

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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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. Ps Gewa & Cynthia Au (Mornington Is), she is struggling with some health issues.

Louise would like to convey her thanks for your prayers her recovery is going well!!!!

Monday Prayer:

God of great hope we thank you this Easter that through the sacrifice of one we can see redemption for all, through the resurrection glory we are set free for new beginnings & through infinite love we find our purpose as your loved children. May we continually offer our praises to you this Easter, Alleluia, Christ is Risen. Amen

Moderator Andrew Gunton

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting 14-16th May

Registrations Open

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/event/signup.php?id=40>

Remember all congregations have their ministry agent & 1 Rep. **Please register ASAP**

Others may come as observers, they cannot vote. However, as an extra you or your congregation is responsible for all payments.

If you have registered & have not received an invoice please send me an email & I will forward it to you.

Marie

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>

Thursday 24th June & 1st July

Lend a handBecome a pastoral care volunteer



Do you want to become equipped with the skills to provide pastoral care & support to people in your church & local community?

The **Volunteers CARE Essentials Course** is a basic introduction to Christian pastoral care where you will learn the foundational skills needed to get started on your pastoral care journey.

Venue: Mt Louisa Community Church (485 Bayswater Rd, Mt Louisa **Townsville**)

Date: Thursday 24th June & 1st July **Time: 9am- 5pm**

More info contact Jan: topspot88@gmail.com

Register Now: ucaqlld.com.au/volunteerscare

Lip Balm Fundraiser: At the November 2020 Presbytery, we launched the Lip Balm Fundraiser for Carpentaria. While it is new to Carpentaria, it has proved a very successful venture in CQ. I have attached a flyer to indicate costs, flavours and how to order. How can you and your congregation be involved?

1. A Fundraiser for the Presbytery - ordering and buying direct from the Presbytery, helps support travel for Presbytery meetings, youth camps and Hospital Chaplains. These are \$2 each. The Presbytery makes \$1/tube, as the costs to make the lip balms are \$1.
 2. A Fundraiser for your congregation / group - Your congregation / group can purchase tubes for \$1 each and then sell them for \$2 (the normal selling price), giving your congregation a profit of \$1 for every tube sold.
- If you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact Robyn about this. I will be taking a good supply of these lip balms with me to Presbytery, so will be passing through Townsville and many coastal congregations on the way to Innisfail and back again.

LIP BALM FUNDRAISER

COST \$2/tube

SUPPORTING YOUTH, CHAPLAINS AND TRAVEL ACROSS THE PRESBYTERY

GREAT FOR EVERYDAY SUN PROTECTION

GREAT FOR STOCKING FILLERS AND SMALL GIFTS



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

Flavours: ***Chocolate** * Coconut Natural ***Pineapple** ***Strawberry**

***Hubba Bubba** * **Watermelon**

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

Christy's thought

Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.] John 14:27

My Dad was a great collector of bibles. I asked him once why he had so many different translations on his shelf, after all wasn't God's word, God's word? He told me that he was always on the look out for new ways to connect, to reflect and to be challenged by the Scriptures.

Different translations often brought a word or phrase to light that enabled him to engage more deeply. I have to say over the years, I have followed his advice and found new ways of looking at and understanding Scripture by comparing different versions of the same text.

The above verse is well known to us and I came across it this week during some personal reflecting. This translation comes from the amplified bible which some of you may be familiar with. The words in brackets are the added parts which are meant to "amplify" the meaning.

What made this verse connect so deeply was a particular translation which spoke to the very heart of some of what I was reflecting on.

Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed and do not permit yourselves to be fearful, intimidated, cowardly, and unsettled.

It was I confess a light bulb moment. So often we can become caught up in the detail of a particular issue or unfolding situation. When we do, it can be incredibly difficult to take a step back, to breathe and consider things with less attachment. When we do take that step back, perspective is often regained, and purpose is clarified. When we understand what the real issue is, we can move forward.

Jesus' words to the disciples were meant to do exactly that. Imagine hearing your beloved Master telling you that he is leaving. Imagine hearing and realizing that you are going to be on your own. Jesus knew their fear, their doubt, and their confusion and so he tells them to breathe, to remain focused on him and not give way to emotions that will cripple them.

These words are also for each one of us. We are not alone to face challenges or conflict or crisis. We are surrounded by the peace of God which if we allow will give calmness and focus. As Jesus tells us...

Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.

Blessings,
Christy Allen

Synod News & info.

From the General Secretary

New video highlights next Plenty commitment



The world in which we live and operate is changing all the time. Systems, processes and tools that suit our needs and are fit for purpose, empower us and enable us to respond to those changes.

Scott Guyatt (Director - Mission Strategy) explores the value of innovative, agile and contemporary governance. If this theme speaks to you, we would love to have you as part of the conversation.

Register your interest [here](#) or contact projectplenty@ucaqld.com.au.

National Uniting Church news

Lift up your eyes: Seven Days of Solidarity is here!

Looking for inspiration? From Sunday 18 April, UnitingWorld is sharing stories of joy and triumph inspired by the work of our global partner churches and celebrating the risen Christ at work!

UnitingWorld holds these partnerships on behalf of the people of the Uniting Church and we share these stories to inspire you in faith and action.

COVID-19 continues to make life so difficult for our church partners, but through it all, God is faithful. Their incredible lives remind us that we're surrounded by a cloud of witnesses who keep the faith, and giving up is not an option.

[Watch the video here.](#)

Join us for [Seven Days of Solidarity](#) to celebrate, give thanks, and keep this mission alive.