

Graham's Reflection

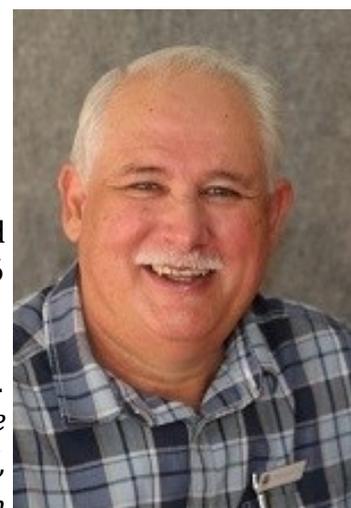


WITNESSING THE LOVE AND TRANSFORMATION OF JESUS

Mary Burnett



Greetings Mary Burnett Presbytery, A couple of weeks ago I listened to a message preached on Matthew 28:16-20, commonly known as the great commission. "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in



heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt 28:18-20)

The preacher challenged us by saying basically that the church really only has one purpose - to make disciples. While I don't agree completely with this statement, certainly the task of making disciples is embedded deeply and significantly within the foundational core, purposes and vision of Christ's church, including of course, the UCA. This has recently been recognised in the Qld Synod's 'Project Plenty' in which responses from every area of church life noted the importance of discipleship, and the need to renew the church's focus on being obedient to Christ's command. The fact is, we are not good at making disciples - there, I've said it. (cont. next page)

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If the church was a business, and Jesus as the CEO came down to Earth to undertake a performance review, he might say, *“When I left, I gave you one very specific and important task upon which the whole organisation depends, making disciples – ensuring you baptise them to teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. So, how exactly is this going?”* How would we respond? Where do we sit on a rating of 1 to 10?

One of the greatest laments I hear about as Presbytery Minister is the shortage of ministers. Fingers are figuratively pointed at the Synod, the Assembly, and our Theological Colleges as if it is all their fault for not providing more ministers and evangelists to save the church, when we need to recognise that this is our task too. We need to be raising up disciples, teaching them and encouraging them to recognise and use their gifts to serve Christ and the church. Congregations and Faith Communities are the soil in which seeds of Christian discipleship and leadership take root.

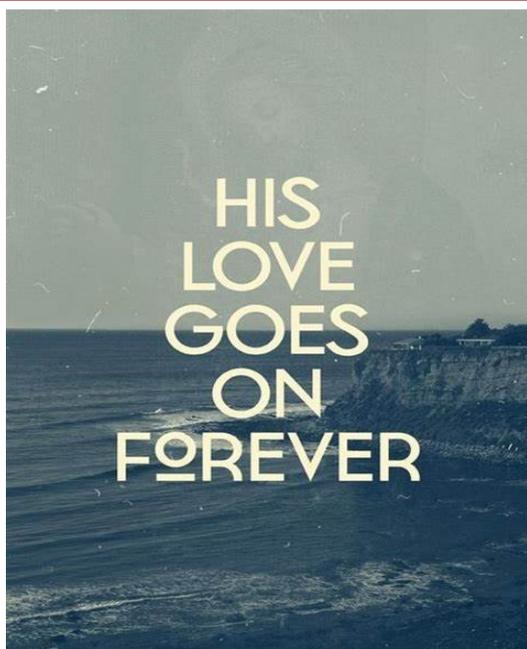
A great reminder of the importance of discipleship comes from Pastor and Author Robby Gallaty who declares:

“When the church becomes an end in itself, it ends. When Sunday school, as great as it is, becomes an end in itself, it ends. When small groups ministry becomes an end in itself, it ends. When the worship service becomes an end in itself, it ends. What we need is for discipleship to become the goal, and then the process never ends. The process is fluid. It is moving. It is active. It is a living thing. It must continue to go on. Every disciple must make disciples.” (Growing Up: How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples)

If we are to see things turn around in the life of the church, this is the starting point. We need to turn our endings into new beginnings.

Pentecost is almost on us; may the Holy Spirit ignite a spark within the church that becomes the birth of a new era of growth and renewal. And may each of us allow ourselves to be open to new areas of Christian service as we not only make disciples, but do it by becoming the disciples ourselves; that Christ calls us to be.

God Bless, Pastor Graham Huth



Possible electricity savings

The Synod Office is exploring options for saving money on your electricity expenditure. To register your interest in this initiative, please email bdu@ucaqld.com.au with the following;

- Contact details
 - Congregation or UEL location
 - Four most recent electricity bills
- Please contact bdu@ucaqld.com.au if you have any questions.

