

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

Link



Presbytery Office Postal Address

PO Box 201,
Mission Beach 4852
(07) 4068 8131

Office Hours

Mon Tues Wed & Friday
8.30am-4.30pm

Executive Assistant

Marie Dewar

(07) 4068 8131

office@ucacarpentaria.com.au

Presbytery Minister Rural & Chairperson

Rev Garry Hardingham

0409 276 940

presminrural@ucacarpentaria.com.au

Presbytery Minister Pastoral & Coastal

Rev Christy Allen

0418 184 834

presmincoastal@ucacarpentaria.com.au

Presbytery Admin. Officer

Robyn Cooley

0429 195 506

admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au

UCA Queensland Synod

Corona-virus Update

For the latest COVID-19 updates and resources, visit the [Synod website](#).

Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For:

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, easy solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Christy & Peter Allen & family, for wisdom, discernment, easy solutions to difficult issues & safety as she travels around our Presbytery.
3. Rev Robert & Louise Brennan, she is having a complete knee replacement 24/3.
4. Rev Robert Brennan & the staff @ Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, dealing with multiple difficult issues.
5. Ps Gewa & Cynthia Au (Mornington Is), she is struggling with some health issues.

Monday Prayer:

God who became flesh, we give thanks for the life lived in Christ, for the ways modelled in Jesus.

For obedience.

For prayerfulness.

For love.

And for all you accomplished through him.

Hebrews 5:5-10

Moderator Andrew Gunton

25th March

Townsville Central City Mission



FREE
screening of
Trinity Un-
plugged lec-
ture Thursday
at 7pm



Why I changed my mind about hell

Speaker: Dan Paterson, founder of Questioning Christianity

Thursday 25 March 2021

Arrive: 6.45pm for a 7pm start

Live-streamed and on-campus.

Live Streamed at:

Townsville Central City Mission

73 Wills Street, Townsville 4810

For more info, contact: Lorneandersonjr@hotmail.com

Free Community Training

April

Great opportunity for vital training in **Cairns / Innisfail / Port Douglas-Mossman** for Community Disaster Recovery . *Registration as below. (limited numbers)*

Cairns 20-21 April 2021, 9am - 5pm Register: <https://lifelinecairns.eventbrite.com.au>

Innisfail 21-22 April 2021, 9am - 5pm Register: <https://lifelineinnisfail.eventbrite.com.au>

Port Douglas 22-23 April 2021, 9am - 5pm Register: <https://lifelineportdouglas.eventbrite.com.au>

10 April

Townsville

Lawn Bowls Jubilee Bowls Club

Date: 10 April 2021 **Time:** 7.45am for 8.00am start

Cost: \$20 (Green Fees & Donation)



Immediately After The Game

Morning Tea and Trophy Presentation @ **Aitkenvale Uniting Church**

To assist the bowls club with preparation and for catering purposes please if possible advise by Thursday if you are attending otherwise just arrive.

Contact: Kay Ph: 0409892795 Email: wazz.kay@bigpond.net.au

All proceeds to McKay Patrol

Join us and continue the good work done by Roy Backer for so many years

LIP BALM FUNDRAISER

COST \$2/tube

SUPPORTING YOUTH, CHAPLAINS AND TRAVEL ACROSS THE PRESBYTERY

GREAT FOR EVERYDAY SUN PROTECTION

GREAT FOR SMALL GIFTS



HANDMADE

IN MACKAY

CONTAINS: Candelilla Wax, Bees Wax, Fractionated Coconut Oil, Castor Oil, Cocoa Butter

Flavours:

***Chocolate** * Coconut Natural ***Pineapple** ***Strawberry** ***Hubba Bubba** *
Watermelon

Flavours: Triples -

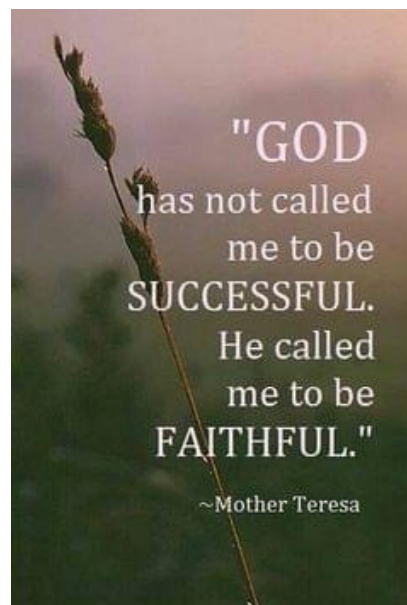
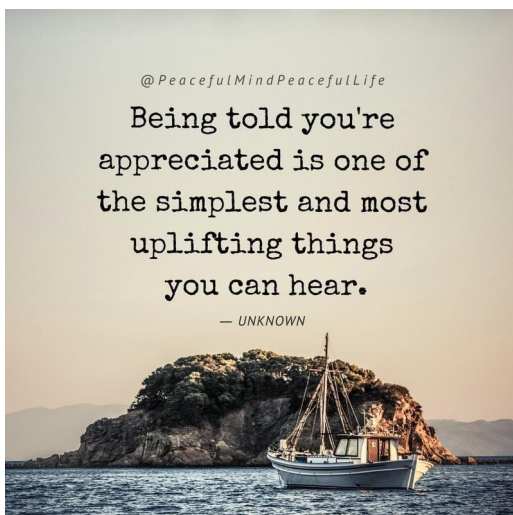
1-#LOL Hubba Bubba, chocolate, musk

