



Mary Burnett

Graham's Reflection

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 85:11-13

Greetings Mary Burnett Presbytery,

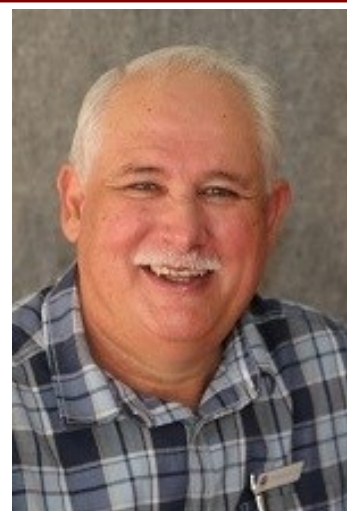
The passage above from Psalm 85 is just one of many passages that are great to reflect on as the season of Spring unfolds before us. Essentially a prayer for revival and restoration, the imagery of psalm 85 is of God's grace and mercy bringing forth new life from what seems to be a dry and barren land. The final verse invites us to recognise the footsteps of God that go before us and beckon us to journey with God into a new season of promise and abundance.

Spring has come with surprising speed, and there is no missing its arrival. The sudden warmth, the spring storms, the emergence of bulbs that have lain dormant for months, bursts of floral colours, and sadly even seasonal hay fever brought about by the explosion of Wattle flowers.

Across the life of the church there is also the unmistakable sense of change, of green shoots of promise, and also even of fruit nearing the point of harvest.

There are new ministries happening at Bli Bli (Pastor Jim Hall) and Coolum Beach (Pastor DongWoo Oh). Uniting Life at Buderim are working through the exciting process of transitioning from a Faith Community to a Congregation, and Bells Faith Community are about to launch their shop-front outreach mission in Caloundra. Plans are under way for a renewal at Mooloolaba.

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Please submit newsletter articles to the admin officer at admin@maryburnettpres.org.au by 26th of the month.

Presbytery itself is going through a time of change with Rev Russell Morris stepping into the role of Presbytery Chair, Johan Frank preparing to take over the position of Presbytery Treasurer, and Wendy Jenson bring new energy and purpose to our property committee. The Presbytery Standing and Pastoral Relations Committees are also exploring new strategies and systems that are fit-for-purpose within the evolving faith landscape of Australia in 2023. It is clear that fresh and innovative spiritual and ecclesial horticultural practices are necessary to grow the church during this new season.

The Assembly Acts 2 and Synod Project Plenty projects seek to explore similar outcomes across the length and breadth of the UCA.

The meeting of the Qld Synod is only about six weeks away, and along with Synod will come a new Moderator and a new Synod General Secretary; all at a time that Moreton Rivers and South Moreton Presbyteries are looking for new Presbytery ministers. What will all this change mean for the church and what will it look like in say, 12 months' time? Just as Spring brings a range of new sensations – colours, sights, sounds and smells, there is definitely a freshness in the air as the church contemplates the journey ahead.

Just as the Psalmist prayed for revival and restoration, so do we. We also pray that our labour will be true to Christ's will and purpose for his church, that we will walk in the path that he has set, and in doing so, that our labour will bear much fruit.

Ps Graham Huth
Presbytery Minister

Presbytery Chair

Russell is available and willing to come and visit, and/or preach Contact Russell chair@maryburnettpres.org.au

Presbytery Office

Maroochydore Uniting Church
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Maroochydore



Office hours Mon - Thurs* 9am - 3.30pm

Drop in for a cuppa

*Except - SC & PRC meeting days - see page 3

Presbytery Postal Address!

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Graham's Diary

September

10-14 PresMin/Moderator Mission trip - Aurukun

16-17 BNOC consultation part 1 Wondai/Murgon/Kingaroy

18 Meeting Blackall Range UC

20 PSI

21 Placements

23-24 BNOC consultation part 2
Gayndah/Mundubbera/Eidsvold

30 Closure Service Rev David Busch—Sth Morton

October

1 BNOC consultation part 3 Childers/Biggenden

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

Presbytery Meeting Dates 2023

**November 10 - 12 Camp Pialba Live in
*Corinthians 12***

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all
the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it
is with Christ.*

Mary Burnett Online Services

[Bells](#) - 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](#).

