

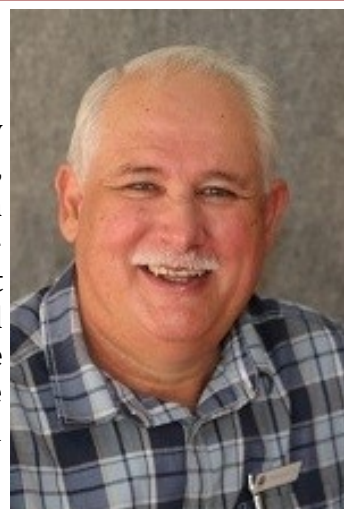


Mary Burnett

Graham's Reflection

Greetings Mary Burnett,

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Presbytery Newsletter. It can't be September already, can it? Yes, this year seems to be picking up speed. September is a great time of year; recognised in Australia for two major occasions – Father's Day, and the commencement of Spring. Spring celebrates life, transformations, and new beginnings, and on Father's Day we recognise the life that we have because of our fathers, and the role and influence fathers have in our lives and across all of society.



You know, I decided to look up "father" in the dictionary. It was easy to find, just before the words "fathomless and "fatigued"and just after the words 'fateful' and "fathead."

So, to all of us fatigued, fathomless, fathead fathers and fatherly figures,Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day is also a time to especially give thanks to our Heavenly Father, who not only as creator has given us life, but also has provided for all our needs in order that we may live that life in all its fullness.

However, this year we have one other significant event, that may initially seem to be at odds with the common themes previously mentioned, and that is the Moderator's Convocation focussing on Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD).

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As Spring begins, the subject of death as the focus of the convocation appears to conflict with our joy of entering into a season of life and love; of sunny days mixed with life-giving spring showers. However, I want to encourage you to see that this conversation is not just about death, but when considered in the light of the Gospel, is also about life, hope, transformation, and new beginnings.

I couldn't count the number of times I have stood before people gathered at a funeral and declared the conviction that is at the core of the Christian faith, "that while death is the end of human life, it marks a new beginning in our relationship with God". While the human life, especially as it draws towards its ultimate end, can be a time of pain, despair, grief, suffering, darkness and fear, the promise that we have in Jesus, is that this winter will give way to joy and new life as we bathe in the newfound life with our Heavenly father, and in the warmth and radiance of His Son Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Spirit give us wisdom and insight to understand how to walk the way of Christ in the changing dynamics and circumstances of this world. I pray also that the new season before us with its uncertainties, will be time of personal growth and transformation for us all, producing a harvest beyond our hope and expectations.

"For sure His saving power is near those who fear Him, so His shining-greatness may live in the land. Loving-kindness and truth have met together. Peace and what is right and good have kissed each other. Truth comes up from the earth. And what is right and good looks down from heaven. Yes, the Lord will give what is good. And our land will give its fruit. What is right and good will go before Him and make a way for His steps." (Psalm 84:9-12)

PS Graham Huth

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- + Certificate 4 in Chaplaincy, Youth work or equivalent
- + Working With Children's Check
- + Endorsement letter from a local church
- + Passion for chaplaincy and serving well-being needs in schools

Contact Your Dream School Programs to apply or for more information on 1300 792 856 or email admin@yourdream.org.au

Graham's Diary

September

7-8 Moderator's Convocation
15 Meeting with YWAM - Childers
18 Preaching - Caloundra
20 First MC3 Meeting - Brisbane
21 PSI
22 Placements
25 Preaching - Kawana Waters

Graham is available and willing to come and visit, and/or preach so that he can get to know the Presbytery, and people get to know him.

Contact Graham at
presmin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Presbytery Meeting Dates 2022

Live in
November 11 - 13 Camp Pialba

collegiality, good food, great discussions

Mary Burnett Online Services

[Bargara](#) - Facebook

[Blackall Range](#) - Website

[Bundaberg](#) - YouTube

[Cooroy/Pomona](#) - Facebook

[Gympie Uniting Church](#) - YouTube

[Hervey Bay](#) - YouTube

[Mooloolaba](#) - Facebook

Apologies if I've missed anyone.

The Synod office has put together a list of Queensland Uniting Church congregations live streaming available on the [website](#).

