christ and faith for a new season.

Our hope is that the public website shares the story of the Uniting Church in Queensland and encourages people to:

- WALK WITH US - learn more about us and connect to a local church near them, or become actively involved in our Synod-wide discipleship journey,
- WORK WITH US - consider volunteering, or apply to our Boards and Committees or other positions across the Synod,
- LEND a HAND - donate to help others across our church and our communities or find out more about support that is available, and
- TAKE A STAND – come together to stand up and speak out in response to the Uniting Church's call to advocate for social justice.

The HUB is designed as a user friendly access point for documents and information for all of those who work together as the Uniting Church in Queensland

We hope that it enables, equips, and encourages office holders in congregations and presbyteries, ministry agents, people on boards and committees and all those involved in working groups and communities of practice. It will contain the policies, guidance and forms you need and a planner to inform you of important quarterly and monthly tasks.

The launch date is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, and in preparation, the current website will be down on Tuesday 26.

Please be aware that the website URL will not change and on March 27 you can connect as usual.

We are committed to continuing to engage across the Synod so that both sites continue to improve and serve the needs of the life of the church in our Synod. Please contact us on communications@ucaqld.com.au with any enquiries or requests and hub.comms@ucaqld.com.au with questions and suggestions specific to the HUB.

Disaster Chaplaincy Training: Opportunity for Chaplains and Pastors

Disaster Chaplaincy Training is open to the ordained or those accredited by chaplaincy organisations. Gain deployment permission for evacuation and recovery centres. Redlands session is next month, followed by Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Chinchilla, Bundaberg, Longreach, Sunshine Coast, and Gympie.

[More information is available here.](#)

Grants – Queensland Child Protection Week

Purpose

The Queensland Child Protection Week Committee is offering Grants for the staging of public events that positively support the Child Protection Week theme throughout the State.

Overview

Events held during Queensland Child Protection Week give the community a chance to get involved and give their support to the important issues that we promote.

Regional Grant

Regional Grants of \$5,000 (exclusive GST) are available for each of the six regional areas of Queensland. The regions are:

- Far North Queensland
- North Queensland
- Sunshine Coast & Central Queensland
- Brisbane & Moreton Bay
- South East Queensland
- South West Queensland

Funding submissions must reflect collaboration with a minimum of five other agencies within the region. To be eligible for funding your submission must respond to the selection criteria for the Regional Grants.

Activity Grant

Grants of up to \$1000 (exclusive of GST) are available to non-government organisations, community organisations and networks. Successful applicants may receive full or partial grants. The Queensland Child Protection Week Committee encourages applications for events that have been designed to positively support the theme and aims of Child Protection Week.

Thus your local activity will:

- promote the theme 'Protecting children is everybody's business'
- promote our Key Messages
- provide people with an opportunity for ongoing involvement in helping prevent abuse and neglect
- provide drug and alcohol free family friendly events
- The event/activity must be completed within Child Protection Week 1 - 7 September 2024.
- where possible, link participants to a broad range of information, resources and services already available through government and non-government organisations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Grant

Not for profit groups operating in Queensland can apply for the one off grant payment of \$5,000 (exclusive GST) through the QCPW Committee. This grant will be awarded to a not-for-profit community group to enhance and promote child protection messages within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

To be eligible for funding your submission must respond to the selection criteria outlined below.

1. Facilitate an event across multiple locations that promotes the theme Protecting Children is Everybody's Business and reflects the interests and diversity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community;
2. The event/activity must be completed within Child Protection Week 1 - 7 September 2024.
3. Raise awareness of child abuse and neglect as an issue within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
4. Promote local services available to support children and families who have experienced child abuse and neglect, or are at risk
5. Equip individuals and communities with knowledge and skills to understand child abuse and neglect and empower them to take action
6. Funding submissions must reflect collaboration with other agencies across multiple regional locations (minimum 5 organisations required)
7. The lead organisation applying for the grant should be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation

Example

Examples of events previously held:

