

# Link



## Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ **NEW OFFICE NO: Carpentaria Presbytery Office has new phone number: 0459 544 507**
- ◆ **Link Newsletter will now go out every 2wks (not weekly) – next Link on 5 June**
- ◆ **REMINDER: Please return your feedback about the Presbytery meeting in May asap (emailed to delegates on 10<sup>th</sup> May)**
- ◆ **Garry and Craig will be in Thursday Island this w/end**
- ◆ **To subscribe to Uniting News: Click the link [here](#) and add your details.**



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# Carpentaria News...

## DATE CLAIMERS

- **1<sup>st</sup> June** – Wendy McHugh conclusion service at Aitkenvale UC at 1.00pm
- **22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Mark Dewar conclusion service at Innisfail UC at 2.00pm
- **21<sup>st</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Christy Allen on holidays
- **11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> July** – 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Sydney
- **2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> September** – Presbytery Leadership Team face to face meeting in Townsville
- **31<sup>st</sup> October** – Garry Hardingham's final day as Presbytery Minister Rural
- **1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Presbytery Meeting 2 in Townsville
- **4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Presbytery Leadership Team Strategic Meeting in Townsville

## Conclusion Service for Rev Wendy McHugh

Please join us to mark the Conclusion of Rev Wendy McHugh as Regional Support Worker for Prison Ministry, UnitingCare Queensland at Aitkenvale UC at 1.00pm. After the service, please join us for a light afternoon tea.

## Accommodation Wanted

Craig Mischewski and Jude are looking to rent a house in Cairns - 4 bedroom preferably, 2 bathroom and large yard for dogs in quiet area.

If you can assist Craig please call him on mob: 0400 036 630

## Mercer Superannuation Plan Information Session

Ministry agents across the state are invited to attend an information session to help you understand the Benefits of the Mercer Superannuation Plan. The session will cover who Mercer is, an overview of the Uniting Church Super Plan, the fees and how they compare, investment options and their performance, insurance and premiums, services to members, and how to join.

- [Register for the information session here](#)

You can also [register for a complimentary Super Check](#) appointment to discuss your super arrangements.

## Safe Church update - Follow-up

### New Statement of Personal Commitment

The [Statement of Personal Commitment](#) (SOPC) has been reviewed using feedback from congregations to improve it. The new SOPC uses simple words that everyone can understand. It includes rules and guidelines for all volunteers, what you need to know about volunteering, and what's expected of you. The new SOPC replaces the Junior SOPC and the 'old' SOPC and is located in the

Hub. All volunteers who signed their SOPC this year are still compliant and can use the new SOPC next year.

### New ministry agent Statement of Commitment

The ministry agent [Statement of Commitment](#) (SOC) has been updated to align with the new Safe Church Policy. All ministry agents who signed their SOC this year are still compliant and can use the new SOC next year.

More information is available on the [Hub](#).

Please let us know how we can work together better to ensure everyone can connect, contribute and belong. Contact Lynde Davy at [safechurch@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:safechurch@ucaqld.com.au) or 07 3377 9983

### GENTS Camp FNQ 2024 – 5-9 July 2024

The Gents Camp is back on after a break of a few years. Please distribute through your networks so we can give this camp a good restart.

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The poster features the SU Australia logo at the top left with the tagline 'Discovering Life'. The main title 'GENTS CAMP FNQ 2024' is prominently displayed. A stylized 'GENTS CAMP' logo with a splatter effect is on the right. The poster is divided into sections: 'ABOUT' with three bullet points, 'WHEN' (Monday 1st to Friday 5th July 2024), 'WHERE' (Quinolla Lakes, 83 Andrickson Rd, Malanda QLD 4885), and 'COST' (\$320 per person, plus \$28 for a camp shirt). At the bottom, it includes the slogan 'Where real men are born!', contact information, and a registration link: <https://brushfire.com/sua/camp/571644>.

### Lifeline Giving Day on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Lifeline Giving Day is on Thursday, 30 May and lend resources available to distribute within your circles & congregations and is available on website which is live [www.lifelinegivingday.com.au](http://www.lifelinegivingday.com.au) One in six Australians will consider suicide in their lifetime. When you think of all the people you interact with on a daily basis, all the people you love and care about, that one in six could be any one of them. This Lifeline Giving Day, just \$39 helps us answer a call from someone in crisis. Any amount makes a difference.

In relation to DONATIONS, our Connect100 Mission group has set up a [UnitingCare's Mission Team fundraising page](#) which we would prefer congregations/contacts to use. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a meaningful impact.

## National Reconciliation Week – 27 May to 3 June

National Reconciliation Week occurs from 27 May to 3 June. The 2024 theme, 'Now More Than Ever,' reminds all Australians to continue the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. A national resource has been developed for the Uniting Church to help explore this year's theme, which offers activities and materials for congregations and individuals during Reconciliation Week. [Click here for the resource](#)

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Covenant – 10 July

July 10 marks the 30th anniversary of the [Covenant](#) between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and the Uniting Church in Australia. The National Assembly will soon release resources to equip Uniting Church communities to mark and celebrate these anniversaries in worship and reflect on their history and ongoing significance.

- [Read more and sign up for resources](#) when they become available

Learn more about Living the Covenant Locally [here](#)

# From The Word for Today...

## Stand on God's Word

**'Hell and Destruction are never full; So the eyes of man are never satisfied.'** Proverbs 27:20 NKJV

**When you're controlled by materialism.** The flawed philosophy behind materialism is 'more, more, more!' And it's the result of 'eye trouble'. The Bible says, '*The eyes of man are never satisfied.*' (see Proverbs 27:20) It's okay to want a nice home, a reliable car, and financial security. God will provide those things when you're a good steward of what He has already entrusted you with. But when you want more than you need or more than what's required to fulfil His will, the Bible calls it vanity. The word could be defined as being empty, hollow, or without purpose. Solomon writes, '*He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity*' (Ecclesiastes 5:10 NKJV).

So, before you ask God for prosperity, ask Him to reveal your life's purpose because they're directly linked. Jesus said, '... *"Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."* (Luke 12:15 NKJV). God uses a different measuring stick, and His Word says, '*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work ... Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God*' (2 Corinthians 9:8, 10-11 NIV).

Is God willing to bless you financially? Yes, but only when you are willing to be a conduit and a distributor of His blessings.

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