[Bells](#) - Facebook

[Buderim](#) - YouTube

[Caloundra](#) - Facebook

[Glasshouse Country](#) - YouTube

[Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook

[Nambour](#) - YouTube

Standing Committee and PRC 2022 Meetings

**Submissions accepted for
consideration up to 1 week
before meeting.**

† 13 Oct 2022

† 01 Dec 2022

Start time: 9.30am

Have you read any good books recently?

Email your review to me at admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Peachester Centenary Celebration

The Peachester church building celebrates its centenary on 30th October, 2022 with a service starting at 4pm at which the Moderator will be present as well as the Anglican bishop. The church building was originally a Methodist church but the whole community came along to Sunday school there and so the building was given to the Community Hall committee in 2017 to care for it when the UCA folks could no longer care for it alone. We hold an ecumenical community church service on the last Sunday each month at 5.30pm led alternately by Anglican and Uniting churches in Beerwah. The Community hall committee have installed new carpet, painted the inside and will arrange a display of historic photographs and memorabilia for the Centenary celebrations. (open from 3pm - 5.30pm)



All previous members of the Peachester community are encouraged to attend, especially any clergy associated with the church, to share their stories. Contact John Ingram 5494 9380 or churchgcuc@gmail.com for more information or with stories if you cannot attend.

A special afternoon tea will be part of the celebrations.

Blessings, Elizabeth Nolan

Save the date: Older Persons Sunday

Uniting Church congregations and communities are encouraged to celebrate Older Persons Sunday on 2 October 2022, the first Sunday after the [United Nations' International Day of Older Persons](#). This opportunity to recognise the human rights and dignity of older people in worship was endorsed by the 16th Assembly in May. Keep an eye out for worship resources from Uniting Friends of Ageing, and contact [Warren Talbot](#) for more information.



(source - Uniting Church in Australia 24/08/2022)



Working alone or remote?

Volunteers play a critical role in the ministry and mission of the Church in Queensland. In April this year, a volunteer working alone at one of our churches fell, injuring themselves and requiring hospitalization. They were able to call for assistance at the time of their accident; however, it highlighted the risk volunteers face working alone.

Could this happen to you? Do you have members of the congregation or volunteers that may be at the church working alone?

It is essential to consider the safety of all workers, including those working alone. Some controls that may assist include:

- Have a roster of duties or tasks and require someone to assist (buddy system).
- Let someone know your plans and advise when you arrive and depart.
- Have a communication device on your person, e.g. mobile phone.
- Know the location of First Aid equipment and replenish any used or expired items as required.

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

(Uniting News 13/07/22)

Presbytery committees members

Thank you to all who have stepped into Presbytery roles to serve on our committees. We welcome:

Presmin: Graham Huth

Chairperson: Liena Hoffman

Secretary: Naomi Cavalli

Treasurer: Peter Mortimer

Mission Engagement Officer: Phil Smith

Property Committee: Liena Hoffman

Standing Committee: Phil Smith; Stuart Bosch; Susan Mortimer; Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary; Pres Treasurer

Pastoral Relations Committee: Stuart Bosch, Rob Salter; Tanya Richards, Kate Boileau, Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary

Please pray for the members of these committees as they carry out the work of the Presbytery on our behalf.

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Oasis - Outreach



A place of calm, caring, coffee, craft, sharing and conversation

Congratulations and a big thank you to all the members and friends of the people of the Hervey Bay Uniting Church.

5 weeks from a discussion to our Meet and Greet and our program is underway. Janet and Beverley, our outreach volunteers, spent many hours painting murals, resourcing equipment and sorting donations.

So many people stepped up, donated items, encouraged, moved furniture, painted our little share library, provided biscuits for morning tea, made signs the list goes on.

So, we now welcome people to come into our Oasis, stay awhile, make friends, learn a new activity, bring your own craft, share your skills, bring a friend. Let's reach out to our community so that no one feels alone or isolated.

Friday 9.30-12.00

Contribution of \$2 -includes tea and biscuits

Women in ministry gathering

An opportunity for women in ministry - lay and ordained - to meet for lunch and chat. For more details contact Dona, 0405319404 or donasp@bigpond.com

When: First Tuesday of each month, 12 - 2PM.

Where: The Reserve Cafe, Mount Crosby Rd, Anstead, 4070

Safe Ministry Training

A group of 12 completed the training at Glasshouse recently and were led by Sue Mulcahy.

Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan.



