

Graham's Reflection

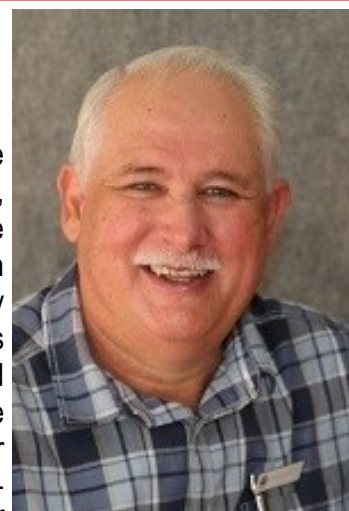
Let There Be Peace on Earth

Greetings Mary Burnett,
Welcome to a new Church Year, and the wonder and joy of the Advent/Christmas Season. I always reflect at this time of year, that the Latin word adventus ("coming"), from which we derive the term Advent is also the basis for the word Adventure (Latin adventurus), which we use to describe a coming unknown, risky or daring journey, full of possibilities, but few real certainties. As one year ends, a new one is just over the horizon, it is awaited alongside the promised return of our glorious king Jesus. While this is a certainty, when Christ will come again is beyond our knowledge. So, this is a time of excitement, anticipation, preparation and adventure. I pray that this will be the case for each of you.

The other word echoing in my mind at the moment though, is that word which we regularly identify with the second Sunday of Advent - peace. As I turn my mind to preaching on the subject of Peace, I can't help but acknowledge that across the life of the Presbytery this year, I have struggled to experience, or see a lot of evidence of God's peace in the life and witness of the church. Some congregations have been unable to find peace as they wrestled with filling preaching plans in the absence of ministerial leadership. But more importantly, in a church which has prided itself on Christian unity, a significant number of our congregations have experienced various levels of unrest due to inner struggles, complaints and division.

In my daily devotional time lately I have been reading a book entitled, '52 Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know', by Dave Adamson. I just happened to open it up one morning this week to a page focussed on that very special Hebrew word, Shalom (meaning Peace), and was challenged by these words:

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Mary Burnett

WITNESSING THE LOVE AND TRANSFORMATION OF JESUS

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In ancient Jewish tradition, peace was valued more than truth. The rabbis would argue that if there was a situation in which truth and peace were in conflict with each other, peace should take precedence. Perhaps, this is because the Hebrew word for "peace" is shalom, which means to be wholly unified with God and others. Among the rabbis, it was more important for you to be unified with God and others than to be "right." My friend Andy Stanley puts this idea into modern terms when he says, "You are more important than my view." But how often do we get this the other way around and put our need to be "right" ahead of people?

The first believers in God taught that those who follow God should love peace and pursue it, love their neighbours, and attract others to the Scriptures. This is the peace Jesus offers—peace with God, peace of God, and peace with each other.

Jesus declared that the world will know we are his disciples by our love for one another (John 13:34-35). This does not mean that we will never disagree, or that we can't hold onto our own convictions, but it does talk to us about the priority of relationship. When we 'seek first the Kingdom of God' (Matthew 6:33) we must also seek to live according to Christ's commands, which includes a command to love one another. Let us learn to mirror the examples of the Prince of Peace of infinite grace, mercy, and forgiveness in our relationships with one another. Then perhaps, we will truly come to experience peace on earth; not an absence of war or strife, but the peace that God brings, or as Dave Adamson puts it – peace with God, peace of God, and peace with each other.

May this joyful and most holy season be a time of blessing as you worship Christ the Lord; who was, who is, and who is to come.

PS Graham Huth

Welcome to Mary Burnett!

Induction/Commissioning

Ps Steven Fincham - 3 Dec 2pm - Commissioning into Caloundra
Uniting Church

Ps Susan Cameron 12 Dec 10am - Commissioning into BlueCare
Caloundra/Maleny - 56 Queen St, Caloundra UC

Graham's Diary

December

12 Susan Cameron Commissioning 10.00am - Caloundra

14 PSI

15 Placements

January

1-14 Graham is on leave

TBA - Special Presbytery meeting in response to MCC consultation.

