

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & protection as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Peter & Christy Allen for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & protection as she travels around our Presbytery.
3. Robyn & Gavin Cooley, as she deals with the property & financial matters across our Presb.
4. Ana Mila & Marie during this time of transition (that all will happen smoothly)

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Flying High – Remote Bush Chaplaincy

“God moves in a mysterious way. His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea. And rides upon the storm.” William Cowper 1774

This was no ordinary job interview, and this was just no ordinary job. Imagine being asked if you could take your job into the air, learn to fly a light aircraft and travel to remote communities to serve and support. Would that thought terrify you or enthrall you? Pastor Michael Chapman was to have a job interview that would change the course of his life and open opportunities that he never thought existed.

[Read more](#) of Pastor Michael and Di's story.

Carpentaria Link - Weekly Reflection

As you know Carpentaria Link has a weekly reflection often done by myself or Christy. But, we would like to hear more from you all, rather than Christy and I trying to scrape the bottoms of the barrel of our imagination every week. So, here is your opportunity to contribute to Carpentaria Link by offering a reflection. You can choose the date from the calendar found at https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link_roster/link_roster_calendar.php

Once you register, you can create a Calendar file (.ics) and you will automatically receive a reminder on the Friday before your reflection is due. We would love to hear how God is working in and through you all, so go to https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link_roster/link_roster_calendar.php and sign up.

Blessings
Garry

Vale Rev Graham Brown

Rev Graham Brown passed away on the 21st July 2022. He was 71 years old. Graham served our Presbytery in both the Tully and Torres congregations before returning to serve four years in the Cape York Patrol.

His daughter, Helen advises that Graham's funeral will be held at Graham Family Funerals in New Town, Hobart at 3pm on 8th August. Any condolences can be sent through to Janet Lewis PO Box 59, Miling, WA, 6575 or emailed to Janetandmaxlewis@bigpond.com.

If you have any stories of Graham that you think would be suitable for use in a eulogy, Helen would love to hear them as she have been tasked with writing one. Her email is helen.b.brown@gmail.com

Garry

Blue Care Grief and Loss Facilitator Training – Cairns Venue

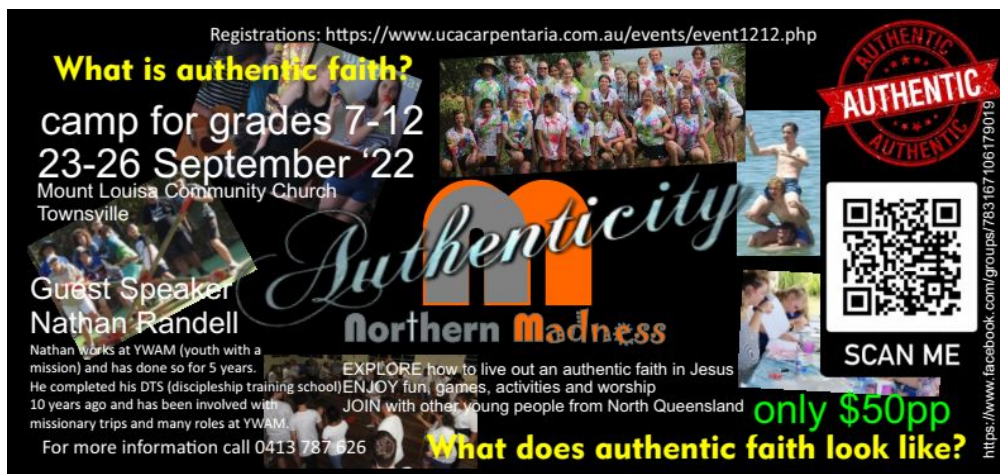
A 3 day training workshop for Grief and Loss Volunteer Facilitator will be held at Cairns Community Care, 1/135-141 Martyn St, Parramatta Park from 30 Aug to 1 Sept. This is funded by UCQ Mission Group & is a Blue Care / UnitingCare / Uniting Church program.

More info will be provided closer to date.

Andi Griggs, Chaplaincy Admin Officer, Pastoral

Northern Madness Camp – 23-26 September 2022

Northern Madness camp is for all youth in grades 7-12 and will be held at Mount Louisa Community Church in Townsville from 23-26 September 2022. Registration opens this Fri, 22 July and closes on 11th September. Spread the word and support young people within your congregations and communities to attend.



