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Presbytery Office Christmas Closure

2021 December 11th - Jan 10th 2022

Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, simple solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Peter & Christy Allen for wisdom, discernment, simple solutions to difficult issues & safety as she travels around our Presbytery. Also pray for the Allens as they prepare to move to Townsville.

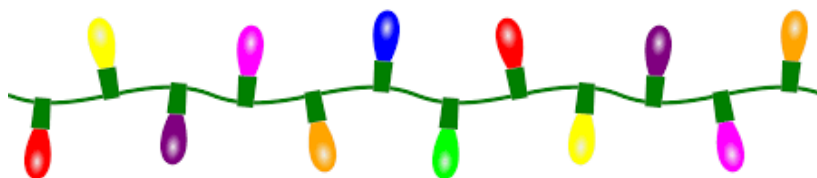
Date Claimers 2021aCarpentaria Presbytery Meeting

25th -27th March

Synod 13th -17th May

Ministry Agents & Spouse retreat
2nd -5th August

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting
4th -6th Nov



LIPBALMS (CHAPSTICKS) FOR CHRISTMAS?

Purchasing lip balms as gifts will be helping yourself as well as helping the Carpentaria Presbytery with travel and Hospital Chaplain costs.

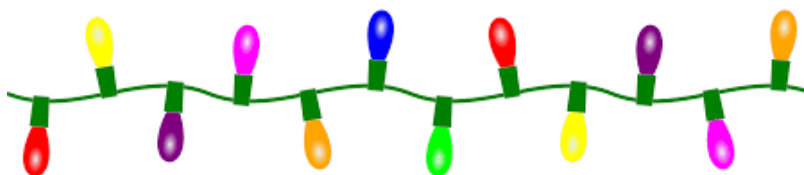
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Christy's Thoughts

In recent weeks a pair of scissors went missing in our house. It caused a level of frustration on my part because they were kitchen scissors and therefore needed regularly for kitchen stuff! What began as a question "has anyone seen my scissors" led to days of searching, pondering and blaming the dog who has been known to take things outside for a good chew.

As we searched in the days that followed including at night around the backyard with the torch in case the dog had indeed absconded with said the scissors, we realised that it was futile, and I had no choice but accept that they were gone. Whilst this was less than satisfactory, I had no choice but accept this turn of events as I was now without my scissors. The one hope I had was that they would turn up as we packed the house.

While it is fortunate that they have indeed reappeared, I found myself wondering about the many things in our lives that go missing. Packing always makes me reminiscent (crabby as well but mostly reminiscent!). You discover things that you didn't know you kept from the last move as well as sorting through things that you were so very sure you would need but now after 6 years discover that of course you have forgotten you even owned it!

In the midst of packing, I am reminded of events and people who are no longer close by or perhaps have gone to their heavenly home. Photos may remind of good times, but they also have a habit of bring up the pain of broken relationships, things that were once so valuable but now hold little meaning. Perhaps this is why moving is so stressful.

But even with this unfolding in our household right now, I am also very aware that we are entering the time of Advent. I do love this time of year even if it can be the busiest of all. I love the Christmas carols and the Scripture that points us towards the stable. I love the joy of the season as we give thanks for all that has been part of the year and look towards the new year. I love the times of quietness, of meditation on the wonder that is found in the gift given to the world. It is a great time of year.

Perhaps the best part of this season is that whilst so much of life comes and goes, the gift of the Christ child remains constant. While nothing else may seem certain right now, Advent is here and will not be chased away by news flashes and worldly troubles.

May I encourage you to find time in your lives for Advent. Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ child. Let the joy, the peace and the hope of the season fill you and may the love that surpasses everything, be your strength and your comfort in these days.

Blessings,
Christy



Synod News & Info.

Navigating tolerance for modern Christians



The sixteenth of November was World Day of Tolerance. What a great idea, what a great virtue. We are likely to all agree that there is one thing we need, and that is tolerance in a very intolerant world.

Tolerance is an interesting concept as it is basically saying, “You and I might have differences in one way or another, but that’s OK. We will accept each other, we won’t be too tough on each other, we will try not

to become enemies.” Does this mean that anything goes? We can peacefully disagree and just let it be? We won’t challenge anything, we won’t ask questions?

I agree with what Dr Jordan Peterson said in an interview, “Tolerance does not mean anything goes, that’s refusal to take responsibility and is a recipe for disaster.”

The Oxford Dictionary defines tolerance as “the ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees with.” In other words, all true tolerance requires disagreement. True tolerance is saying, “I disagree with what you are saying but I allow you the right say it.”

But I think the world today perceives tolerance differently.

[Read the full reflection](#) from Rev Marius Kruger is the Minister at Highfields Community Church.

Hearing your voice on ageing

UnitingCare Australia is inviting your voice on ageing and aged care, with the first national conversation to be held by Uniting Friends of Ageing.

Kadrienne, who will join the conversation from Camden in NSW, says “COVID-19 has exposed the very difficult situation of older people who have no close relatives living nearby.”

Add your voice by joining the conversation on **Thursday 2 December at 4pm AEDT** via Zoom.

To register your interest and receive the Zoom link, contact [Warren Talbot](#) or learn more [here](#).

News from life of the church

The vision of Act2 for the UCA

Act2 is the biggest conversation in the Uniting Church right now but why are we having it?

This week we take a look at the vision behind the Act2 conversation and why it's so important right now to discern where God is leading the church and what the future shape of the church must be to enable life-giving communities of faith.

Visit the [website](#) to learn more.

Family Day Care helping regional and remote communities

Charleville and Districts Family Day Care is a Uniting Education Early Learning service covering territory larger than much of western Europe, so it's fortunate service leader Ellen Lyne doesn't mind travelling, writes Andrew McKaysmith.

[Read](#) the full story.

Give the gift of faith this Christmas!

Looking for a way to give to our young people this Christmas? Sponsor a camper to attend Easter Madness 2022.

You can change a young person's life this Christmas by giving them the opportunity to grow their faith through life-changing experiences all while having fun. Held at the Alexandra Park Conference Centre in April 2022, [Easter Madness](#) has been the pinnacle of many faith journeys throughout the years, for our high schoolers within the Queensland Synod.

To [sponsor](#) a camper this Christmas, contact Rev Fa Matangi on 07 3366 0236 or via [email](#).