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

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Presbytery Meeting Dates 2023

March 18 - Maryborough

July 22 (TBA)

November 10 - 12 Camp Pialba Live in
Collegiality

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

2022/3 Meetings

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

† 01 Dec 2022

† 9 Feb 2023

† 13 Apr 2023

† 8 Jun 2023

† 10 Aug 2023

† 12 Oct 2023

Have you read any good books recently?

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

Free webinar: Top Legal Issues for the Board Agenda by Not-for-profit Law, Justice Connect

Keeping up to date with current issues and being aware of key risks affecting your not-for-profit organisation is central to the role of the board/committee. In this free webinar, a short, sharp overview of five current legal issues to be aware of as you look ahead to 2023 is provide.

Participants will receive:

- 75 minutes of plain-language training from a lawyer
- Copy of webinar recording and slide presentation
- Information on further resources and support

This introductory webinar is suitable for all board/committee members and senior staff of organisations.

When: Tuesday, 6 December 2022, 12.45 pm - 2 pm AEDT. [Register here](#)

(Source - Uniting News 4/10/22)

COVID-19 update

A significant change to the way Queenslanders manage COVID-19 occurred on Thursday 13th Oct.

The public health direction relating to isolation and quarantine periods for persons contracting COVID has been revoked. This means a diagnosed case no longer needs to remain at home whilst they are positive.

The potential for the virus to circulate in your community has increased substantially with this change. Whilst permitted to be out and about when positive, we would encourage church councils to ask their church family to care for one another by continuing to avoid face-to-face worship and other activities whilst unwell.

Cleaning, hand hygiene and physical distancing to the extent possible continue to be essential control measures preventing the spread of the virus. Thank you for continuing to respond to the changing advice and managing the ongoing challenges this creates.

If you have any questions, the COVID team is always available at COVID19@ucaqld.com.au.



The Christmas lights are on at Buderim Private Hospital

easter
MADNESS

Save the Date!
First week of April 2023

UnitingCare Christmas Appeal

When a child can no longer live at home, if they cannot be placed in foster care, or if their foster care placement has broken down, UnitingCare's Residential Service provides out-of-home care to help keep them safe.

These homes are staffed 24/7 and host up to four kids at a time. General Manager of Family, Child and Individual Support (FCIS), Vivien Bull says that the children in their care are typically between the ages of 12 and 18, but that they have been getting younger over the years. Sadly, on Christmas Eve last year, two young siblings required emergency Residential Services. But with such short notice and a restricted budget, it was uncertain that these kids were going to have a happy Christmas.



Thanks to the thoughtful donations made to the UnitingCare Christmas Appeal, FCIS staff were able to rush out and purchase everything these kids needed, and more. It's only through the support of people like you, that UnitingCare is able to provide Christmas miracles like these.

Please visit <https://www.unitingcareqld.com.au/christmas-appeal> to make a donation today.

(Source - Uniting News - 6 December 2022)

Smile

I still can't believe that years ago I got fired from
a calendar factory. All I did was take a day off!

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: Stuart Bosch; Tanya Richards, Susan Mortimer; MEO, Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary; Pres Treasurer

Pastoral Relations Committee: Stuart Bosch, Tanya Richards, Bruce Ames, Margaret Gilbert, 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.

I URGE THAT PETITIONS,
PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS,
AND THANKSGIVING BE
OFFERED FOR ALL THOSE IN
AUTHORITY, SO THAT WE
MAY LEAD TRANQUIL AND
QUIET LIVES IN ALL
GODLINESS AND DIGNITY.

Glasshouse Country

We are being busy about the Kingdom. Some photos from our Peachester Lessons & Carols service last Sunday . The cast for the tableaux of the readings plus the musicians at work in the service.



