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## Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ **Pray for Jim and Michelle Cullen** – Jim is undergoing treatment for cancer and they welcome prayers for this time of treatment
- ◆ **Garry and Christy in Brisbane for Presbytery Ministers & Placement meetings**
- ◆ **Garry will be in Cloncurry this weekend**
- ◆ **REMINDER: Safe Ministry for Children Audit 2024** – email request has been sent out to congregations requesting information for the Audit and info is due by end of Feb 24. Ana will make phone contact with each congregation in due course

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## Prayer for Lent



Father of my soul,  
I know Your love for me is  
limitless beyond imagining.  
You care for me as  
a loving parent.  
Through my smallest Lenten  
sacrifices, help me to  
become less selfish and  
more aware of Your ways.  
Fan the flame of my desire to  
draw ever closer to You.  
Guide me to seek your love.

Amen



# Carpentaria News...

## Centre for Ministry and Leadership - 2024 Schedule

We are very excited to share with you the 2024 Schedule for the Centre for Ministry and Leadership Workshops. The schedule encompasses five blocks of workshops through out the year with some repeats between the first and second half of the year.

Some workshops are designed for those people who are wishing to complete core competencies (for period of discernment, lay preacher recognition, and pastors in ministry location) and other workshops are for continuing education and general professional development. These workshops are available for anyone to attend – we would love it if you could please disseminate this information to your congregations and ministry agents.

Block One and Two courses that are either face to face or hybrid will run out of Clayfield Uniting Church, 170 Bonney Avenue, Clayfield.

If you wish to register for any of these courses, **please register via this LINK:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/SMFUg4zMVX>

For any queries or questions you may have regarding workshop content, please contact Nigel Rogers via [presmin@mrpres.org.au](mailto:presmin@mrpres.org.au)

For any queries of questions regarding registration, please contact Kathy Wright via [office@mrpres.org.au](mailto:office@mrpres.org.au)

## The minutes of the 37th Synod, 'Renewal - faith for a new season,' are now accessible



The minutes from the 37th Synod are live and published [here](#) under the **37<sup>th</sup> Synod (20-24 October 2023)**.

- [You can also download a copy](#)

The theme for the 37th Synod in Session was 'Renewal – faith for a new season'. We have inherited so much from those who have gone before us in this country, the faith, and the Uniting Church. We will explore what it means to be renewed in our commitment to God and the Church and ask God to 'start again with us' as we enter a new season. Thank you for your continuing commitment to faith and the life of the Church.

# Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare / UnitingWorld News...

**40 days of faithful action for God's creation!**



UnitingWorld is challenging us to take **40 days of faithful action for God's creation this Lent**, commencing Wednesday February 14.

Climate change is the biggest threat to the world we want to see. Climate change is worsening every threat to peace, security and human wellbeing in our world. **But our God is mighty and faithful, and calling us to respond to the climate crisis with hope, unity and decisive action.**

This Lent, commit to action – Personal change, Practical support, Political advocacy – for the world we want to see: hopeful, peaceful, life in abundance for all.

- Suggestions for action [here](#).
- **Donate** to support critical climate action in vulnerable communities in the Pacific and Asia, through projects led by our international church partners.
- Sign up for a **fundraising challenge** for **individuals** or **church groups** to raise more!
- **Speak up** and advocate for climate justice.

Lent Event resources include:

- a weekly video series from our partner churches for individual or church use
- a daily email series with reflection and ideas for action ([subscribe here](#))
- promotional assets for newsletters and social posting

Find out more at [www.lentevent.com.au](http://www.lentevent.com.au)

**The Season of Lent starts this week, and we invite you to join us as we explore The Great Restoration Project**

This Lent, we invite you to join us as we learn about the greatest restoration project of all time. Over seven weeks we'll focus on God's plan for humankind – an unexpected and brilliant plan for restoration and new life. The resources are based on the lectionary and explore the restoration theme with a toolbox metaphor and include reflections, worship themes and suggestions, interactive and intergenerational elements, prayers, tool fun facts, and restorative practices.

**[Materials are available now - click to view!](#)**

For more information contact Jess Pinkerton or Paul Wetzig via [discipleship@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:discipleship@ucaqld.com.au)

## GRANTS - The Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Update on the Gambling Community Benefit Grant [Gambling Community Benefit Fund | Department of Justice and Attorney-General](#)

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) is Queensland's largest one-off community grants program and distributes approximately \$60 million each year to not-for-profit community groups. The GCBF funding helps these groups to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.

The GCBF will have 3 funding rounds in 2024:

1. Round 120—\$35,000 standard grant round—closes 29 February
2. Round 121—\$100,000 30th Anniversary super round—closes 30 April
3. Round 122—\$35,000 standard grant round—closes 30 November.

Contact the GCBF team on phone **1800 633 619** if you need help.

## NAIDOC 2024 local grants



The NAIDOC 2024 Local Grants Opportunity is now open and applications can be lodged on GrantConnect up until 3:00 pm AEDT on Thursday 22 February 2024. Held across Australia from 7-14 July 2024, NAIDOC Week will celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Read more at [www.niaa.gov.au](http://www.niaa.gov.au)



## From The Word for Today...

### Live with integrity at home

**'But to his sons-in-law, he seemed to be joking.'** Genesis 19:14 NKJV

Make your life an open book. Establish a system of values against which all of life is judged. Walk with God; maintain your integrity at work and at home, and you will make the right choice every time. Lot failed to do this, and it cost him dearly. *'So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law ... and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law, he seemed to be joking'* (Genesis 19:14 NKJV). When you lose your integrity, you lose your credibility.

If you're a parent, guard your children physically when they're young and emotionally as they mature. Teach them to respect others and get to know the people they're dating. Be sure to check what *they* and *you* watch on TV and do on the internet. That doesn't mean you shouldn't be fun to be around. Show your lighter side. Don't be so preoccupied with work or church that you're a prude or a bore. *'A joyful heart makes a face cheerful, but a sad heart produces a broken spirit.'* (Proverbs 15:13 CSB).

The point is, if you 'talk the talk', be sure you 'walk the walk'. Lot tried to warn his family, *'But to his sons-in-law, he seemed to be joking.'* (Genesis 19:14 NKJV). Was he too busy making a living to teach them what mattered most in life? Did he say one thing and do another? We don't know. But any way you look at it, his loss was tragic. The truth is that your integrity, or the lack of it, will have consequences not only in your own life but also in the lives of your loved ones.

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