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## Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

### Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ❖ **NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR CARPENTARIA OFFICE AS OF 1 JULY – Office will open 9.00-3.30pm from Mon-Fri (NEW OFFICE NO - 0459 544 507)**
- ❖ **Carpentaria Presbytery Service on Fri, 1 Nov at 7pm at Mount Louisa UCA (ministry agents are invited to robe or wear stole for procession)**
- ❖ **Prayers for upcoming Presbytery meeting, PLT Strategic meeting and safe travel for all attending**
- ❖ **Registration for Presbytery Meeting at Mount Louisa Community Church in Townsville on Fri, 1 Nov to Sun, 3 Nov CLOSES ON FRI, 25 OCT**
- ❖ **To subscribe to Uniting News: Click the link [here](#) and add your details.**

### Presbytery Office NEW

#### Postal Address

PO Box 6071  
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#### NEW Office Hours

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

#### Executive Assistant

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#### Presbytery Administrator

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Be JOYFUL in *hope*,  
PATIENT in *affliction*,  
FAITHFUL in *prayer*.

ROMANS 12:12

### Registration Link for Presbytery Meeting – 1-3 November 2024

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/event/s/event2323.php>

**Registrations must be finalised by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October (to allow for catering preparation)**

# Carpentaria News...

## DATE CLAIMERS

- **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
- **26<sup>th</sup> October** – Northern Zone meeting at North Church Cairns UCA
- **28<sup>th</sup> October** – Carpentaria reps to 38<sup>th</sup> Synod due
- **30<sup>th</sup> October** – Calvary Zone meeting at Cairns Emmanuel UCA
- **1<sup>st</sup> November** – Convocation for Ministry Agents at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- **1<sup>st</sup> November** – Carpentaria Presbytery Service at 7.00pm at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- **1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Presbytery Meeting 2 at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- **4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Presbytery Leadership Team Strategic Meeting in Townsville

## 38<sup>th</sup> SYNOD – REPS FROM CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

The 38th Synod in Session will be held from Friday, 16 May to Monday, 19 May 2025. The plenary sessions of the Synod will be held in the Auditorium, Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands, on the Sunshine Coast.

The theme for the 38th Synod in Session continues to build on the them of “RENEWAL”. Can congregations please start making decisions as to who the Reps (Ministry agent and Lay) will be that attends the Synod meeting. All ministry agents are required to attend.

No person should be elected to the Synod who cannot guarantee attendance at more than 80% of the Synod.

Please send your information to Ana at [office@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:office@ucacarpentaria.com.au) as we need to collate our roll before our Presbytery meeting on 1-3 November 2024 so **if everyone can aim to get their rep info to Ana by 28 October 2024** that would be great.

## National Safe Church Unit to Close at the End of the Year

The National Safe Church Unit (NSCU) has operated as an organization within the broader Uniting Church, set up jointly by the Standing Committees of all Synods and the Assembly, and jointly funded by all Synods and the Assembly. Proposals to close the NSCU have already been resolved by some Synod Standing Committees. Other SSC and the Assembly Standing Committee will consider these proposals at their respective meetings over Oct and Nov. Presuming all Standing Committees resolve the proposals, the NSCU will move into a transition process, ceasing operations by 31 December 2024.

Questions regarding how Synod Safe Church or Culture of Safety units will continue to support Congregations, Presbyteries and Ministers in ensuring that we are a Safe Church should be directed to the appropriate Synod contacts:

**Uniting Church, Queensland Synod**  
 Lynde Davy, Safe Church Assurance and Support Officer  
[safeministrywithchildren@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:safeministrywithchildren@ucaqld.com.au) or [ucaqld.com.au/synod-services/safety/safe-ministry-with-children](https://ucaqld.com.au/synod-services/safety/safe-ministry-with-children)

# From The Word for Today...

## Knowing when to be quiet

### A time to be quiet and a time to speak.' Ecclesiastes 3:7 NLT

Calvin Coolidge, the thirtieth US president, was known as a reserved man who spoke very little. One day, when a reporter attempted to interview him, the conversation went like this:

Reporter: 'Do you wish to say anything about the threat of war in Europe?'

Coolidge: 'No.'

Reporter: 'Do you have anything to say about the strike in the clothing factories?'

Coolidge: 'No.'

Reporter: 'Do you have anything to say about the League of Nations?'

Coolidge: 'No.'

Reporter: 'Would you care to comment on the farm production problem?'

Coolidge: 'No.'

As the reporter was leaving the room, Coolidge unexpectedly called him back and said with a smile, 'Don't quote me!'

The Bible says, *'For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. ... A time to be quiet and a time to speak'* (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7 NLT). Never allow yourself to be pressured into saying something you don't want to say or get drawn in when you don't feel like talking. Silence isn't a lack of communication; it's a form of communication and can be a very effective one! Proverbs 29:11 (NKJV) says, *'A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.'*

One thing is for sure, what you don't say today, you won't have to explain or apologise for tomorrow. If your tendency is to speak without thinking, or when you have nothing constructive to add, weigh the situation carefully and ask God for wisdom before deciding if you should speak or be quiet. Remember: *'Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.'* (Proverbs 17:28 NKJV).

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