Creative Christmas Community Day

Tuesday 13th December 10am-2pm

*At the Glasshouse Country Uniting Church,
29 Twin Peaks Dr, Beerwah (off Steve Irwin Way)*

**Children over 5 and Carers and older adults
all welcome to enjoy some Christmas fun -
carols, card-making, cooking and crafts...**

**Bring your own water bottle or mug, special dietary
food if needed, scissors, glue sticks and coloured pens**

**Donations of old cards and Christmas paper or ribbons, colourful
magazines, tinsel, small cardboard boxes and bunches of gum nuts
or pine cones will be appreciated for our creations.**

**Please Register with Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan on
0448358774 or email churchgcuc@gmail.com by 9th
December, 2022.**

Induction - Rev Neil Storey - August

Neil, Tracey and their family were officially and joyfully welcomed into Buderim UC in August (apologies for not having in the newsletter until now) Phil Smith preached to the readings and challenged us to trust in Jesus even in the midst of chaos and fear.

A sumptuous afternoon tea was served afterwards.



Induction - Rev Willem Smit - November

Well it was a full house at Hervey Bay for the induction service. Such a joyful celebration where Willem and Christi-Marie were officially welcomed. A large number of Presbytery members were present as were some ecumenical associates and the local government councillor.

We had dinner before the service and there was a huge cake to share for supper afterwards.



Wellbeing

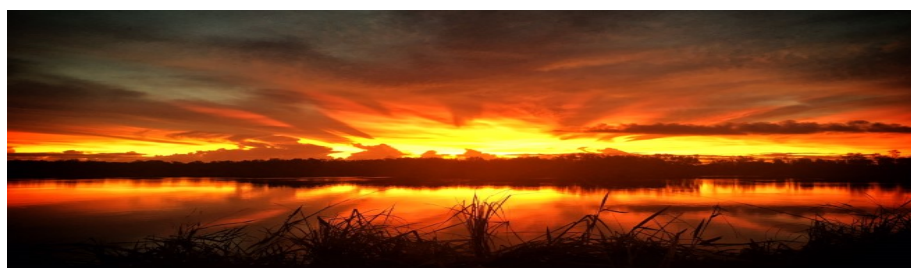
Little by little becomes a lot. A gentle reminder for you is that your best isn't always going to look the same?

We all grow at different rates. Spend more time reflecting and celebrating your progress.

Just as being kind to others is beneficial to your wellbeing, being kind to yourself is really important too.

Mental Wellbeing Initiatives, Qld Government

(source - Ps Theo Masselos)

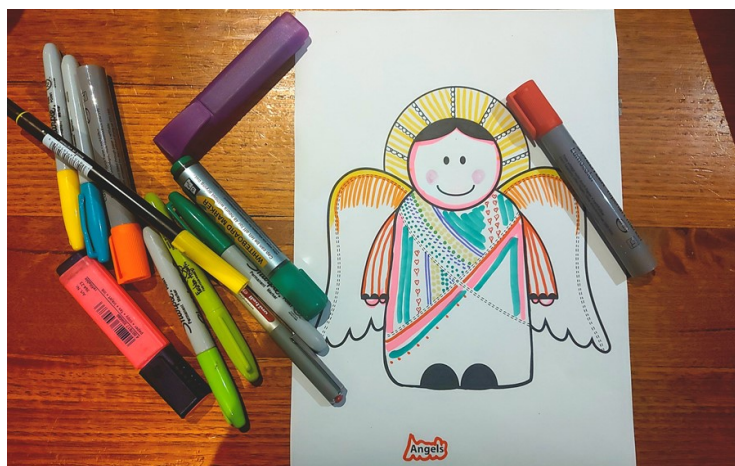


JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY TO JOY!

Don't miss out! Please complete this [form](#) to sign up for updates and ideas for worship, community and congregational reflections and studies, and materials to help families connect with and countdown to Christmas.

The 2022 Advent and Christmas website is under construction; for more information, click [here](#).

(Source - Uniting News 1/11/22)



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)
- † Rev James Stevenson (Buderim)

- † Rev Keren Seto (St Stephens Hervey Bay)
- † Ms Merisa Holland (Caloundra)
- † Rev Craig Allen (Hervey Bay)
- † Ps Susan Cameron (Caloundra/Maleny)



Mary Christmas Burnett!



The Burnett Network of Churches covers a huge proportion of the Mary Burnett Presbytery.

