



# Mary Burnett

## Graham's Reflection



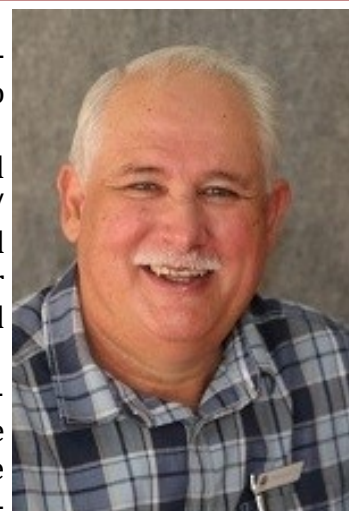
Greetings Mary Burnett Presbytery, and God's richest blessings to you all.

I trust and pray that the joy and excitement of the Advent/Christmas season still lingers and is providing a good springboard for leaping into a year full of potential for all who put their faith in Christ.

As the year commences, I am drawn to two words: Vision and Mission. Vision and Mission are words that are spoken about SO much at church that to be honest, we can get sick of hearing them. Are they really that important? The simple answer is 'yes'! Because our identity as a church, and our purpose as Christ's disciples are inherently and unavoidably based on our perception of Mission and Vision. Jesus sends us into the world to 'Preach the Gospel' and 'Make Disciples'. The Basis of Union (BOU) repeatedly reminds us that we are called to be instruments of Christ's mission of reconciliation. For example, Paragraph 3 states that the Church's call is, "to be a fellowship of reconciliation, a body within which the diverse gifts of its members are used for the building up of the whole, an instrument through which Christ may work and bear witness to himself".

But this is a huge call and seems daunting if we only consider it in general terms. Whereas, having a vision and understanding of our own particular purposes and missional needs help us to focus on the priorities we must adopt to best fulfil God's will for our congregations and across the Presbytery. We need a vision or plan of what we would like the church to look like in the future. We need a goal to prevent us from stagnating or falling into a maintenance or survival mode.

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Our Gospel lectionary reading for the beginning of February is Matthew 5: 13-20, in which Jesus tells us of the need to be salt and light to the world. When Rev Bob Harriman was Presbytery Minister, I remember our Presbytery mission statement was a call for us to be salt, yeast and light to our communities. While this call will never change, I find myself asking, what are the specific needs or purposes of the Mary Burnett Presbytery in 2023?

The Presbytery Standing Committee is committed this year to ensure, in keeping with the language and challenge of Synod's Project Plenty, to be 'fit for purpose'. But what is our purpose? What is our vision? What is our mission?

Please join in praying with the Presbytery team as we seek divine inspiration and guidance for the year ahead. Above all else, may we ever seek to use our worship, witness and service to God's eternal glory through Jesus Christ the Lord (BOU Par.18)