- Family Fun Days with information on local services to support children and families who have experienced abuse and neglect, or are at risk
- Education sessions providing information on child abuse and neglect services provided directly to children and families
- Art exhibitions showcasing works which capture the theme Protecting Children is Everybodys Business
- Professional development sessions for those working in the Child Protection sector (excludes mandatory training)
- Family movie events with stands providing information on local child protection services
- Educational safety sessions targeted at keeping Children and Young People safe online (excludes cyber bullying)
- Community Events which promote Child Protection Week Key Messages

Limitations - Eligibility & Examples

Examples of organisations eligible for funding under the Child Protection Week Grants include:

- Non-Government Organisations, Neighbourhood Centres, Childcare Centres, Womens Centres, Parents and Friends/Citizens/ Associations, Police Citizens Youth Clubs, Community Playgroups, Youth Centres.
- Organisations can only submit one application per funding round for any one location
- Applications for funding will be considered for new and separate activities/events of existing projects

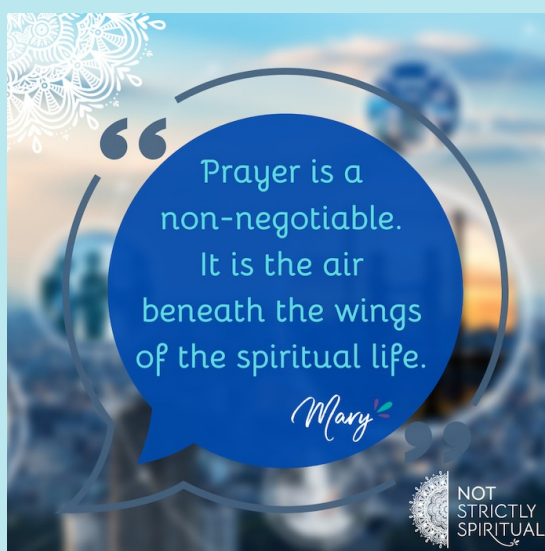
Examples of organisations ineligible for funding under Child Protection Week Grants are:

- Government organisations (e.g Department of Education Training and the Arts, Queensland Health), Local Government authorities (e.g. City Councils).
- Organisations applying for funding for a project that already has funding from another source.
- Organisations having a previous Child Protection Week Activity Grant that has reached the acquittal stage, but have not provided a satisfactory performance report.
- The following activities do not fall under child protection and are not eligible for grants (bullying, water safety, car safety, cyber bullying)

Prue Saxby's free grant list

If you would like to receive Prue Saxby's free grant list and resources you can click on the link below and sign up.

<https://indigogold.com.au/free-grant-list-weekly-tips/>



From The Word for Today...

Set other things aside and serve

'Jesus ... poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet ...' John 13:3-5 NKJV

When it came to serving others, Jesus went first. He *'... rose from supper and... laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He... poured water into a basin and... began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. ... Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"'* (John 13:4-6 NKJV).

Try to imagine God incarnate with an apron on, kneeling to wash the feet of those who were unworthy. The Bible says, *'Jesus ... laid aside His garments.'* If you want to serve others, you must be willing to lay aside your image, your comfort, and your agenda. By laying aside His garments, Jesus demonstrated that God has no time for form or fashion.

Real ministry isn't image-conscious; it's done with complete disregard for distinction. But Peter didn't get it! He was embarrassed to think Jesus would let Himself be seen in such a demeaning light. So, Jesus said: *'You call Me Teacher and Lord ... If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you ... If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them'* (John 13:13-15, 17 NKJV). There are certain things in your life that must be set aside in order to serve others and do the will of God.

If you want to be blessed, don't join those who delight in their own speeches and who trumpet their own accomplishments. Set aside everything you privately glory in and pick up the towel of servanthood. Don't wait for someone else to do it. You go first!

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OUR LOVING GOD IN THE MIDST OF HIS DISCIPLES

JOHN 13:3-5

^[3] Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,^[4] rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ^[5] Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