Graham's Diary

May

7 Attend Uniting Life & Bells FC's
10 PRC & PSC Zoom meetings
14 Attend Noosa Coastal services
16 MC3 - Bne
17 PSI - Bne
18 Placements - Bne

19-20 Presbytery Office Bearers - Synod
21 Consultation at Coral Coast

Graham is available and willing to come and visit, and/or preach Contact Graham at presmin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Presbytery Meeting Dates 2023

July 22 Glasshouse Mountains

Treasurer urgently needed
Admin will assist with bookkeeping
and day to day transactions.

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.

† 8 Jun 2023

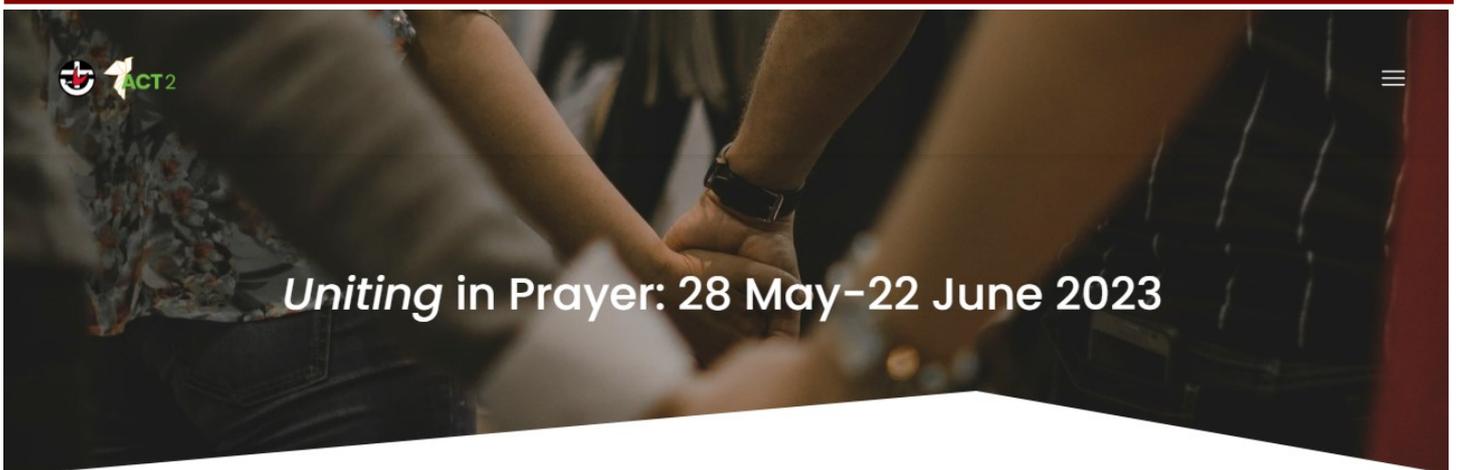
† 10 Aug 2023

† 12 Oct 2023

† 7 Dec 2023

Have you read any good books recently?

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



“...your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young shall see visions, your old shall dream dreams...”
Acts 2:17

Between Pentecost (28 May) and the Uniting Church Anniversary (22 June) this year, we’re calling the whole Uniting Church to join in prayer. Sign up now!

As national discernment about the future of the Uniting Church continues through the Act2 Project, Uniting in Prayer will seek to bring together all who call the Uniting Church home. In thanksgiving and hope, we’ll pray and seek the leading of the Spirit for the years ahead.

During this time we’ll give thanks to God for our past, reflect on our present, and with hope we’ll listen to God’s calling and each other.

Through these 26 days we’ll be...

- sharing together in prayer and worship - resources for your community are **out now**, below on this page!
- sharing prayers from across our Church every day for 26 days
- joining every Uniting Church community through a national prayer chain

Let’s join together as we seek the outpouring of God’s Spirit on us and the Uniting Church, and dream dreams together for the future.

[Watch the invitation](#) from Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis below, and **sign up** for all the updates.

Synod News

Applications for the General Secretary role close on May 16

The deadline for applications for the position of General Secretary is fast approaching. Interested candidates are reminded to submit their applications by May 16.

This opportunity is being offered by the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod. We seek an individual who possesses the passion, dedication, and leadership skills necessary to guide the Synod and contribute to its goals. The Synod is particularly interested in applicants who can work collaboratively with a team, bringing their enthusiasm and drive to make a positive impact. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to build strong relationships with congregations and community groups, thereby initiating transformative and enduring change.

If you believe you have what it takes to excel in this role, we encourage you to act swiftly and submit your application before the closing date.

