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## Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

### Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ **NEW OFFICE NO: Carpentaria Presbytery Office has new phone number: 0459 544 507**
- ◆ **NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR CARPENTARIA OFFICE AS OF 1 JULY – Office will open 9.00-3.30pm from Mon-Fri**
- ◆ **Christy has been in Sydney for Assembly meeting, now in Brisbane for Presbytery/PSI & Placements meetings, then she will travel to Weipa for Closing Service on Sun**
- ◆ **Closing Service for Rev Craig Mischewski at St Luke's Weipa congregation on 21 July at 9.15am**
- ◆ **To subscribe to Uniting News: Click the link [here](#) and add your details.**

### Presbytery Office NEW

#### Postal Address

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**NEW NO: 0459 544 507**

#### NEW Office Hours

**Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri**  
**9.00am-3.30pm**

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## JULY 17, 2024

BIBLE VERSE & DEVOTION AND PRAYER

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

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# Carpentaria News...

## 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*

## Pics from Closing Service for Pastor Ian Ness at Bowen UC

On Sunday, 7 July at 9.00am Presbytery members from Ingham, Townsville and the Burdekin travelled to join in the closing morning service for Pastor Ian Ness at Bowen UC. Another special closing service was held at 5.00pm with the seasonal workers.





## DATE CLAIMERS

- **21<sup>st</sup> July** – Craig Mischewski Closing Service at St Luke's Weipa Cooperative congregation at 9.15am
- **2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> September** – Presbytery Leadership Team face to face meeting in Townsville
- **1<sup>st</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Garry Hardingham's final annual leave and LSL before 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

## 2024/2025 Insurance Renewal Questionnaires – DUE 31 JULY 2024

The 2024/2025 insurance renewal questionnaires have now been emailed to all congregations during June 2024. The information collected will assist the Church's insurance broker in ensuring appropriate cover is in place for the period. The insurance team asks that the questionnaire be completed and returned by 31 July 2024. If any congregation has not received a questionnaire or needs help completing it, please contact the team at [ucinsurance@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:ucinsurance@ucaqld.com.au) or [07 3377 9804](tel:0733779804).

## REMINDER: Foundation Short Courses (Courses are Free)

The Centre for Ministry and Leadership is again offering a range of foundational short courses in July which people from Moreton Rivers Presbytery and the wider Qld Synod Presbyteries will be able to attend. These formation and education resources will be delivered across a number of intensive blocks. Unless otherwise designated face to face workshops (including Hybrid) will be run out of Clayfield Uniting Church, 170 Bonney Ave, Clayfield.

Please Note: These workshops are suitable for those needing to complete Ministry of Pastor Core Competencies, or specific study requirements for a Period of Discernment, & Lay Preacher requirements.

### [Registration link](#)

- Basis of Union - 23rd & 30th July 6:30-8:30pm hybrid
- Code of Ethics - 25th July 9-12:30pm in person only
- Sacramental Practices - 25th July 1-6pm hybrid

## Learning for Living Semester 2 – Lay Preacher Course (18 July to 7 Nov)

Registrations Link : <https://forms.office.com/r/14QRqxR4Dt>

You are invited to join us online for **Semester 2 of the Learning for Living Course** run by the Moreton Rivers Presbytery. This semester is a continuation from Semester 1's Talking with God, but it is okay to start here at Semester two. This course is designed as a general interest course suitable for all those wanting to explore their faith further as well as for those wishing to undertake Lay Preacher accreditation or considering a period of discernment. It is facilitated by Rev Lyn Burden and Dr Shirley Coulson and other qualified guest presenters. Course held every **Thursday night from 6:30-8:30pm**. Any further information can be sought by contacting the Moreton Rivers Presbytery office via email: [office@mrpres.org.au](mailto:office@mrpres.org.au)

## UnitingWorld Sunday Service

Are you interested in inspiring your congregation with a glimpse of God's work in the wider world? Hosting a **UnitingWorld Sunday service** is a great way to do that. Here's why:

**1. Get to know our church partners!** - We in the UCA are blessed to be in partnership with churches across the Pacific, Asia and Africa. They are vibrant, inspiring, and dedicated people of God who are transforming lives and communities for the better.

