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## Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

### Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ *Pray for Presbytery Ministers, Ministry Agents, Congregations, Church Leaders and all ministries within Carpentaria Presbytery*
- ◆ *REMINDER: Safe Ministry for Children Audit 2023 – your Safe Ministry for Children audit info is due. Ana will make contact with each congregation over next couple of weeks*
- ◆ *DATE CLAIMER: Presbytery Meeting will be on 3-5 May 2024 at Mission Beach – registration closes on 19<sup>th</sup> April*
- ◆ *DATE CLAIMER: Presbytery Ministry Agent & Spouse Retreat will be on 5-8 May 2024 at Cardwell*

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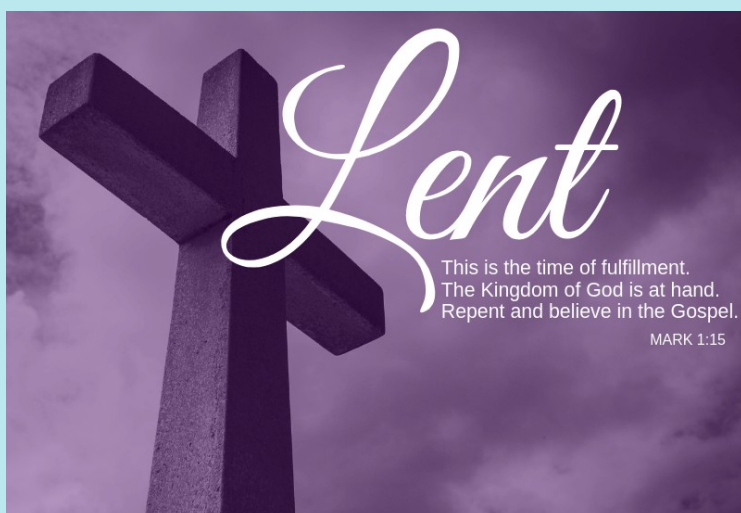
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# Carpentaria News...

## Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting – 3-5 May 2024

Our next Presbytery meeting to be held **3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, is fast approaching. It will be great to be together again! A reminder that this meeting is for both Ministry Agents and lay reps from each congregation along with Ministry Agents who are in placements in other roles e.g. Chaplaincy (**2 per congregation, including Ministry Agent**). It would be wonderful to have more lay people join our meetings.

The Presbytery meeting will be held at the **Mission Beach Resort** and will begin at **3:00 pm on Friday afternoon** for all Ministry Agents who are required to attend the compulsory Safe Ministry with Children training. You must be present for the whole training, for it to be registered as 'complete'. For all Presbytery delegates, a BBQ buffet dinner will be served at **5:30pm Friday night**, with our opening worship and first session to follow at 7:00pm. Check-in to rooms can commence from 2:00pm.

**Register here:**

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event2020.php>

**Registrations must be finalised by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April (as per venue requirements)**

If you have any queries, please contact Ana at the Presbytery office.

## DATE CLAIMERS

- **Fri, 15<sup>th</sup> Mar at 4.30pm** – Induction of Rev Christine Herman at Ingham UC (ministry agents are invited to robe or wear stole for service)
- **Sun, 17<sup>th</sup> Mar at 9.00am** – Northern Zone combined church service at Edmonton UC
- **29th March** – Good Friday
- **31st March** – Easter Sunday
- **5th - 8th April** – Easter Madness 2024 at Alex Park Conference Centre
- **20th April** – Southern Zone meeting followed by lunch (provided) from 9.30am at Mount Louisa Community church
- **27th April** – Northern Zone meeting followed by hungi from 10.30am at Cairns Emmanuel
- **2nd May** – Calvary Zone meeting at Cairns Sheridan
- **3rd - 5th May** – Presbytery Meeting at Mission Beach Resort (Registrations close 19th April)
- **5th - 8th May** – Ministry Agent & Spouse Retreat at Cardwell Beachcomber Tourist Park (Registrations close 22nd April)



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

## **Qld Synod – Web and Hub Update**

Many thanks to all those who have been involved in testing the site navigation and providing feedback for our new Synod Website and Hub. We are pleased to be progressing towards the launch stage and it has been great to hear that we are heading in the right direction as we work to ensure the new site is fit for purpose and easy to use, and communicates our mission as a church and the heart of the work we do together.