For more information, [click here](#), and if you have any questions, you can reach out to Suzanne Grant or Lucy Webster at [07 3305 5800](tel:0733055800).

(source: Weekly wrap 5th May)

Synod of the Uniting Church in Queensland Joins "Power Together" Advocacy Campaign

The Synod has joined the Queensland Conservation Council's Cost of Living x Climate Coalition, along with other environmental and social services organisations, to endorse its "Power Together" campaign. The campaign advocates for increased investment in renewable energy by the Queensland Government to alleviate the cost of living for vulnerable communities.

We support this vital initiative as part of our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and the principles outlined in our [Flourishing Creation Action and Advocacy Plan](#). Your participation in this advocacy campaign will help amplify our collective voice and positively impact vulnerable communities. Let's stand together in promoting renewable energy investment and ensuring a more sustainable and equitable future for all. Thank you for your continued dedication to our environmental sustainability goals.

If you are interested, visit <https://powertogether.org.au/> to learn more. For more information, contact Emily Murray at emily.murray@ucaqld.com.au.

(source: Weekly wrap 5th May)

Why donate to Lifeline?

Your couch could save a life! When you donate to Lifeline and buy at Lifeline Shops, you are helping save lives – the sale of these pre-loved items helps fund the 24-hour 13 11 14 Lifeline crisis support line.

You're also giving someone else the chance to buy something you no longer want or need; one person's clutter is another's must-have! You're also reducing your impact on the environment by giving things another life, and keeping them out of landfill.

So whether it's a large item, such as an old comfy sofa, china cabinet or dining suite, or a smaller piece, such as books, clothing and other bric-a-brac, don't let it collect dust. It could just save someone's life.

Deciding what to donate?

Furniture, Clothing, Books and Bric a Brac can all be donated

We really appreciate people dropping their goods into one of our Shops wherever possible, to ensure items aren't damaged by the weather, especially when a donation bin is nearly full. Remember you can report a full [Lifeline donation bin here](#).

For larger items you can request furniture pick up [here](#)

Looking for Lifeline Shops and services near you? Try our [service locator](#)

Next up in Assembly's [Humans of the Uniting Church](#) series we meet Pastor Lindsay Ginn, Frontier Services Bush Chaplain in Goldfields–Esperance region of Western Australia. Lindsay shares how music enlivens his faith and about the exciting opportunity he has to teach students in remote schools how to play the ukulele.

(source: Uniting Church in Australia)



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.

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GODLINESS AND DIGNITY.

Gympie Church Family Celebrates Easter with Inspiring Anointing and Baptism Ceremonies

In a joyous celebration of Easter, the church family at Gympie experienced a truly blessed weekend. Good Friday marked a significant gathering with 72 individuals coming together for worship, where a remarkable moment took place as 50 people stepped forward to receive an anointing with oil, symbolizing their dedication and reaffirmation of faith. The festivities continued on Resurrection Sunday, which proved to be another unforgettable highlight. A total of 108 attendees experienced the sheer joy of witnessing 10 adult baptisms, performed through full immersion. These baptisms held immense significance as they represented both reaffirmations of faith and first-time baptisms. It was truly a blessing to witness such sacred acts during our Easter Day Service.

The church family at Gympie is elated to have experienced such a spiritually enriching and meaningful Easter celebration, filled with profound moments of dedication, reaffirmation, and baptism. The collective faith and unity displayed during this time have brought immense joy and blessings to all who participated."



Safe Church and Safe Ministry for Children

Principle 4 of a Child Safe UCA: In efforts to promote a safe and inclusive environment, the Uniting Church values diversity and equity. As a child-friendly organisation, we are committed to providing safety and equitable treatment for all, irrespective of their age, abilities, gender, or cultural background.

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month: May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in Queensland. Let's work together to end coercive control. Check out the Lifeline Tool Kit for valuable domestic and Family Violence (DFV) information. Our leaders in the Uniting Church have spoken out about DFV during the 16 days against gender-based violence. The [15th Assembly Resolution](#) reaffirms our commitment to addressing DFV, with the resource Beyond Violence as a response.

[Lifeline Tool Kit](#)

[16 Days Against Gender-Based Violence](#)

[Beyond Violence Resource](#)

Supporting those who have experienced traumatic or distressing events: Childhood abuse has a lasting impact on physical and mental health, increasing the risk of re-victimisation. The Safe Ministry with Children Policy and Safe Church Training focuses on creating a safe environment for all. By establishing safe boundaries and nurturing respectful relationships, we prevent further harm to vulnerable individuals who have experienced trauma. Psychological first aid and addressing unmet primary care needs can contribute to their healing journey. Our person-centred trauma-informed pastoral care provides ongoing support.