Project Plenty update

Plenty Update - Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program

The Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program (PMLP) brings together participants across the life of the Uniting Church to support and build their capacity as leaders in these uncertain times. The program contributes to building a strong and flourishing church through each of the Synod's entities as we navigate the ever-changing, volatile, and complex future ahead.

We caught up with Anneline Kinnear, who completed the program last year, to hear her reflections. Anneline is Wesley Mission's Manager, Organisational Development.

What did you learn from the PLMP course?

There were so many great learnings from the course that it is hard to single out one, but what I did find really helpful was all the amazing tools that we were provided. It was practical, easy to understand and helpful to apply in a day-to-day context. I enjoyed the strategy session, and the models used were engaging. The additional components of the program, such as the coaching and mentoring, were really supportive and enabled more growth throughout the process.

What did the process mean for you?

I really got a broader understanding of the larger Uniting Church, and for me, the networking opportunities made all the difference. So I learned a lot of theory, and I had the opportunity to apply it and also broaden my networks.

We hear you're rolling out a Leadership program at WMQ. Did you apply anything from PLMP as you did that work?

We are using the mentoring model that was part of the PLMP program, and we engaged the same team to facilitate the mentoring program as part of our Emerging Leader program. It's being very well received, and we are seeing our participants grow.

If you are interested in the work of Plenty and want to know more, contact projectplenty@ucagld.com.au

Please pray for our chaplains

† Ps Barbara Betts (Kingaroy)
† Narelle Cramb (Sunshine Coast North)
† Rev Anna Ashby (Buderim)
† Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim)
† Rev Tanya Richards (SCUH)
† Pastor Peter Pearson (Bundaberg)
† Ps Leanda Campbell (Maryborough)

† Rev James Stevenson (Buderim)
† Rev Keren Seto
† Ms Merisa Holland
† Rev Craig Allen



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.

(Source - Uniting News 26/07/2022)

Join the work of Act2 with two new roles

[The Act2 Project](#) is a whole of Church project led by the Assembly to consider how we can shape our life as the Uniting Church to support life-giving communities of faith, build a cohesive national identity, and improve our governance and re-sourcing framework. The Assembly Standing Committee has established the Act2 Project Unit to develop and execute the Act2 Project Plan. It now has two new vacant positions: **Project and Research Officer** and **Administration Officer**.

(source - Uniting Church in Australia 24/08/2022)



UCA Child Safe Sunday Resources

CHILD SAFE SUNDAY



Get ready for Child Safe Sunday

Next Sunday 4 September we will celebrate UCA Child Safe Sunday across the national Uniting Church. How is your community planning to reflect on our commitment to being safe communities for all? The National Safe Church Unit has released a suite of resources to help, including [this Presentation](#) for ministry agents which can be used in worship.

Find the Child Safe Sunday resources on the Congregations and Presbyteries tab

(source - Uniting Church in Australia 24/08/2022)

Invitation - UnitingCare's Men Choosing Change program: Findings of a long-term evaluation

Over the past four years, researchers from the Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research (QCDFVR) at CQUniversity have partnered with UnitingCare to evaluate the program's effectiveness. The report from the final stage of this evaluation has now been released, and we invite you to join our panellists and presenters as they discuss the findings.

When: Friday, September 2, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm AEST

Where: Webinar

Click [here](#) to register.



Men Choosing Change



Register now for Walking Together Conference

Tickets are now available for the inaugural First Peoples theology conference to be hosted by the Uniting Church Synod of NSW/ACT in Sydney. Featuring prominent First Nations leaders and theologians, the one-day conference is an opportunity to hear First Nations perspectives on theology, reconciliation and the Covenant between the Uniting Church and Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress. [Register here](#) to attend in-person or online.

(source - Uniting Church in Australia 24/08/2022)



