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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 3 July**
- ◆ **NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR CARPENTARIA OFFICE AS OF 1 JULY – Office will open 9.00-3.30pm from Mon-Fri**
- ◆ **Closing Service for Rev Mark Dewar will be held on Sat, 22 June at Innisfail UC at 2.00pm**
- ◆ **To subscribe to Uniting News: Click the link [here](#) and add your details.**

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Carpentaria News...

Closing Service for Rev Mark Dewar on 22 June at 2.00pm

A Closing Service for Rev Mark Dewar from Cassowary Coast will be held on **Saturday, 22 June at 2.00pm** at Innisfail Uniting Church, 8 Scullen Avenue. All are welcome and Afternoon Tea will be provided to share afterwards.

NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR CARPENTARIA OFFICE AS OF 1 JULY 2024

New Office Hours for Carpentaria Office will be Mon - Fri from 9.00am – 3.30pm. New office phone number is 0459 544 507

For general questions, administration, Blue Cards, Safe Ministry for Children, or assistance - contact Ana

Robyn's new hours from 1 July 2024 will be Mon - Thurs 8:30am - 4:00pm, Fridays OFF

For questions or assistance with Xero, banking, annual returns or other finance related matters as well as questions on property (forms to be used, processes, MDF, proposals) - contact Robyn

DATE CLAIMERS

- **22nd June** – Mark Dewar Closing Service at Innisfail UC at 2.00pm
- **21st June - 2nd July** – Christy Allen on leave
- **24th - 28th June** – Ana on leave
- **7th July** – Ian Ness Closing Service at Bowen UC at 9.00am and 5.00pm or 6.00pm evening time to be confirmed
- **10th - 12th July** – Robyn on leave
- **11th - 16th July** – 17th Assembly in Sydney
- **21st July** – Craig Mischewski Closing Service at St Luke's Weipa Cooperative congregation (time to be confirmed)
- **2nd - 4th September** – Presbytery Leadership Team face to face meeting in Townsville
- **1st July - 31st October** – Garry Hardingham's final annual leave and LSL before final day as Presbytery Minister Rural
- **1st - 3rd November** – Presbytery Meeting 2 in Townsville
- **4th - 7th November** – Presbytery Leadership Team Strategic Meeting in Townsville

Napranum for Christ Crusade information from 27th - 30th June 2024

The evangelism crusade starts at 6pm. Speakers are as follows:-

- a. Thursday Night - Rev Tevita Niurua [Minister - St Barnabas Uniting Church - Napranum]
- b. Friday Night also Youth Night # 1 - Rev Bruce Moore [Qld Synod Moderator]
- c. Saturday Night also Youth Night #2 - Rev Semi Ratuvoka [Minister - House of Hope Church – Weipa]
- d. Sunday Morning at 9.00am - Crusade Closing - Rev Ben Hakalitz [Snr Minister - Living Light Gospel Church – Cairns]

From The Word for Today...

Get into the right environment

'Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.' Proverbs 13:20 NLT

When you encounter someone who tries to 'cut you down to size', remind yourself they are probably trying to cut you down to *their* size. So, what should you do? Love them, but don't be overly influenced by what they say. As a rule, instead of staying where you're tolerated, go where you're appreciated!

The Japanese bonsai tree is tiny, growing only about eighteen inches tall. To create a bonsai, a young sapling is pulled from the soil. Then the taproot and some of the feeder shoots are tied off. Thus, the growth of the bonsai tree is deliberately stunted. By contrast, the California sequoia tree grows large. For example, the General Sherman in California's Sequoia National Park stands 275 feet and measures 100 feet in circumference at its trunk. If felled, it would provide enough lumber to build over 30 five-room homes! The sequoia begins life as a small seed, no bigger than the bonsai seed. So, what makes the difference? The sequoia sapling is allowed to be nourished in the rich California soil and sunshine.

Now, neither the bonsai nor the sequoia has a choice in determining how large it will become—but you do! For instance, you can't go through life blaming others, including your parents, for what they may or may not have done in the past. So, here are your options: Stay where you are and suffer, or move to a rich, fertile, nourishing environment where you can grow. Is that always easy? No. But if you believe what Jesus said, '*The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life*' (John 10:10 NLT), you will be willing to do it.

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