As most of you would know by now, there will be two separate but interconnected spaces.

**The public facing website is designed to share the story of the Uniting Church in Queensland, and to connect to the life of the church and beyond to share our hope in Christ and faith for a new season.**

Our hope is that the public website shares the story of the Uniting Church in Queensland and encourages people to:

- WALK WITH US - learn more about us and connect to a local church near them, or become actively involved in our Synod-wide discipleship journey,
- WORK WITH US - consider volunteering, or apply to our Boards and Committees or other positions across the Synod,
- LEND a HAND - donate to help others across our church and our communities or find out more about support that is available, and
- TAKE A STAND – come together to stand up and speak out in response to the Uniting Church's call to advocate for social justice.

**The HUB is designed as a user friendly access point for documents and information for all of those who work together as the Uniting Church in Queensland**

We hope that it enables, equips, and encourages office holders in congregations and presbyteries, ministry agents, people on boards and committees and all those involved in working groups and communities of practice. It will contain the policies, guidance and forms you need and a planner to inform you of important quarterly and monthly tasks.

**The launch date is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, and in preparation, the current website will be down on Tuesday 26.**

**Please be aware that the website URL will not change and on March 27 you can connect as usual.**

We are committed to continuing to engage across the Synod so that both sites continue to improve and serve the needs of the life of the church in our Synod. Please contact us on [communications@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:communications@ucaqld.com.au) with any enquiries or requests and [hub.comms@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:hub.comms@ucaqld.com.au) with questions and suggestions specific to the HUB.

**Unlocking Discipleship: Join our hybrid workshop with Dr. Jamie Smith and Pastor Mandy Smith on March 13 and 20!**

For anyone looking for an excellent introduction to the central concepts of discipleship, Dr Jamie Smith, Mission Development Officer for Moreton Rivers Presbytery (MRP), and Pastor Mandy Smith, from St Lucia Uniting Church, will be running a hybrid (in-person and online) workshop over two evening on Wednesday 13 and 20 March, 6:30 - 8:30 pm as part of the MRP Centre For Ministry & Leadership.

This workshop will be similar to the Building a Discipleship Culture workshop run at Redcliffe in early 2023, exploring what discipleship means and why it is central to our lives as individuals and to the mission of the church.

There is no cost, and [you can register for the event here.](#)

## Online Prayer Group - Tonight 7pm

Join Rev Michael Hands from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight as he leads us in prayer as we continue to invite God to change our hearts and bring new life to our communities.

To join us, [click this link!](#)

## Celebrating Seniors Month Grant

Join the Seniors Month 2024 celebration in Queensland! Apply for grants of up to \$2,000 to host events honouring older Queenslanders. Promote community connections, recognise contributions, and support seniors. Events must be held in October 2024. Apply by April 15, 2024. Let's celebrate our seniors!

Questions? Contact Vanessa at [vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au)

## The Season of Lent continues, 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 most significant 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.

- **Materials are available now - [click here for more!](#)**

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



# From The Word for Today...

## Four principles for victorious living

**'Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.'** 1 Corinthians 16:13 NIV

Jesus said: *"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."* (Matthew 5:11-12 ESV). If you're thin-skinned, you will have a rough time in life because you will be an easy target for the devil. Paul endured desertion by his friends, ugly letters from the Corinthians, disappointment with the Galatians, mistreatment in Philippi, mocking in Athens, and finally imprisonment and beheading in Rome. The Bible gives us these four principles for victorious living:

### 1) Be on the alert.

Why? Because you have an adversary who is out to get you (see 1 Peter 5:8). What's he after? The God-given potential he knows lies within you. You're a seed capable of producing a harvest of blessings.

### 2) Stand firm in the faith.

Why? Because you can't stand on your feelings, your circumstances, or the opinions of others. Those things change constantly, so you must stand firm on the Word of God.

### 3) Act like an adult.

Why? Because being childish won't cut it when the battle is raging. It's time to grow up; if you're still making the same mistakes twenty-five years later, you're not learning enough.

### 4) Be strong.

Why? Because weakness is an invitation to the Enemy. It always precedes surrender – and giving up is not an option for you. God told His people the promised land was theirs – but they would have to fight for it. And you will, too!

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