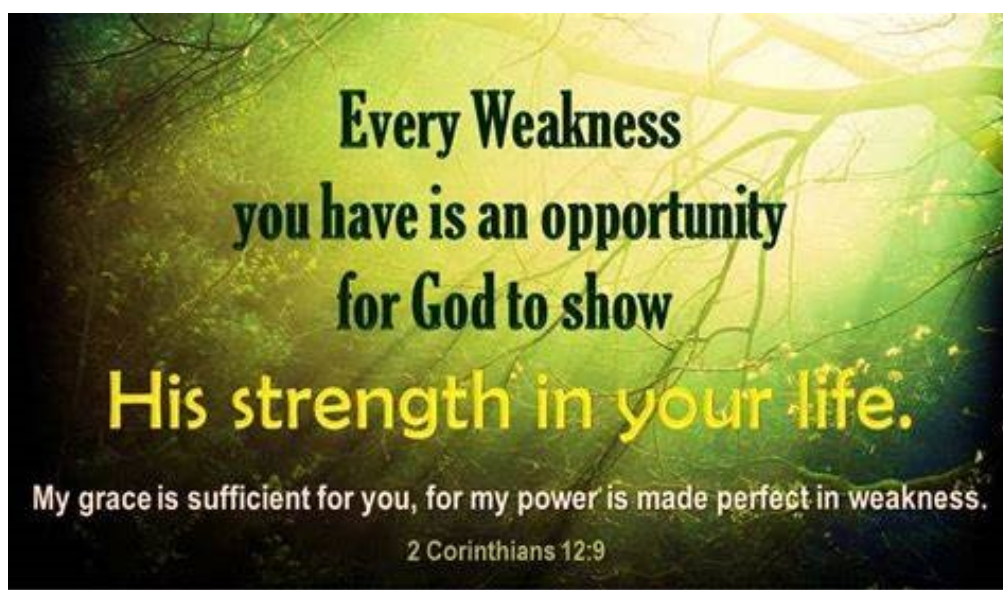
*God Bless, Pastor Graham Huth*

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## Thank you Deacon Rob Evans

Retired Ministers Coordinator Retires!

The Presbytery wishes to extend our thanks to Deacon Rob Evans for the care and support he has given to the members of the retired ministers group and the huge amount of time and organisation involved in planning and implementing activities.



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## Graham's Diary

### February

9 Standing Committee & PRC

12-14 PSI Retreat

15 PSI - Bne

16 Placements - Bne

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](mailto:presmin@maryburnettpres.org.au)

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## Presbytery Meeting Dates 2023

March 18 - Maryborough  
Treasurer election - Nominations please

July 22 (TBC)  
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 2023 Meetings

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

† 9 Feb 2023

† 13 Apr 2023

† 8 Jun 2023

† 10 Aug 2023

† 12 Oct 2023

† 7 Dec 2023

Have you read any good books recently?

Email your review to me at [admin@maryburnettpres.org.au](mailto:admin@maryburnettpres.org.au)



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## Commissioning Steven Fincham - Dec 3

Steven was commissioned into Caloundra Uniting Church on Dec 3rd. Rev Jennifer Lynn delivered a passionate message. PresMin Graham Huth led the induction and Steven then led communion. After the service Caloundra put on an outstanding afternoon tea that was very much enjoyed by all.



## Commissioning Susan Cameron - Dec 12

Susan was commissioned into BlueCare Caloundra/Maleny on Dec 12th at 10am, at Caloundra Uniting Church. Amid a Covid outbreak the service was hastily moved to the church from the BlueCare facility at West Trc where it was originally planned, rather than delay. It was a small, yet moving service with Rev Ian Stehbens leading.





## Volunteers CARE

**Lend a hand ... become a pastoral care volunteer.**

Do you want to become equipped with the skills to provide pastoral care and support to people in your church and local community?

The **Volunteers CARE Essentials Course** is a basic introduction to Christian pastoral care where you will learn the foundational skills needed to get started on your pastoral care journey.

Venue: Hervey Bay Uniting Church - 56 Exeter St, Torquay

Dates : 4th & 18th Feb 2023

Time: 9am - 5pm each day

Venue: Buderim Uniting Church - 7 King St, Buderim

Dates : 18th Feb and 18th March 2023

Time: 9am - 5pm each day

[Registration](#)

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**easter  
MADNESS**

**Save the Date!**  
**First week of April 2023**

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## Mary Burnett Presbytery Order of Australia Medal recipient

The **Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)** is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition.

**Florence Woods OAM**, for service to the community of Maleny. Florence has been a member of the Women's Guild at Maleny Uniting Church since 1965, and is a former youth fellowship leader. She has been a Patron of both the Maleny Historical Society and the Ben Bryce Park Retirement Village Auxiliary. Florence was recognised as Citizen of the Year in the 2011 Fisher Community Australia Day Awards.



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## Smile

Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I have a snooze.

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### Child Safe Training

Saturday 11 February  
9.30am Maryborough  
2.30pm Barga

Saturday 18 February  
Kawana Waters - time to be confirmed.

Congregations wishing to schedule training,  
please contact Sue at [sue@qmp.net.au](mailto:sue@qmp.net.au)

### 37th Synod in Session

Friday Oct 20

Induction of Rev Bruce Moore as Moderator 7pm  
Albert Street UC, 319 Albert Street, Brisbane City

Plenary sessions - October 21 - 24

Commencing 11am Sat 21st.