2-Tropical (Pineapple, coconut, strawberry)

3-Tutti Frutti (Strawberry, Apple, Orange)

Can be ordered via contacting Robyn Cooley (Presbytery Admin) 0429 195 506

Pay via Direct deposit: Bank: ANZ; Account Name: UCA Carpentaria Presbytery;
BSB: 014-676; Account #: 4749 06 525



Craig's thought

Three (good) reasons your church doesn't grow

<https://youtu.be/14SKZC0vlqU>

Not all of you will agree with this, but perhaps there's a modicum of truth to it.

I think we should be less focused on church growth and more focused on discipleship that results in our people entering into a deeper more humble, obedient and faith filled service that results in all of our folk, including ourselves, engaging all the time in what I now call pastoral evangelism. That is talking about God to others as an act of pastoral care.

I think we have spent too much time propping up the church and preaching Christian doctrine and in so doing we have dis-empowered our people by convincing them that evangelism is about growing the church and teaching people to be Christian. This is not the biblical model. The NT writers clearly focus on teaching people about Jesus Christ and introducing them to the Holy Spirit, church growth was an accidental by-product of this process. In the scriptures, Church is always presented as the gathering of the faith-filled ones, to edify themselves through building each other up in the faith so they can go and tell people about Jesus. Church did not exist in and of itself, it only existed for the purpose of continuing the ministry of Christ.

If you want to hear more about this, I will be leading five sessions on what I have learned over the past 7 months and how it has impacted the ministry I have been called to at the retreat.

As a teaser, in a recent 10-day period 14 people responded to Jesus, last week two more people responded to Jesus. Not one has joined our congregation yet, so I'm taking church to them through informal gatherings and one-to-one connection. In the congregation there has been a move toward humility and abandonment to Christ, the next step, I believe, is them engaging the mission of Christ, they're already convicted about it, now it's time to go beyond conviction to action.

You might ask, how did this happen?

Through humility, vulnerability and doing what I preach and expect, myself. It's about spending the time each day, and I mean lots of it, with God in silence, reflection and study and then letting the ministry emerge out of that. Doing less and achieving more.

This all came at a cost, but it was and is worth it. Craig

Craig Mischewski
St Luke's Weipa/Mapoon Community

Synod News & Info.

Presbytery and congregation news


Conclusion service for Rev Beth Nicholls

Rev Beth Nicholls' placement as Mission Project Officer with South Moreton Presbytery ends 31 March. A service of thanks and conclusion will be held on Saturday 27 March at 2.30pm at Beenleigh Region Uniting Church, 32-50 Mt Warren Blvd, Mt Warren Park.


All are welcome to attend and [registration is required](#).

You can also watch the event on livestream or catch it afterwards on [YouTube](#).

Agency and service provider news



Trinity
UNPLUGGED



Why I changed my mind about hell

Speaker: Dan Paterson, founder of Questioning Christianity
Thursday 25 March 2021
Arrive: 6.45pm for a 7pm start
Live-streamed and on-campus.

Booking is essential. Onsite attendance is limited and we will provide COVID safe information for face-to-face attendees. Zoom attendees will receive an email with event links.

Register to attend:
trinity.qld.edu.au/unplugged

UnitingWorld's new celebration



Seven Days of Solidarity is a celebration of UnitingWorld's global partners. Join us on a journey around the globe from 18-25 April to meet our neighbours and hear their stories of God at work.

[Resources](#) are now available. They include a video to help promote the event, a video for the first Sunday and a full liturgy for "Celebration Sunday" (25 April) with a video sermon from Assembly President Dr Deidre Palmer. You can also order free physical resources.

Share in stories, photos, prayer requests and actions for solidarity. Each day is a beautiful window into a different part of the world, with a glimpse of God using ordinary people to create extraordinary change.

Find out how you can get involved [here](#).