[Safe Ministry with Children Policy](#)

[Safe Church Commitment](#)

We are committed to ensuring everyone in our community feels connected, valued and included. Contact Lynde Davy at safechurch@ucaqld.com.au or call 07 3377 9983 to discuss how we can work together to achieve this goal.

(source: Weekly wrap 5th May)

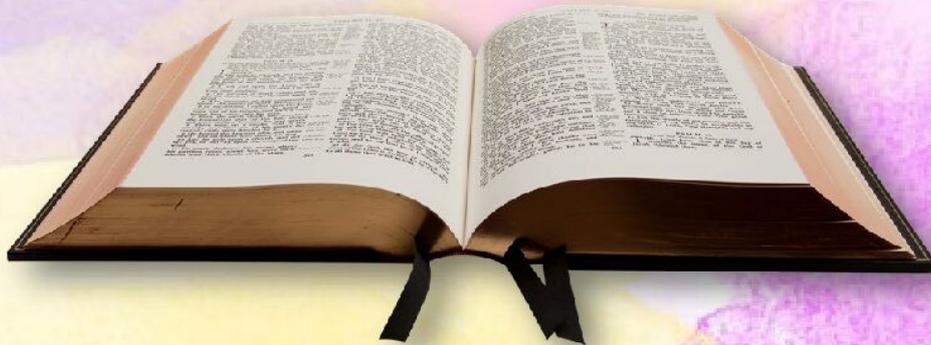




EMPOWERING LAY PREACHERS

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAY PREACHERS 2023



FOR LAY PREACHERS, LAY PREACHER CANDIDATES
AND THOSE INTERESTED IN LEADING WORSHIP.
BE ENCOURAGED, SUPPORTED AND CHALLENGED IN YOUR MINISTRY

STARTS: 4:30PM FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST
ENDS: 1:00PM MONDAY, 7 AUGUST

Alexandra Park Conference Centre
13 Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands QLD 4572

Website: [National Conference of Lay Preachers 2023 - Uniting Church in Australia \(ucaql.com.au\)](https://www.trybooking.com/CENVA)

Support from the Alcorn Fellowship Trust will help lower Registration Fees

You can now register for this event here - <https://www.trybooking.com/CENVA> Please RSVP via the registration link by Tuesday 4th July 2023

For more information please go to the Synod [Website](#)

UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

[Apply now for the Joan Stott Bursary](#)

Every year, the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF) supports young people engaged in theological or leadership studies through the Joan Stott Bursary. Available to people under the age of 50, the bursary provides a \$1500 grant towards theological or leadership study within the ethos of the Uniting Church. Applications for 2024 are now open. [Download the flyer](#) and scroll to the bottom of [this page](#) for links to the application.

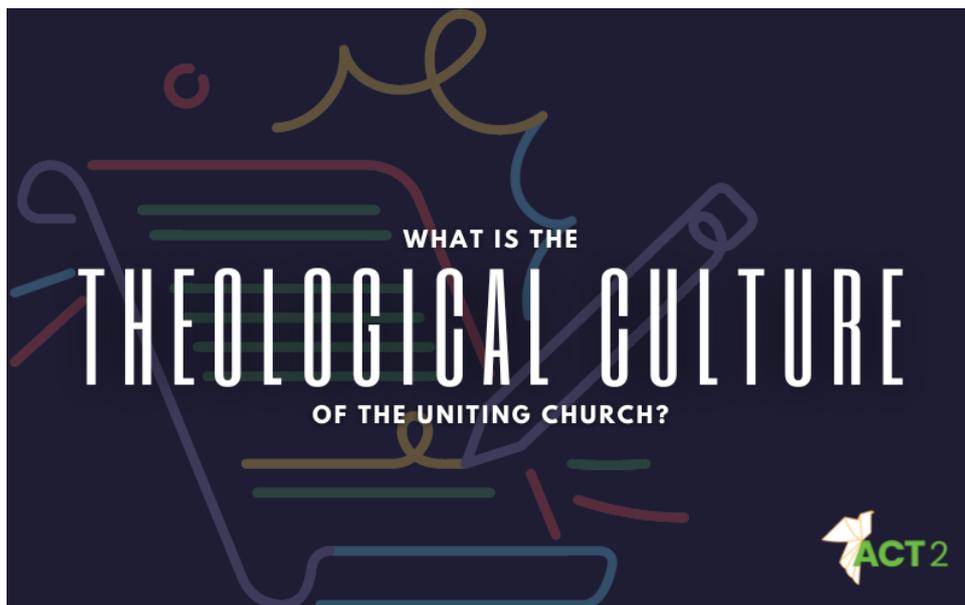
Photo: UCAF National Committee 2021-2024

(source: Uniting Church in Australia)



ACT2 PROJECT

[Call for papers: our theological culture](#)



How would you speak about the theological culture of the Uniting Church? What kind of theological culture do we want? What's unique about our theological culture? The Act2 Project is calling for papers, provocations and reflections from theologians and others across our Church to help us consider our theological culture. We're inviting your contributions through until September 2023.