Alex Park, Alexandra Headlands

Please start to consider who your representatives will be.

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## 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.





Joan with her son Stephen



## Joan Whitmore

On Sunday 11th of December 2022, Joan was acknowledged by the church for her contribution to the Hervey Bay Uniting Church.

Joan has been a member of the Choir, a Lay Preacher, and Elder and member of the Church Council, she fulfilled the roll of Church Council Secretary, and a member on many other committees, a Presbytery and Synod rep. for Hervey Bay UC. Joan has worked tirelessly organising presents for children in struggling families, and was involved with the Target Giving Tree when Target was in Hervey Bay, was an RI teacher for many years and the list goes on. Joan also spent a little time at an orphanage in China. Joan's heart for Jesus is great and she has been his hands and feet in the community. Thanks Joan

Sent by Louise Crittenden



Joan Whitmore at the Target  
Christmas Tree 2016



Joan Whitmore (Uniting Church), Joan Skelton (St. Vincent de Paul), Major Lyn Cook (Salvation Army), Tarsha Laundon (Salvation Army), Pastor Kelvin Rowland (Homestead Christian Fellowship), Pastor Robert Geluk (We Care 2), Colleen Deverall (We Care 2) and Pastor Julie Terry (H'Bay Christian Ministers Assoc) are working together to help Fraser coast families in need this Christmas. **Picture: Alistair Brightman, Courier mail November 20, 2014**

## CONGREGATION MISSION

## IN A POST-CHRISTENDOM AGE



# HOW DO WE SING A NEW SONG IN A STRANGE LAND?

3 opportunities to attend a one-day workshop to reflect, re-imagine, connect and be encouraged, with mission researcher Phil McCredden

February 18 @ Newlife Robina  
February 23 @ Beenleigh Region UC  
February 25 @ Living Faith, Carina

Cost includes all catering and materials  
\$70 per person (\$65 if register by Jan. 31)  
\$60 p.p. (groups of 6 or more from one church)

REGISTRATIONS: [SOUTHMORETON.ORG.AU/EVENTS](https://southmoreton.org.au/events) ENQUIRIES: [EVENTS@SOUTHMORETON.ORG.AU](mailto:events@southmoreton.org.au)

THERE IS  
SOMETHING  
HERE  
FOR EVERY  
CHURCH!

Details and registrations are on the South Morton [Presbytery website here](#) (Events).

2023

## LEARNING FOR LIVING

COURSE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO EXPLORE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THEIR FAITH - GENERAL INTEREST, ACCREDITED LAY PREACHERS COURSE

Learning For Living Course. It is open to everyone who would like to explore the foundation of their faith.

Learning for Living is also an accredited lay preachers course and through the support of participants congregations they can become recognised and accredited within the Uniting Church. It is offered online and a link will be sent to those who register. It is run on **Thursday evenings from 7pm - 9.15pm**, starting on the **16 February**.

Registrations are now open - <https://bit.ly/Learning4Living2023>

### SEMESTER 1 2023

#### Understanding Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)

#### Textbook & Reference Books

Textbook: R Burnette-Bletsch "Studying the Old Testament (inc CD of resources)"  
Other resources will be on OneDrive

Contact: Mia on 3366 0236 or  
[adminsupport@mpres.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@mpres.org.au)

Register: [bit.ly/Learning4Living2023](https://bit.ly/Learning4Living2023)

### LEARNING ACTIVITIES

CLASSES ON ZOOM THURS 7PM - 9.15PM

The classes will be structured to provide an opportunity for participants to engage in exploration of the scriptures including contextual analysis interpretation & application.

There are breaks for the Easter / School Holiday periods to allow time for further reading/ reflection and preparation of assessment. This is a general interest course suitable for all those wanting to explore their faith further as well as for those wishing to undertake Lay Preacher accreditation or considering a Period of Discernment. Facilitated by Dr. Shirley Coulson, Rev Lyn Burden and other qualified guest presenters.

