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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)**
- ❖ **Christy in Brisbane for Presbytery Ministers PSI and Placements meetings this week**
- ❖ **Carpentaria Presbytery Advent Appeal for Kennedy Patrol will run from 24 Nov to 29 December 2024**
- ❖ **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 NO: 0459 544 507**

#### NEW Office Hours

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

#### Executive Assistant

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### CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY OFFICE

### CLOSURE DURING CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

20 December 2024 to 13 January 2025

Give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this  
is God's will for you  
in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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# Carpentaria News...

## DATE CLAIMERS

### 2024 Dates

- 4th & 18th December – Final 'Links'
- 16 Dec 2024 to 10 Jan 2025 – Ana on Leave
- 1-19 January 2025 – Christy on Leave
- 20 December 2024 to 13 January 2025 – Carpentaria Presbytery Office Closed

### 2025 Dates

- 27-31 January – Budget & Strategic meetings in Cairns
- 28-30 March – #1 Presbytery Meeting in Cairns at Cairns Emmanuel
- 16-19 May – 38th Synod in Session at Alex Park
- 10-11 August – PLT (face to face) at Ingham or Innisfail
- 11-14 August – Presbytery Retreat at Cardwell starting with dinner
- 31 Oct to 2 November - #2 Presbytery Meeting in Townsville at Mount Louisa Community Church
- 3-5 November – Strategic Meeting (face to face) in Townsville (tbc)

## CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY ADVENT APPEAL FOR KENNEDY PATROL



The Carpentaria Presbytery, in partnership with Frontier Services, ministers to remote rural, indigenous and isolated communities in the Kennedy Patrol comprising Cape York Peninsula and the Gulf Savannah regions. The Patrol serves people in the small communities and large properties that are a part of this remote area including Coen, Georgetown, Bamaga, Pormpuraaw and Cooktown.

With increased fuel prices we are running an Advent Appeal to help Kennedy Patrol with fuel costs. If your congregation or members of your congregation have a passion to support this ministry, you can hold a fundraiser, take a collection or a retiring offering during advent (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024). Please direct all contributions to the following account:

**Bank BSB:** 014-503  
**Bank Account:** 412172554  
**Account Name:** UCA – Kennedy Patrol  
**Reference:** Advent Appeal 2024

If you have any questions, please contact our Presbytery Office on 0459 544 507 or email: [office@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:office@ucacarpentaria.com.au)

# From The Word for Today...

## God can use you

**'I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work ... and appointed me to serve him.'** 1 Timothy 1:12 NLT

One of the greatest missionaries in the history of the church was Mary Slessor, although she started out as a most unlikely candidate. Because of her father's drinking problem, eleven-year-old Mary was working twelve-hour shifts in the mills, assisting her family in paying their bills. She discovered she could prop books on her loom as she worked. While she read about the land of Calabar (modern Nigeria), Mary grew convinced she should go there as a missionary.

In 1876, she sailed for West Africa aboard the S.S. Ethiopia, which, ironically, was loaded with hundreds of barrels of whiskey. Remembering how alcohol had harmed her family, she said, 'Scores of barrels of whiskey, and only one missionary.' But what a missionary! Mary was a combination of circuit preacher, nanny, nurse, village teacher, and negotiator who alone transformed three pagan regions by preaching the gospel. She deflected tribal wars and rescued women and children by the hundreds. For forty years she toiled as God enabled her. God loves to use people the world overlooks or discards. Mary Slessor was one of them.

So was Paul. *'I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do His work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve Him, even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted His people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus'* (1 Timothy 1:12-14 NLT). The God who used the apostle and Mary Slessor can use you too—if you surrender your life to Him.

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