Registrations: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1212.php>

What is authentic faith?
camp for grades 7-12
23-26 September '22
Mount Louisa Community Church
Townsville

Guest Speaker
Nathan Randell
Nathan works at YWAM (youth with a mission) and has done so for 5 years. He completed his DTS (discipleship training school) 10 years ago and has been involved with missionary trips and many roles at YWAM.

Authenticity
northern madness

EXPLORE how to live out an authentic faith in Jesus
ENJOY fun, games, activities and worship
JOIN with other young people from North Queensland

only \$50pp

What does authentic faith look like?

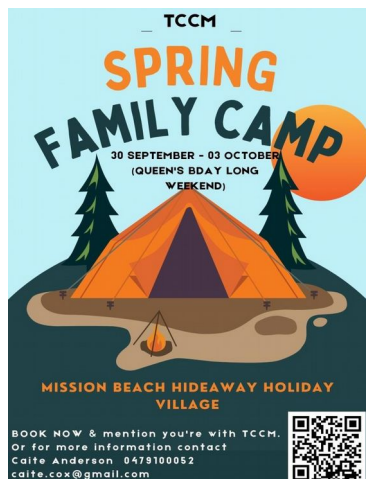
SCAN ME

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/783167106179019>

Northern Madness – Helpers Wanted

The Committee is looking for helpers for the Northern Madness Camp. They need volunteers to cook as well as camp leaders. Need definite names by 27th July so please email office@ucacarpentaria.com.au or call (07) 4068 8131.

Townsville Central City Mission – Family Camp



TCCM

SPRING FAMILY CAMP

30 SEPTEMBER - 03 OCTOBER
(QUEEN'S BDAY LONG WEEKEND)

MISSION BEACH HIDEAWAY HOLIDAY VILLAGE

BOOK NOW & mention you're with TCCM.
Or for more information contact
Caitie Anderson 0473100052
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Christy's Thoughts

A couple of weeks ago I experienced what is commonly called "A FALL". My foot ended up on the edge of a concrete patio and gravity took over. I very ungraciously landed face first on the grass. Now you might think that this was a good thing because at least I did not land on the concrete and that is true. The problem wasn't so much that I landed face first on the grass, it was that I used my face to stop my movement, in other words my face slide across some gravel and then came to a stop on grass.

It was spectacular to look at with skin missing, glasses broken and a dent in the lawn that looked a bit like the trajectory of a comet coming to a complete stop on the earth's surface. Thankfully, I didn't damage anything really, apart from my glasses which thanks to my daughter are being held together by superglue until the new ones arrive.

I think the worst part was that there was visible evidence of my encounter with the ground with grazing, a slightly swollen forehead and nose and bruises on my legs. Of course, people enquired what happened and so I started thinking about a story which involved me stepping into a bar fight to save the day! But given that it happened around 11am I realised that this would raise other questions which included why I was in a bar at 11am.

So, I had to tell the boring, undignified truth and then suffer the mess my face became as the wounds healed. If I can say anything good about the whole affair it is that I have always healed pretty quickly, so the evidence disappeared after a few days.

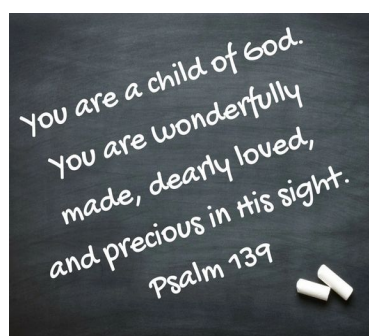
What didn't disappear however were the aches and pains that come when one decides to throw themselves on the ground. My pajama pants kept catching on my gravel rashed knees and when you have a sore forehead it is made even sorer when you frown which apparently, I do far more often than I realised. I also discovered that I rub my forehead when I am puzzled or thinking about something. This too is not good when where you apparently usually rub is an open wound!

You might be wondering why I am sharing this horror story and to be fair I did look a bit scary! I guess the truth is that I don't like to think of myself as someone who can so easily be hurt. I didn't enjoy the after effects for the next few days, and I had to recognise that I am no longer going to heal as quickly as I once did.