#### Dates

FEB: 16 & 23  
MAR: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
APR: 20, 27

MAY: 4  
JUN: 1, 8, 15, 22



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## Conclusion Service - Rev Luke Smallwood

On the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 the Burnett Network of Churches began the year with a Service of Closure to farewell Rev Luke Smallwood. Luke began his time as Minister of the Word on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and in a very short space of time has covered many miles and become a much-loved member, along with his family, of many of the Burnett Communities and Congregations. So it was with some sadness that we gathered at Murgon Uniting Church for a wonderful service of praise and thanksgiving for Luke's time with us.

Mr Ron Mason and Rev David Ellis coordinated the service and Presmin Ps Graham Huth shared a message from Matthew 4 encouraging us all to consider God's calling to each of us within our own Congregations and Communities. Graham then led us as we sent Luke out with God's blessing to his new calling and ministry as Police Chaplain operating out of Cairns in the Presbytery of Carpentaria.



Many thanks to the members of Murgon UC for providing a cool place to meet together and the folk of the Burnett Network of Churches for providing a yummy lunch shared in a great time of fellowship.

Luke and Tiffany and their family will be missed and we do indeed pray God's blessing for their continuing journey.

Naomi Cavalli  
Mary Burnett Presbytery Secretary



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## Please pray for our chaplains

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- † 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)
- † Ps Merisa Holland (Caloundra)
- † Rev Craig Allan (Hervey Bay)
- † Ps Susan Cameron (Caloundra/Maleny)



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**Grants and funding** - The following grants and funding opportunities are available for your congregation.

## 2023 NAIDOC Local Grants

This grant opportunity provides funding to organisations to contribute to the cost of activities held during NAIDOC Week 2023 (2 - 9 July) that celebrate First Nations' histories, cultures, achievements and continuing contributions to our country and society. Activities should align with the 2023 National NAIDOC Week Theme *For our Elders*. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Green care and community garden projects

The Community Sustainability Action grants provide grant funding to eligible community groups and individuals for innovative projects which seek to address climate change, conserve Queensland's natural and built environment and protect our unique wildlife. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Gambling Community Benefit Fund

**Round 115 is now closed. Round 116 (\$100k super round) will open mid-January 2023 and close at midnight on 28 February 2023.**

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) is Queensland's most extensive one-off community grant program and distributes approximately \$60 million annually to not-for-profit community groups. The GCBF funding helps these groups to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.

In 2023, the GCBF program has four funding rounds available:

1. \$100,000 super round for all priorities—closes 28 February
2. \$35,000 standard grant round—closes 31 May
3. \$35,000 standard grant round—closes 31 August
4. \$35,000 standard grant round—closes 31 October.

To check eligibility requirements and understand your organisation's responsibilities throughout all stages of the grant funding process, read the [guidelines for GCBF applicants](#) and [instructions for applying for and using the GCBF grant](#).

Contact Vanessa (the Synod's Fundraising Support Manager) via [vanessa.griffiths@ucaqlld.com.au](mailto:vanessa.griffiths@ucaqlld.com.au) if you have questions.

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## Course (online) - introduction to Australia's national charity regulator

As the national regulator, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) has specific functions within the charity sector. Gain a better understanding of the charity sector through this course. You'll learn precisely what falls inside and outside the ACNC's area of regulatory responsibility and what kind of support it can offer Australian charities.

For more information and to apply, [click here](#).



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TO THINK

## WHATS ON AT TRINITY 2023

At Trinity you'll discover an invigorating academic culture with a diverse and vibrant community. It's the perfect environment to investigate and explore Christian thought, theology and the Bible. Ask your hard questions. Discover the answers.

### SHORT COURSES

Our popular **Trinity Short Courses** cover a range of practical topics on spirituality, Christian thought and church practice.

#### Mentoring

Tuesday 7 February 2023,  
9.30am to 3.30pm  
Facilitator: Nigel Rogers *et al.*  
*Will include POD mentor training*

#### UCA Identity, Purpose & Future

Wednesday 8 February 2023,  
9.30am to 3.30pm  
Facilitator: Nigel Rogers

#### Church Council Essentials

Part 1 - Wednesday 8 February &  
Part 2 - Thursday 9 February 2023,  
7 - 9pm  
Facilitator: Nigel Rogers

#### UCA Governance & Regulatory Life

Thursday 9 February 2023,  
9.30am to 3.30pm  
Facilitator: Nigel Rogers

**Cost:** \$50 per session or \$100 for church groups

**Location:** Join onsite or online | Trinity College, 60 Bayliss St, Auchenflower

#### Denominational Distinctives | Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.35am

This unit will be taught over 12 weeks during second semester 2023, and will give you knowledge and understanding of what makes the UCA different from other denominations.

