



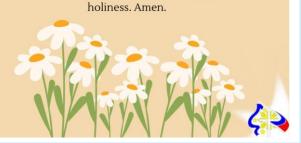


Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- 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 will be in Brisbane on Thurs for Synod Standing Committee meeting
- Craig on leave until
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PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Lord Jesus Christ, Source of all miracles and graces, we humbly seek Your powerful help to bless us and guide us this Month of August. Be with us, Lord, in all our dealings and affairs. May we shun all things that can lead us to sin. Please preserve us in



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Carpentaria News...

120th Anniversary of Aurukun Foundation Day (founded on 4 Aug 1904)

Christy and Craig traveled to Aurukun to join the Aurukun faith community in celebrating their 120th anniversary on Saturday, 4 August 2024. The community were all invited to the opening of the refurbished church building and to celebrate the 120th anniversary of Aurukun Foundation Day. The day began with a special celebration of faith and blessing of new signage, followed by dancing and feasting (pics to follow).

DATE CLAIMERS

- 2nd 4th September Presbytery Leadership Team face to face meeting in Townsville
- 5th September 7th October Robyn on leave
- 1st July 31st October Garry Hardingham's final annual leave and LSL before final day as Presbytery Minister Rural
- 18th-19th October Presbytery Officer Bearers and Synod Officer gathering in Brisbane
- 30th October Calvary Zone meeting at Cairns Emmanuel UCA
- 1st November Convocation for Ministry Agents at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- 1st 3rd November Presbytery Meeting 2 at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- 4th 7th November Presbytery Leadership Team Strategic Meeting in Townsville

Pics at Oly Homes at Cooroy – Progress on the Houses for Thursday Island (provided by Garry)









From The Word for Today...

Where do our prayers go?

'Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.' Acts 10:4 NIV

Have you ever wondered where your prayers go? The answer is 'up for a memorial before God'. Notice that they are 'before' Him. They are in His hands and on His mind. Here when Cornelius prayed, God not only changed his circumstances, but He also changed history; for the first time, Gentiles heard the Gospel and became part of the Kingdom of God.

How long had Cornelius been praying? We don't know; the Bible says, 'He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.' (Acts 10:2 NIV). Prayer was not a hotline Cornelius used when he got into trouble or had a problem he couldn't solve. He 'prayed to God regularly'. He had a lifestyle of prayer.

The word 'memorial' means God remembers what you pray about. Prayer is like putting money into your bank account. You may not draw on it today or tomorrow, but it will be there when you need it. Don't get caught up in religious rituals. You can pray anywhere, anytime, about anything, and God will answer you.

'Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice' (Psalm 55:17 NKJV). When you run out of petrol on the motorway, you can't blame the car. You got busy doing other things and neglected what was important. Prayer makes you conscious of God, keeps you connected to God, and positions you to receive what you need from God. So, keep praying because your prayers go 'up for a memorial before God.'

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