But through it all I was so very grateful that God created us to be healed. Our bodies have been made to recover, to generate new skin and to dissolve bruises. We are indeed wonderfully made and whilst we may struggle to see the joy of our appearance as we look in the mirror, let us not forget the complex system of interconnected nerves, tissue and all those other parts of our bodies that make us who we are.

Yes, it might still hurt to rub my forehead sometimes, and yes there are photos which will be around long after I have forgotten about the event, but there will be no visible signs that I was hurt. Well except for the crater in Christine's lawn but a bit of topsoil will sort that out!

We are wonderfully made by God's hand and loved beyond measure! Now that is something to celebrate!



Synod News & Info.

Queensland Churches Together (QCT) News

Season of Creation

Season of Creation is a global movement where Christians are invited to celebrate, pray and act to protect creation. It runs each year from 1st September (the day of prayer for creation) to 4th October (feast day of St Francis).

The theme for Season of Creation 2022 is Listen to the Voice of Creation. The symbol will be a burning bush. Below is a video clip explaining the significance of this year's theme.

The World Council of Churches have produced a Season of Creation celebration guide 2022, full of ideas on how to celebrate Season of Creation. The guide can be freely downloaded here <https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SOC-2022-Celebration-Guide-Final-English.pdf>

Once again Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN) invite people to share creative works celebrating Creation. Creative works could include, photos, videos, poems, prayers, short stories, drawings, paintings, art, music, - anything creative. All photographs and creative works will be displayed on the QCEN Facebook page. A selection will be exhibited at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane throughout September.

Submission of Artworks: Upload your creations at www.fb.com/QCEnvNet or email to admin@qct.org.au

Artworks can be posted or delivered to Queensland Churches Together. Please email admin@qct.org.au or call 07 3369 6792 to arrange delivery. Photos and artworks should be submitted by 22nd August 2022. Contact Craig Batty if you have any questions: 0414 744 558.

To share information about Season of Creation with parishioners and contacts, please download and print a flyer <https://qct.org.au/images/qcen/SOC-flyer.pdf>

Health and Wellbeing

Church Fire

In May, a fire broke out in a Uniting Church, sadly resulting in significant damage to equipment and the building's interior. No one was injured as the building wasn't occupied at the time of the fire. Investigations have found that the fire most likely originated from plugged-in electrical equipment on the platform. One of the learnings identified through the management of this matter is regarding electrical safety and, in particular, the need to ensure that we "**turn off**" electrical appliances after use.

Could this happen at your church?

There are some simple things that you can do to reduce the risk of an electrical fire in your church, including:

1. Turn off electrical appliances and unplug them when not in use
2. Keep flammable objects away from electrical outlets and cords
3. Limit the use of space heaters
4. Don't overload your outlets by piggybacking multiple power boards to the one outlet
5. Avoid the use of double adaptors
6. Regularly complete your scheduled electrical safety inspections and tests of safety switches
7. Check the condition of equipment and remove damaged devices/ leads.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding fire and electrical safety, don't hesitate to contact the [Work Health and Safety team](#), who would be happy to discuss.

Safe Ministry with Children

Principle 5 of the 10 Principles for a Safe Uniting Church

[Recruitment](#) and screening of all people who work or volunteer with the Church are vital to keeping everyone safe. All new volunteers and lay staff participate in pre-appointment screening and are appointed by the Church Council. All volunteers and lay workers sign a [Statement of Personal Commitment](#) each year. These processes ensure that we all have regular conversations about safe boundaries and respectful relationships and encourage us to speak up if we are concerned. Information, tools and resources are available on the [Synod website](#).

For more information about all these topics, contact Lynde Davy at safeministrywithchildren@ucaqld.com.au or 07 3377 9833.

New Forms from Blue Card Services

From July 1, 2022, new [forms](#) will be in use from Blue Card Services. All new forms will have 'valid for lodgement until 30 June 2023' on them. All new applications and renewals can be made directly online using the [Blue Card Services portal](#) if your congregation is using it to manage their Blue Cards. Alternately, the forms can be printed, completed, scanned and [uploaded](#).

Congregations can also [subscribe](#) to a Blue Card Services newsletter for ongoing information and support.

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