**2. Great new resources!** - We have a complete liturgy, video sermon (from West Timor this year), PowerPoint, music suggestions and printed materials to introduce our program areas as well as giving slips to respond.

**3. Make a real difference!** - By participating, your congregation can make a real difference in the lives of others, giving to support sustainable community development that is tackling the causes and consequences of poverty and injustice.

*Our new resources for 2024 are available now. Find out more [here](#) or [sign up now](#).*

*It's only the second year we've run UnitingWorld Sunday, but we're excited to grow it into a regular fixture of the UCA calendar – helping as many of our members to connect with the work of our church partners as possible. Last year we had more than 80 churches host a service - [check out some pics here](#). [If yours was one of those churches, thank you! We know you will enjoy our new liturgy.]*

*I hope you'll join us this year to be inspired, connect with our partners and help us make a real difference. Please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Guyatt by email at [jennyg@unitingworld.org.au](mailto:jennyg@unitingworld.org.au) or mobile: 0439 982 156 if she can be of any assistance in running a service at your church.*

## **Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry – Leader (6, 13 & 20 Aug 2024)**

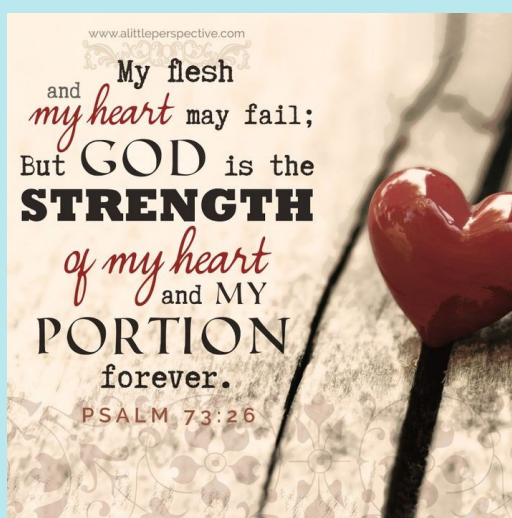
### **About the course**

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry - Leader is a 3-day program designed to give participants an introduction to the key concepts and practices of ministering with congregations and agencies in times of transition. While it is a stand-alone program, it is also the first phase of training that leads to being qualified as an Intentional Interim Minister. Thus, it is useful in itself for anyone in lay or ordained ministry, and also for those exploring whether they are called to Intentional Interim Ministry.

### **Who is this course for?**

- People in Presbytery leadership roles
- People in the latter half of Third Phase of Ministry
- Ministers intending to do significant amounts of supply
- Ministers moving from chaplaincy/agency roles into congregational ministry
- Ministers in placements going through significant transitions, such as looking for new mission directions, contemplating combining/closing, moving to resource ministry.

Register here and cost is \$300 <https://events.humanitix.com/fundamentals-of-transitional-ministry-part-1-the-work-of-the-leader>



## From The Word for Today...

### Knowing who belongs in your life

**'I will test them for you there; and he of whom I say to you, 'This man shall go with you,' shall go with you; ...' Judges 7:4 RSV**

Gideon chose thirty-two thousand soldiers to fight the Midianites. But the truth is, you don't need *lots* of people in your life, you just need the *right* people. So, when Gideon said, '*Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home*' (Judges 7:3 RSV), twenty-two thousand soldiers left. But God told him he still had too many, and added, '*I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not.*' (see Judges 7:4)

Consequently, Gideon ended up with three hundred soldiers—but they won the battle! Don't worry about numbers; God can still do more with less. Just be prepared to lose some friends, for where God is taking you, they can't go. God took the same spirit that rested on Moses and placed it on seventy leaders so they could help him (see Numbers 11:16-17). That's what you need—people with the same *spirit* as you. Just because somebody is talented doesn't mean they belong in your life. If spiritual gifts are the standard by which we measure, what about Balaam's donkey? He prophesied (see Numbers 22:21-33)!

The important question is, 'Does this person have the right spirit?' As you work with others, recognise that we all have certain things in common. People like to feel special, so compliment them (just make sure it's genuine). They want a better tomorrow, so give them hope. They want direction, so lead them. They're self-concerned, so address their needs first. They get low emotionally, so encourage them. They want success, so help them achieve it. Your success depends on having the right people in your life. That's why you must pray and rely on God's guidance.

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