[Buderim](#) - YouTube

[Caloundra](#) - Facebook

[Glasshouse Country](#) - YouTube

[Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook

[Nambour](#) - YouTube

Standing Committee and PRC 2023 Meetings

**Submissions accepted for consid-
eration up to 1 week before meet-
ing.**

* **12 Oct 2023**

* **7 Dec 2023**

Have you read any good books recently?

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



Mooloolaba Update

Sunday's @ 9am

You're invited!

All are welcome

Community Meeting - Mon 18th September

3pm for 3.30pm start to finish by 5pm

How can the Uniting Church best serve the community of Mooloolaba?

Mooloolaba Op Shop

Volunteers needed - Please prayerfully consider if you can help in any way.

Currently open Monday - Wednesday

Mon: 12-3.30 Tue: 9-3.30 Wed: 9-3.30

And the last Saturday each month 9-12

Lynne Ames is the coordinator of the Op Shop

To volunteer please contact the Presbytery office;

Email: admin@maryburnettpres.org.au and I'll pass on your details to Lynne. Or pop into the Op Shop when it's open.

We are keen to ensure the Mooloolaba Op Shop continues to support the local community.



[The latest report of the Act2 Project](#) is now available

Join Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis and Act2 Project Lead Andrew Johnson as they share the opportunities to engage during the next phase.

Two of these opportunities are available already: [fortnightly Zoom sessions](#) to dive deeper into the report, and a [series of public forums](#) about the life and work of our national Uniting Church. See all the opportunities [here](#).

Social Justice Priorities Survey

The Moderator's Advocacy Social Justice Team (MAST) and Plenty Transforming Communities Reference Group want your feedback. Share the issues you think are important, and tell us about the work you are doing to support your community. You can make your voice heard in less time than it takes to make a cup of tea.

- [Click here to take the survey](#)

If you have any questions or comments, email communications@ucaqld.com.au.

Andrew McKaysmith
UCA Qld Synod

Apply for Free Portable Shade Marquees to Reduce Skin Cancer Risk

Are you involved with a church playground? If so, we have some exciting news! The Cancer Council Queensland launched the 2023 Portable Shade Project on August 1. This project aims to provide portable shade sails to help reduce the risk of skin cancer by up to 75%!

If your organisation is a non-profit sports club or community group that caters to children and young people (ages 0-18), you can apply for this opportunity. Cancer Council Queensland offers high-quality UPF50+ portable shade marquees (3x3 meters) for FREE to eligible groups.

Your organisation must be based in Queensland and focused on serving children and young people to be eligible. You may be eligible for more than one marquee if you have multiple sites.

Apply for the Portable Shade Project starting on August 1 through Cancer Council Queensland's website

For any questions, contact Vanessa Griffiths, Synod Fundraising Support Manager, at Vanessa.Griffiths@ucaqld.com.au.

Applications close 30th September 2023

(source Uniting News 08/08/23)



Please pray for our chaplains

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| * Ps Wendy Keeble (Kingaroy) | * Rev Keren Seto (St Stephens Hervey Bay) |
| * Rev Anna Ashby (Buderim) | * Ps Merisa Holland (Caloundra) |
| * Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim) | * Rev Craig Allan (Hervey Bay) |
| * Rev Tanya Richards (SCUH) | * Ps Susan Cameron (Caloundra/Maleny) |
| * Pastor Peter Pearson (Bundaberg) | * Ps Jim Hall (Bli Bli/Gympie) |
| * Rev James Stevenson (Buderim) | |





LEARNING FOR LIVING:
WORSHIP & PREACHING

Sermon Preparation



14
september

7:00pm - 9:15pm
Online via Zoom
adminsupport@mrpres.org.au

MORETON RIVERS PRESBYTERY

[Click here to register](#)



Let justice and peace flow

Throughout the month of September, Christians across the world will celebrate the Season of Creation under the 2023 theme, 'Let justice and peace flow.' This year's symbol is a mighty river, a reference to the cry of the prophet Amos: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24).

"Season of Creation is an annual global movement where Christian communities pray and act to care for God's creation, beginning September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ending October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Ecology).