(source: Uniting Church in Australia)

Blue Care 70th Birthday



Blue Care 70th Anniversary

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be their local champion for anniversary celebrations.

Planning is already underway for the festivities throughout the year.

If you would like to put your name forward to be your local champion, please contact Sheri Holland.

Sheri.holland@ucareqld.com.au for further information and support.

Please pray for our chaplains

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| † Ps Barbara Betts (Kingaroy) | † Rev Keren Seto (St Stephens Hervey Bay) |
| † Narelle Cramb (Sunshine Coast North) | † Ps Merisa Holland (Caloundra) |
| † Rev Anna Ashby (Buderim) | † Rev Craig Allan (Hervey Bay) |
| † Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim) | † Ps Susan Cameron (Caloundra/Maleny) |
| † Rev Tanya Richards (SCUH) | |
| † Pastor Peter Pearson (Bundaberg) | |
| † Rev James Stevenson (Buderim) | |



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](#).

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](#).

UCA President's Conference 2023

Register by 31 May to get the Early Bird discount for the 2023 President's Conference! Hosted by Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis in Redcliffe, QLD, the conference is taking place in two parts: 26-28 July for ministry agents in a placement and 28-30 July for the whole church.

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 25th of the month.

*Articles are subject to approval.

Uniting World



The church wasn't meant to stand alone. It is part of the one body of Christ in the world.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. (1 Cor 12:14, 26)

The Uniting Church in Australia is connected in partnership with churches across the Pacific, Asia and Africa. They are vibrant, inspiring, and dedicated people of God who are transforming lives and communities for the better.

[UnitingWorld](#) is the agency that manages these partnerships for the wider UCA, and UnitingWorld Sunday is a chance to hear more about their work and celebrate our global neighbours together.

By hosting a UnitingWorld Sunday service, you'll be helping your church connect to our global neighbours, learn from their stories and make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

[Host a Uniting World Sunday](#)

We have a great **range of resources**, including a liturgy, sermon video, PowerPoint resources, colouring-in sheets, information about UnitingWorld, opportunities to give, and more!

[Check out the resources](#)

How your church can make a difference

When you host a UnitingWorld Sunday, not only do you get the chance to learn from our global neighbours. You get the chance to be a part of their stories too!

Sunday 7 May 2023. But you can do it any day that suits your church's calendar! [Find out more.](#)

Dates for your Diary

2023 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

- † 22 July - Glasshouse Mountains
- † 10 - 12 November - Camp Pialba

Start time: 9.00am

2023 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

- † 8 June
- † 10 August
- † 12 October
- † 7 December

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

- †
- † 10 Nov 2023 - Camp Pialba, Hervey Bay - Ministry

Isaiah 40:31

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

† 10 Nov 2023 - Camp Pialba, Hervey Bay
[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

- † 26 May

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

- † 21-24 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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bounds

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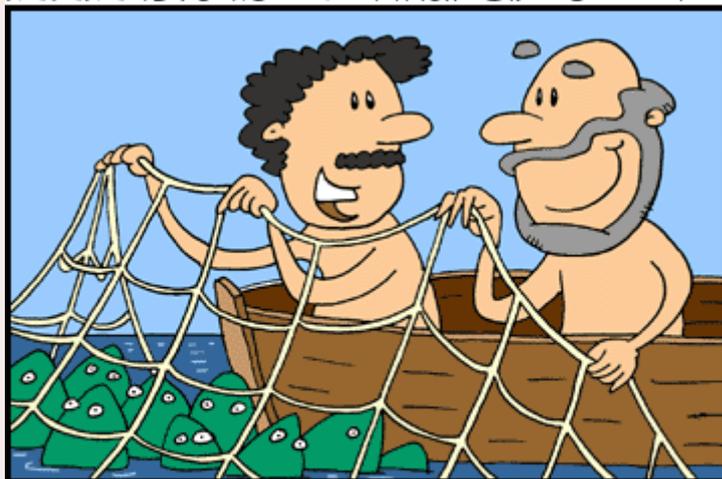
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WORK DAYS

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.