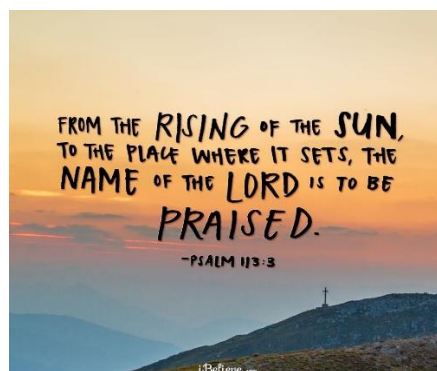




NOTES & UPDATES	PRAYER POINTS
- Christy will be in Hobart from Sunday for National Presbytery Minister's Conference held on 27-30 July - Congregational Insurance Questionnaire is due on 31 July - Monday is Christy's Day Off – any queries or urgent matters can be directed to Ana at the Presbytery Office - New PO Box for Carpentaria Presbytery Office from 1 June 2026 is PO Box 7070, Garbutt QLD 4814	- Carpentaria Presbytery Minister, Congregations, Faith Communities, Ministry Agents and Councils as they serve and live out their church mission within the community - Presbytery Capacity / Resourcing – Synod wide conversations and discernment - Craig and Jude Mischewski - Patrol Ministry throughout QLD

PRESBYTERY OFFICE			
	Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm		0459 544 507
			PO Box 7070, Garbutt QLD 4814 New PO Box from 1 June 2026
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CLOSING SERVICE

PICS FROM CLOSING SERVICE AT EDMONTON FOR PASTOR GEWA AU

Rev Dr Robert Brennan, Northern Zone Chair, conducted the Closing Service for Pastor Dr Gewa Au at Edmonton on 28 June. Dr Au concluded his placement at Edmonton on 30 June.





CARPENTARIA NEWS

MT LOUISA MARKET DAY ON 25 JULY FROM 8.00AM TO 12.00PM

Come and check out
Mt Louisa Community Church's



Saturday 25th July from 8am – 12pm
at Mt Louisa Community Church.
485 Bayswater Road, Mt Louisa.



AND so much more!
We hope to see you there.
Sites \$20 contact 0417707419

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY TREASURER – POSITION VACANT

The purpose of the position is to manage the financial records of the UCA – Carpentaria Presbytery according to the Uniting Church in Australia regulations, ensuring that:

- Banking and payment of bills are timely
- Financial operations are systematic, compliant, effective and efficient

to effectively report to both internal and external customers / stakeholders.

Here is the PD [Carpentaria Treasurer PD](#) and to start as soon as possible. For all expressions of interest or applications, send to the Presbytery Secretary at secretary@ucacarpentaria.com.au.

For further questions, please contact Ana at office@ucacarpentaria.com.au or Presbytery Minister presmincoastal@ucacarpentaria.com.au.

PRESBYTERY SUPPORT UNIT – EXTENDED HOURS

The PSU is here to assist!

Many of our volunteers conduct or complete church work in the evenings or over the weekend. To provide support in the evening, the Presbytery Support Unit will be open until 8pm on Wednesdays. **A trial will operate from Wednesday 8 July to Wednesday 23 September.** One of our Presbytery Support Officers will be available to answer the [1300 390 700](tel:1300390700) number and any emails that come into psu@ucaqlld.com.au.

UCA CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY – ADDRESS AND CONTACT CHANGES

Do **YOU** or **SOMEONE YOU KNOW** have a skill in:



Business Operations
(small or large)



Finance



**Building / property
maintenance**



**Architecture /
Engineering**

Please connect with us!

You could be the right person to join our team and give back to the Presbytery as part of the **Presbytery Property Committee**, supporting the mission of the Presbytery through:



Supporting congregations with
property enquiries



Reviewing property-related
applications



Overseeing maintenance
of Presbytery properties

Please contact Rev Christy Allen on presmincoastal@ucacarpentaria.com.au or **0418 184 834** for more details. PD is now available [Presbytery Property Committee PD](#)

DATE CLAIMER: BLUE CARE SUNDAY – 23 AUGUST 2026

You will likely already have this in your calendars, but we wanted to take a moment to remind you about BlueCare Sunday, which will be held on **Sunday 23rd August, 2026**.

BlueCare Sunday provides a valuable opportunity to highlight the important work of our Aged Care Chaplaincy, along with the broader ministry and services of BlueCare across Residential Aged Care, Retirement Living, and In-home & Community Care.

