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UCA Queensland Synod Corona-virus Update

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

Presbytery Office

Please remember that MONDAYS are Garry & Christy's day off.

Marie will be on leave 14th June- 5th July; there will be NO Link during that time.

Robyn will be on leave 7th July- 25th July

Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

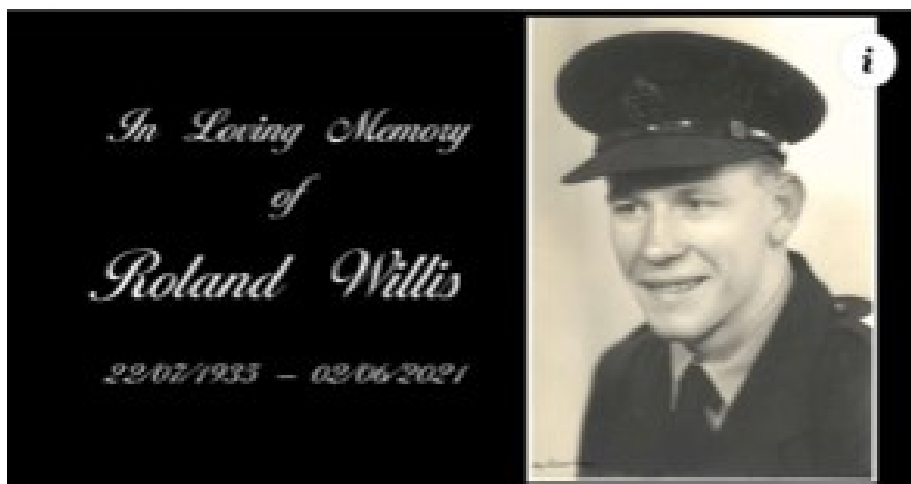
Please Pray For:

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, creative solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Christy & Peter Allen & family, for wisdom, discernment, creative solutions to difficult issues & safety as she travels around our Presbytery.

Midday Prayer: Generous God, as we prepare for the day ahead to unfold before us, we ask for the courage to enlarge our hearts to those around us. We confess that opening our hearts wider can be confronting because it places us in a vulnerable position, & that makes us fearful.

Moderator Andrew Gunton

Roland Willis funeral link 7 June 2pm: <https://youtu.be/UBD9G6XA9bA>



2021 National Conference of Lay Preachers

[National Lay Preachers 2021 - Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod \(ucaqld.com.au\)](https://ucaqld.com.au)

For lay preachers, prospective lay preachers and those interested in leading worship. Share in a wonderful few days and be encouraged, supported and challenged in your ministry.

Registrations open on 10 June

Starts: Friday 10 September 2021 - **Ends:** Monday 13 September 2021

Where: Alexandra Park Conference Centre, 13 Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands QLD 4572

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Christy's Thoughts

How often do you change your toothbrush? According to the experts (of what I am not entirely sure) you should change your toothbrush at the beginning of the new season. As of the 1st day of winter or June 1, we should all be enjoying that new brush feeling! Of course, if you live in North Qld where winter never occurs it is a bit harder to remember but it is still worth noting.

Starting something new is always daunting even if it is a new toothbrush. There are so many to choose from and in our house, there is always a discussion around which colour goes to whom. Starting something new means change sometimes small and sometimes life altering.

Consider the life of David and the way in which he begins his journey to becoming King. I don't imagine for one minute that he woke up that morning thinking that today was the day he would get called in from the field where he was watching sheep to stand before some guy who would pour oil on his head and name him King. In that moment, David's life changed forever.

What might God be calling you to? No matter our age there is always something new to consider. David was a young boy when he was set apart for the work of God. Simeon and Anna were both in their last years of life when Jesus was brought to the temple to be baptized. God always has a plan based on his timing.

As we make our way through this month of June with less than 200 days until Christmas (for those who like to know these things), what might God be placing before you? If we are in a new season and we are, what might the next months have in store for you?

Blessings,
Christy Allen

Synod News & info

Online worship services

Here is a list of Queensland Uniting Church congregations who are [live streaming](#). For suggested changes or corrections to this list, please email the [Mission Engagement Team](#).

36th Synod in Session

As we start to seriously prepare for our face-to-face Synod in May of 2022, we are starting to imagine what that might look like if significant COVID restrictions are still in place. The latest lockdown in Victoria is a timely reminder that while Australia may have been successful so far in managing community transmission, the impacts of COVID on the community is ongoing and disastrous. As part of our commitment to care for all people in our community, we have to act in ways that will limit community transmission and care for those attending a face-to-face gathering.

The Synod Standing Committee have asked that we be prepared for restrictions to our meeting and so the Business Committee of the Synod have proposed that we prepare a **Plan B**, based on our current community restrictions. **Plan B** will entail a restricted number of representatives, COVID compliant planning, ticketed and allocated seating, a modified program and adapted catering approaches. The decision on whether to implement **Plan B** will be made in October 2021, with a final decision as to whether to postpone the face-to-face meeting to be made in March 2022.

Assembly news

Beyond Violence

The Uniting Church Assembly this week launched [Beyond Violence](#), a new resource that aims to help congregations and communities begin a conversation about Domestic and Family Violence (DFV).

In a [video introduction](#), Uniting Church Assembly President Dr Deidre Palmer and National Consultant Rev Charissa Suli speak of the Uniting Church's commitment to say no to all forms of violence and urge church members to help change the culture that allows DFV to occur.

The resource includes theological reflection, worship resources, key statistics, helpful information on how to pastorally care for those experiencing or fleeing DFV and key actions we can take to build a world "Beyond Violence".