One of the two ministers, alone, will have covered 24000 kilometres this year.... With diesel now worth more than \$2.40 per litre, well, you do the sums 😊

Every local church has challenges, but we have a heart for small congregations in the shrinking towns of country Queensland.

We'd like to raise \$300 per month into the future to keep the wheels turning, and the Good News going, as Jesus said, "into the villages."

Dear Burnett Network,

Thanks for blessing your communities over such a wide area and in so many ways.

We have sent a financial gift to keep the wheels turning.

Regards,

\$10.00

\$20.00

\$50.00

Other Amount.

Burnett Network Churches

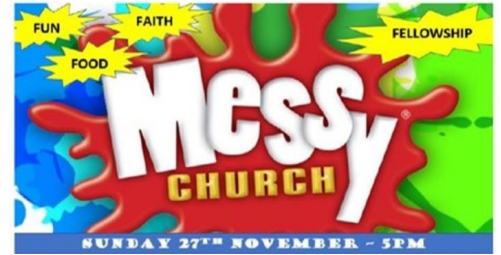
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Burnett Network Churches
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QLD 4626

Buderim Uniting Church

Things are always busy around the Christmas and Advent season but that did not stop Buderim Uniting from starting something new. They took the opportunity to launch Messy Church with the theme “A Messy Christmas”.



It was a wonderful evening with nearly forty (good biblical number) people attending. During the evening the census taker informed us that we had 20 Australians and 13 South Africans, plus a few from elsewhere in the world, come along. We sang some Christmas songs, enjoyed a wonderful gourmet hot dog or two and created our own version of the manger, some even had an ensuite!!!!

It was a wonderful night and everyone is looking forward to Carols Under the Stars on December 18th 4pm, where there will be a free sausage sizzle along with an animal farm and other children's activities.

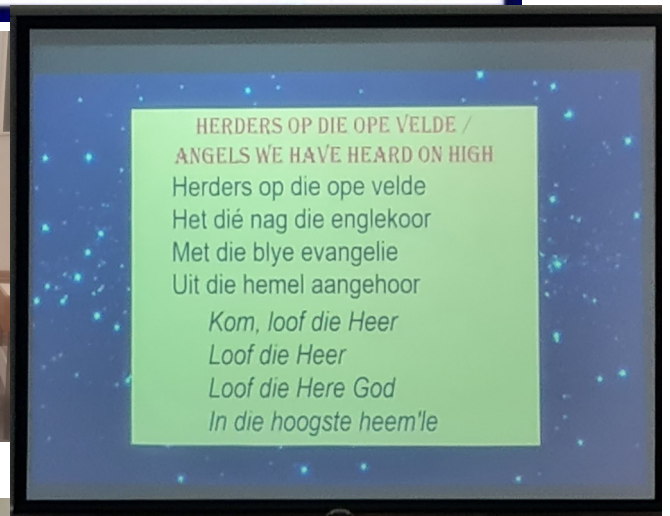
Safe Church

Blue Cards, Recordkeeping, new National Checks and Information Sharing

Maintaining up-to-date Blue Card records helps keep children safe. Accurate recordkeeping is an essential step in safeguarding children and vulnerable people. A congregation management [system](#) is available to support congregations with recordkeeping. The Blue Card Services [portal](#) allows congregations to maintain accurate Blue Card records. A fact sheet [Upcoming changes to the blue card system](#) provide information about changes that will enable access to a central database that records adverse interstate working with children check (WWCC) decisions. More information about recordkeeping is available on the [website](#). Contact Lynde Davy at safechurch@ucaqlld.com.au or 07 3377 9983. For more information about the Blue Card Services organisation portal, contact Blue Card Services on 1800 113 611 or 07 3211 6999.

(Source Weekly Wrap -18 November 2022)

**SUNSHINE COAST
KERSSANGDIENS
CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE
BUDERIM UNITING CHURCH
VREDE OP AARDE / PEACE ON EARTH**



A bi-lingual Christmas carol service was held on Nov 20th at Buderim Uniting Church. With many thanks to Rev Dr Leina Hoffman, Rev Brian Nagel who led the service, and guest singers Hendrik and Juanita van Wyk and all in the background who made it all happen.