Onsite and online | \$400 per person to audit or contact [registrar@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:registrar@trinity.qld.edu.au) to inquire about studying for credit.

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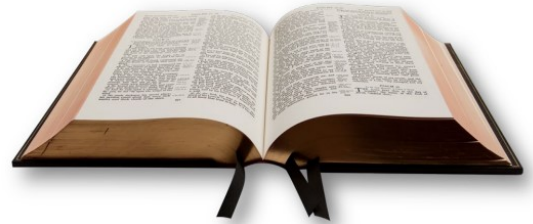
[Please click this link to register](#)



The Queensland Synod is pleased to host on behalf of the National Lay Preacher Committee, the **2023 National Conference of Lay Preachers** to be held Friday 4th August to Monday 7th August 2023 at Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Sunshine Coast Queensland.

For Lay Preachers, prospective Lay Preachers and those interested in leading worship. Share in a wonderful few days and be encouraged, supported and challenged in your ministry.

[Click here for the brochure](#)



## Empowering Lay Preachers

**National Conference of Lay Preachers 2023**

Sunshine Coast, Queensland

Proudly Hosted by the Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod

For lay preachers, candidates and those interested in leading worship. Share in a wonderful few days and be encouraged, supported and challenged in your ministry.

**Starts: 4:30pm Friday, 4 August**

**Ends: 1:00pm Monday, 7 August**

## 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](mailto: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 25th of the month.**

\*Articles are subject to approval.

**Do you have someone in your congregation to celebrate?**

**Tell me about it.....**

# Dates for your Diary

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## 2023 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

† 18 March - Maryborough

**Start time: 9.00am**

## 2023 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

† 9 Feb - Barter St, Gympie

† 13 April

**Start time: 9.30am**

Submissions accepted for consideration 1 week before meeting.

## 2023 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

† 11 Feb - Maryborough 9.30am

† 11 Feb - Bargara 2.30pm

† 18 Feb - Kawana Waters (time to be confirmed)

### **Jeremiah 29:11**

**“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

## 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](mailto:admin@maryburnettpres.org.au)

## RETREAT (TBC)

## INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

## FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

† 24 February

## RETIRED REVS

## SYNOD

† 21-24 October 2023



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## **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.

# Presbytery Contacts

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(Retired Ministers)

**Inland Zone Coordinator**  
Secretary: Mr Ron Mason  
rmason5@bigpond.com

God's love knows no  
bounds

## STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

### 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.

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

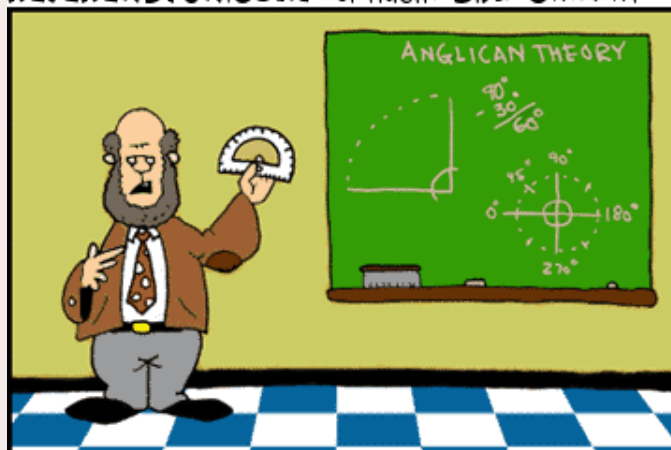
## PERIOD OF DISCERNMENT COORDINATORS

- Inland Zone
- Nigel Rogers – Southern Zone 07 3377 9952
- Northern Zone

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PROFESSOR O.B. TOUSE GIVES A LECTURE  
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