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## Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ **Pray for Christy and her mother & family** – Christy's mother had a bad fall so Christy is with her now for recovery
- ◆ **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 begin follow up and phone contact with each congregation starting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER: Presbytery Meeting will be on 3-5 May 2024 at Mission Beach** – info will be sent out soon
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER: Presbytery Ministry Agent & Spouse Retreat will be on 5-8 May 2024 at Cardwell** – info will be sent out soon

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# Lent

Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.  
Romans 12:12



# Carpentaria News...

## Easter Madness 2024 – Final Numbers required by 4<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Madness 2024 will be held on the weekend after Easter from **Friday the 5th to Monday 8th April 2024 at Alex Conference Centre, Alexandra Park, QLD**. Get set for an annual high school camp that'll impact your faith journey! Organisers are ramping up church enthusiasm for youth outreach events, offering an experience that's beyond the ordinary day to day. At EM, it's about connecting, experiencing God in a different way – all while having a total blast and meeting awesome new people! Plus, being part of Easter Madness means discovering a wider church family and making a real difference in rural communities.

Congregations who do not have young people can still sponsor or donate to sending some of our young people from our Presbytery to Easter Madness. Congregations who have youth are encouraged to hold fundraisers e.g. bake sale or car wash to help raise funds to send their young people to Easter Madness. If you are interested in sponsoring, donating or have young people wishing to attend, please let Ana know as soon as possible on email: [office@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:office@ucacarpentaria.com.au) or call office on (07) 4068 8131.

## 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](#)

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

## A story from our partners in Tuvalu



Climate change can too often seem like an abstract, theoretical idea.

But when we hear to the perspectives of our Pacific neighbours who are already suffering the impacts of climate change, we are awakened to the reality that it is here and now.

Our Pacific partners are taking faithful action in their personal lives, through church programs to build resilience, and through international lobbying to save their homes and cultural connections for future generations.

There's much we can do to help, and it starts with understanding the existential threat facing people on the front lines of climate change.

**Here's a story we've shared in the past from our partner church in Tuvalu. The issues remain the same and the call for Christians across the world to stand together and "be God's instruments" to address the ecological crisis can't be said enough.**

**[Click on link to watch](#) - **[Faith in a changing climate - a story from Tuvalu](#)****

### Weekly prayer

*Though it seems that it may be too little too late,  
The future of your gift of creation is at stake.*

*Breathe into us, oh God, a fresh sense of urgency,  
That individually, but as a collective, we tend to this emergency.*

*Help us to move, help us to find courage, help us to see,  
That even a little can be what is needed to stop the rising seas.*

*Breathe into us, oh God, a fresh sense of care,  
That we make the right decisions to ensure enough air to share.*

*Hear our prayer. Emeni.*

**This prayer comes from George Abraham Walter,  
Tongan-Australian Worship Leader,  
Canterbury Balwyn Rd Uniting Church.**

## From The Word for Today...

### Let God remould you

#### 'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.' 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

What would you like to change about yourself? How would you change it? To ask it another way, what would your spouse or your best friend like you to change? Maybe that would be more enlightening. How would you end the sentence, 'It's just like me to ...'? Always be late? Not stay on a diet? Say the wrong thing? Burst out in anger? Be sad? Jeremiah puts it this way: '*...Can a leopard take away its spots? Neither can you start doing good, for you have always done evil*' (Jeremiah 13:23 NLT).

You say, 'I guess it's hopeless.' No, this is where God's life-changing power comes into operation: '*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come*' (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV).

Once we commit our lives to Christ, we're not the same any longer; a new life has begun. That's why the Bible calls it being 'born again'. We immediately have a new nature, plus the indwelling Holy Spirit. A set of 'spiritual batteries' is included to supply the power! That makes all the difference. Just as your first birth was the beginning of your life, so the new birth is the beginning of this new life. And it's followed by a lifelong process depicted in Romans 12:2: '*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*' (NASB20).

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