Some comments made were;

“It was a great bilingual service and it was fantastic to see so many visitors”

“Thanks for saying hello to all of us watching on line too! Great service!”

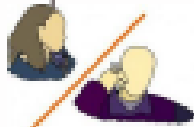
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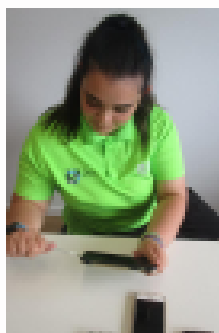


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000 or a loved one to
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the Police ↓

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DV victim ↓

DV victim gets phone and
keeps it for emergencies

Drop Off Sites

Tuesday and Wednesday

481 Broadwater Rd, Mansfield
(come to the hall behind the
church)

Monday - Thursday

652 Albany Creek Rd, Albany
Creek

Wednesday - Thursday

UHL Memorial Hall, WMQ
Chermside

9:00am - 3:00pm

For more information please visit:

<https://dvsafephone.org>

Donate to National Floods Appeal

Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis last week launched a national appeal to support communities across Australia impacted by flooding. The National Disaster Relief Fund is used to support people to rebuild both physically and emotionally, in the short and long term.

(source uniting church in Australia 02/11/2022)



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?

UNITING WORLD



Everything In Common Catalogue 2022

UnitingWorld has launched the new **Everything in Common** Gift Catalogue 2022! It's filled with life-changing gifts that fight poverty and build hope in the world. From kickstarting small businesses and enabling sustainable incomes, to equipping children for the future and helping create safer communities, there's so many ways you can make a difference on behalf of your loved ones!

[Shop now online](#) or [sign up to host a gift stall in your church](#).

Uniting World have new Christmas card designs

Wish your loved ones a Happy Christmas and help fight poverty in the process.

Proceeds from the sale of the cards will help where the need is greatest, supporting our church partners to make a lasting difference in people's lives. See all the designs and order [here](#).





Applications are open for the Uniting Church [National Young Adult Leaders Conference \(NYALC\)](#) taking place from **26-29 January 2023** at Merricks Lodge on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula.

A key part of our Uniting Church identity is that we celebrate the leadership, passion, and many gifts of young adults. NYALC is an opportunity for emerging leaders, aged 18-30, to explore what leadership is, build their leadership skills, and reflect on how faith shapes and guides leadership.

NYALC aims to nurture and equip our next generation of UCA leaders. Across three days, participants will share in worship, input sessions, bible study, peer reflection groups and more. See this [invitation from the President](#).

Please consider if there is a young person in your community who you could encourage to go, or consider contributing towards the costs for a young adult leader to attend. Places are limited to 70 participants. Applications close 7 November. Click below to find out more.

[Applications now open](#)



Dates for your Diary

2022 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

† 18 March - Maryborough

Start time: 9.00am

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

† 9 Feb

† 13 April

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

† 10 November - Ministers face 2 face - Pialba

Isaiah 9:6

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

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

- † 3 Dec Commissioning Steven Fincham - Caloundra 2pm
- † 12 Dec Susan Cameron - Blue Care - Caloundra/Maleny

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

- † 27 January

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

- † October 2023



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Please email changes to admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

MARY BURNETT PRESBYTERY

WHO ARE WE?

The Presbytery, as a Council of delegates from congregations and agencies, are disciples witnessing the love and transformation of Jesus in order to better serve our ministry agents, congregations and other places of ministry within its bounds.

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Secretary: Mr Ron Mason
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Jesus knows me, this I
love!

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.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ps Graham Huth
Rev Stuart Bosch
Pastor Phil Smith
Mrs Naomi Cavalli (Secretary)
Rev Liena Hoffman (Chair)
Mr Peter Mortimer (Treasurer)
Mrs Susan Mortimer
Rev Tanya Richards

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ps Graham Huth
Rev Stuart Bosch
Mrs Naomi Cavalli
Rev Liena Hoffman
Ps Bruce Ames
Rev Tanya Richards
Mrs Margaret Gilbert

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– Northern Zone

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