Position Vacant - Blue Care

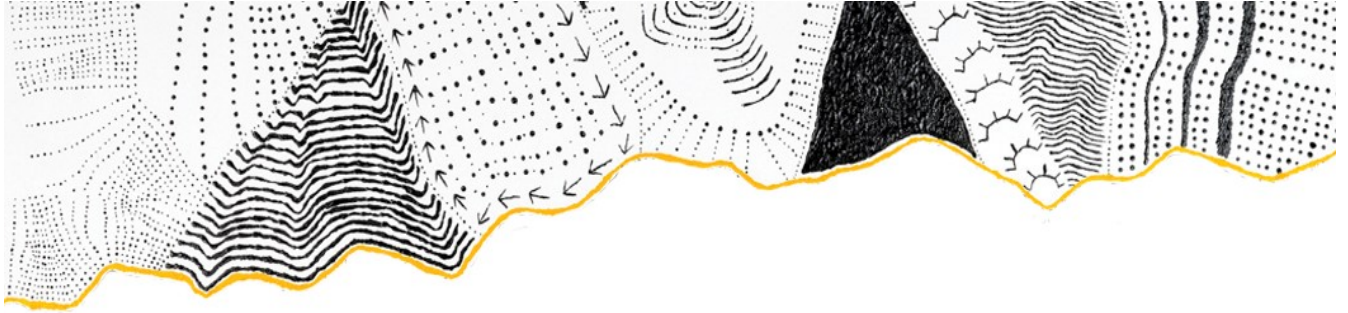
Spiritual and Pastoral Care Practitioner

Elanora, Gold Coast QLD, - Aged and Disability Support

2 year fixed term part time opportunity (30.4 hours per fortnight) with the largest aged care provider in Queensland.

We're seeking a Spiritual and Pastoral Care Practitioner to support the delivery of pastoral and spiritual care to the residents, their family and staff across residential facilities in Elanora, Kirra and Tallebudgera.

Please click the above link for more information.



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For additional information please email Lauren Murray at lmurray@wmq.org.au

“THANK YOU FROM MUNDUBBERA OP SHOP”

At the beginning of winter we were desperate for donations of blankets and mens warm winter clothing. Our itinerant workers from overseas arrive for the fruit harvest without any clothes suitable for our winter.

We were blessed with donations from Kingaroy and the wider Presbytery. We are also grateful for the help in processing these donations.

Ivy, Jim, Christine and Brenda brought donations from Caloundra and spent the weekend helping sort and price goods and then worshiped with us on Sunday morning – A great couple of days of fellowship.

Susan and Peter Mortimer arrived from Hervey Bay with their ute fully loaded and again helped with the sorting and pricing. We always appreciate the help and advice offered by Peter and Susan.

Rev Peter Hall also delivered a carload of goods.

We are always very appreciative of your donations particularly blankets/towels/men's clothing.

So to you all a “ HUGE THANK YOU.”

Mundubbera Uniting Church Congregation.

Resources for digital ministry

Resources for digital ministry are available on the Synod's coronavirus [web-site](#) including:

- [Copyright fact sheet](#)
- [Church social media 101 fact sheet](#)
- [Facebook for church fact sheet](#)
- [Facebook live fact sheet](#)
- [Audio of the social media discussion](#) hosted by the Presbytery of The Downs (video coming soon).

Please submit your congregations' activities to:

admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

**What is happening in your church?
Let me know & I can celebrate it in the
Presbytery Newsletter?**

- ⇒ **Events**
- ⇒ **Book or Film Reviews**
- ⇒ **Relevant interesting items**
- ⇒ **Photo's**

Newsletter deadline is 26th of the month.

*Articles are subject to approval.

Have you given or received a random act of kindness?

Tell me about it - what was it? how was it received? Did anything else happen?

Glasshouse Country - Great Outback BBQ

Frontier Services Sunday 27 August 8.30am service & Great Outback BBQ morning tea after it.

About 30 present for worship which I led using the Frontier Services booklets and adjusted power point presentation. A highlight of our service was 91 year old Rev Keith Ewin preaching about his work with AIM – forerunner to Frontier Services - in the Mackay Patrol. See photo of him at pulpit. He had been in hospital 2 weeks ago and we didn't think we'd have him with us! Keith and his twin brother were delivered by the first flying doctor and his two brothers also went into the NSW Presbyterian then Uniting ministry – one serving for many years in various Frontier Services patrols. We raised \$340 from the BBQ morning tea for Frontier Services.

Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan



**Sometimes God works secretly
and behind the scenes,
but He will reveal His work to us
when the time is right**

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UNITING WORLD



“When a tree falls in the forest, you hear the sound. When a tree is growing, you hear nothing.”