We encourage presbyteries and congregations to consider connecting with your [local BlueCare Chaplain or Connect100+ "Connector"](#) to explore opportunities to share during a service or to support a BlueCare-themed service. Congregations may also wish to consider simple ways of engaging with their local BlueCare team, such as providing a Thank-You Morning Tea for staff at a nearby centre. Where a Connector or Chaplain is unavailable to attend, we invite presbyteries to consider whether a presbytery representative may be able to participate in this way.

In the coming weeks, Connect100+ will share resources to assist you in planning and participating in these services. Please help us by sharing this information through to your congregations & faith communities.

This is a wonderful opportunity to continue strengthening relationships and partnerships within our communities.

PRAYER VIGIL – KAIROS OUTSIDE #12 GUEST WEEKEND IN TULLY IN SEPTEMBER

Kairos Outside North Queensland will be holding a guest weekend retreat at Tully in September to support women who have been impacted by the imprisonment of a loved one. You can be a part of it, by joining us in prayer.

Please use the link below to sign up to be a part of the 72 hours of prayer for the both the guests and the team. <https://signup.com/go/TePhCxx> Please send to your prayers.

RENEWAL PRAYER – ONLINE ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7.00PM

Who we're connected to has a huge impact on our lives. It shapes how we see the world, it guides how we live in the world and it determines how we work in the world.

Join us from 7-7:30pm (Qld time) on a Tuesday night, as we gather online to remember who walks with us in this life and is already at work in the world, inviting us to join them. Gather with us as we pray that God would renew and strengthen us for the task of joining in the work of the restoration of all things.

We'd love you to join us. Whether prayer feels natural to you, or you're not quite sure what you're doing, you're welcome. Come as you are.

To join us simply use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994146488?pwd=VDcxd1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09>

If you are unable to join us tonight, you might like to join us in this prayer during the week:

*Lord God, we thank You for Your love.
Help us remember what that love has looked like
throughout our lives -
your faithfulness, your goodness to us, your mighty acts.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Teach us again to seek your presence,
not just your help,
and renew our joy in knowing you.
You have always kept your promises,
from generation to generation.
You've always been beside us,
even when we've forgotten you're there.
So renew your church today.
Open our eyes to see you again.
Open our hearts to be more like you,
a people of generosity, grace and love.
Help us live in your ways,
so our lives bring you praise,
and reveal your goodness to the world.
Amen.*

UPDATED MINISTRY AGENT HOUSING POLICY ON THE HUB

Here are the new resources (released this month) related to Ministry Agent housing. **Found on Hub> Ministries > [Ministry Agents](#)**



DATE CLAIMERS

2026

2 July – Robyn's final day at Presbytery Office
23-26 October – 39th Synod at Alex Park
19 November – Muth Arrak Zone Meeting in Cairns
20-22 November – #2 Presbytery Meeting in Townsville at Mount Louisa Community Church
23-25 November – PLT F2F Strategic Meeting

Synod Selection Panel (SSP) Key Dates 2026
Selection Day 2
Applications Close – 31st July
Psychological Testing – 8th August
Synod Selection Day 2 – 7th November

ZONE MEETINGS

Muth Arrak	Northern	Southern	Gulf
19 November - Cairns	12 September	1 August	(Zoom meetings at 5.30pm) 20 August 17-19 November - Retreat to be confirmed



THE WORD FOR TODAY

YOU NEED MORE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“The Helper, the Holy Spirit...will teach you all things.” John 14:26 NKJV

Jesus said: *“The Helper, the Holy Spirit...will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”* When you need to make a critical decision, you need *“the spirit of wisdom and revelation”* (Ephesians 1:17 NKJV). When you’re in a difficult situation and unsure of what to say: *“Just say whatever is given to you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit”* (Mark 13:11 NIV). When you find it hard to show love? *“The fruit of the Spirit is love”* (Galatians 5:22 NIV). The same is true with every fruit of the Spirit. Do you need to overcome an addiction? *“The fruit of the Spirit is...self-control”* (v. 22-23 AMPC).

Of course, that’s an oxymoron because it doesn’t come from you. It’s the Spirit who manufactures it, so it’s really Spirit-control. What you need more of is the Holy Spirit. And for the record, the Spirit of God doesn’t just want to fill you; He also wants to stretch you and increase your capacity. If you feel like your life is in chaos today, the Spirit of God is hovering—just as He did at the dawn of creation when He brought light out of darkness, order out of chaos, and beauty out of nothingness (see Genesis 1:1-3). No matter what question you have, the Holy Spirit is the answer. No matter what problem you face, the Holy Spirit is the solution. You need as much of Him as you can get, so you need to yield as much of yourself to Him as you can.

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