This wisdom was shared at the Pacific Church Partnership Advisory Network (PCPAN) meeting in Canberra recently, where I had the great pleasure of listening to Christian leaders from across the Pacific region as they expressed their hopes, joys, struggles and dreams for the future. It was the first meeting of its type in-person, where the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) facilitated the gathering but allowed the agenda and conversation to be guided by the participants, particularly Pasifika and First Peoples. ([Read my full reflection here.](#))

- the problem of men’s violence against women, and how our Pacific partners are addressing it in a unique and powerful way. [Read here](#)
- the crisis in Sri Lanka, and how our partners are doing what they can to reach the most vulnerable. Please continue to pray for our partners and everyone in Sri Lanka working to end the crisis and uphold human dignity. [Read here](#)
- and the story of Glebe Road Uniting and their friends in Timor-Leste as a great example of the fruits of this work we do together. [Read here](#)

Every exchange we make in partnership, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, is an act of love and hope that enriches each party. It’s that love of neighbour and hope for the reconciliation of all things that inspire and connect everything we do.

I’m so grateful to have you with us.

Sureka Goringe
National Director
UnitingWorld.



Scholarships

Our scholarships offer eligible students the financial support they need to succeed in their studies. We currently offer three scholarships: the academic excellence, Christian leadership and equity scholarships.

This scholarship is awarded to one new and one returning student of Raymont Residential College to recognise and reward outstanding academic achievements at school or university, student leadership and community involvement. The scholarship will assist with the costs of accommodation and meals whilst undertaking tertiary study in Brisbane.

Applications open: September

Applications close: November

Contact the Registrar for the most up to date application deadlines.

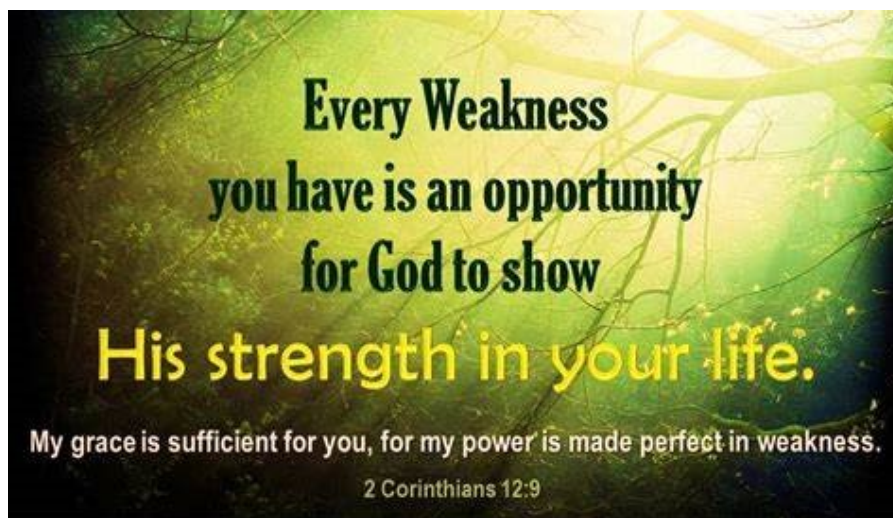
The successful applicants will be notified in early December and presentation of the scholarship certificate taking place in February the following year.

How to apply

You must submit a written application by the closing date. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application via email on or before the end of the year.

[Download the application form.](#)

Please contact the Raymont Registrar Catherine Henderson on (07) 3377 9903 or by email catherine.henderson@raymont.com.au for further information or assistance.



Dates for your Diary

2022 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

† 11-13 Nov - Live in at Camp Pialba

Start time: 9.00am

2022 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT GRUC

† 13 Oct 2021

† 1 Dec 2021

Start time: 9.30am

Submissions accepted for consideration 1 week before meeting.

2022 ZONE MEETINGS

Inland Zone Meeting (Not scheduled)

Northern Zone Meeting (Not scheduled)

MANDATORY REPORTING TRAINING (Ministry Agents)

Ministry Agents – Initial training – Module 1 online,
Module 2 face to face,
Module 3 Online. – Begin cycle again

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING

†

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that
he may lift you up in due time.
Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

[Online version available here](#) To be completed
with 2 or more people together. Then send
completed certificates to
admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

RETREAT (TBC)

INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

† 23 September

RETIRED REVS

† October 2022 - Guest Ps Graham Huth

SYNOD

† October 2023



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MARY BURNETT PRESBYTERY

WHO ARE WE?

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Plans for you!

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WORK DAYS

Grahams day off is Monday, Phil's day off is Saturday. Liena's is Friday

Whilst Graham, Phil & Liena may check messages and respond to urgent requests, please leave non-urgent matters for their work days. Thank you.