This year the Assembly will be releasing a worship resource which encourages Uniting Church congregations and communities to hold worship outside during the Season of Creation, gathering around the rivers or waterways in our cities, towns and communities. [Sign up now](#) (Assembly resources) to receive it as soon as it's available. Or [click here for the Qld Synod resources](#).

(source Uniting Church in Australia 23/8/23)

Child Safe Training @ Hervey Bay UC

With Louise Crittenden

Saturday 23rd September - 9am

Wednesday 25th October - 1pm

Saturday 4th November - 9am

Please contact Louise Crittenden at secretarycc@hbuc.org.au to ensure she has enough course materials.

Smile

I once had a dream I was floating in an ocean of orange soda. It was more of a Fanta sea.



Presbytery committees members

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

Presmin: Graham Huth

Chairperson: Russell Morris

Secretary: Naomi Cavalli

Treasurer: Peter Mortimer and Johan Frank

Mission Engagement Officer: Phil Smith

Property Committee: Wendy Jensen, Kylie Aalbers

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

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.

Mooloolaba Trivia Night for School Chaplaincy Report

Wow! What a great night we all had! There were approximately 50 people who attended and it was on the same evening as the Women's Soccer world cup quarter final—Matilda's vs France game. Neil Storey, as quiz master kept everyone up to date as the game progressed, while also going through the 6 rounds of questions!

In between rounds, we had coffee pods and cake for refreshments a couple of rounds of heads and tails! After the 6 rounds of questions, Tracey (Kuluin Chappy) and Michele (Mooloolaba chappy) talked a little about their schools and how they help the children and families.

With some very generous donations, we raised \$928 which will be split evenly between the two school chaplains.

Thank you to Phil Smith and Neil Storey for the questions and Simon Aalbers who helped look after the kitchen.

Kylie Aalbers - I can't believe I forgot to take photos!

Bible Fun Trivia!

1. Who watched as Moses floated in the basket down the Nile?
2. How many books are in the new testament?
3. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?



1. His sister Miriam
2. 27
3. Locusts



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.*



EXPLORING THE THEOLOGICAL CULTURE OF THE UNITING CHURCH



We're excited to release the next two reflections in the Act2 series on the 'theological culture' of the Uniting Church. Uniting Church minister [Rev Dr Michelle Cook](#) reflects on what will encourage a culture of disciple-making in our Church, while [Anne Muirhead](#), member at Richmond Uniting Church in Victoria, traces the many rich streams of theological engagement and formation she has experienced as a new member of the UCA. It's not too late to offer your own reflections with the [Call for Papers](#) open through September. [Read here](#) what we're inviting and what we mean by 'theological culture'.

(source Uniting Church in Australia 23/8/23)

Mooloolaba Working Bee and Worship update

On the 26th August a small group held a working bee at the Mooloolaba UC property. We tidied up the gardens, did a deep clean on the bathrooms, fixed the trailer lights, changed the toilet paper dispensers, used the gurney to clean the entry and sorted the keys.

Currently retired Pastor Bruce Ames is leading worship at Mooloolaba at 9am on Sunday's to maintain a presence there. We regularly have a small group of worshippers and often have visitors to the area attend.

The hall is also still rented to a number of groups.

Commissioning of DongWoo Oh

The Commissioning service for Pastor DongWoo Oh was held on the 5th August at Coolum Beach.

There was a good turnout from the congregation, with Rev Barbara Bailey delivering the word and Ps Graham Huth conducting the formal commissioning of DongWoo, who concluded the service with communion. Coolum Beach provided a wonderful afternoon tea following the service.

We welcome DongWoo and his wife Joy and their 6 children to the Presbytery.

Kylie Aalbers



Special Invitation: Trinity College Queensland Open Days on September 12 - 13

Trinity College Queensland eagerly awaits you on September 12-13 for our Open Days. Beyond just showcasing our institution, these days symbolize our dedication to faith, learning, and church ministry. We welcome those pondering a future in ministry or simply aiming to deepen their faith. Embark on a transformative journey into church ministry with us.

Highlights:

- **Experience Trinity:** Spend two days immersed in classes and community fellowship.
- **Lunch Treat:** Join us for lunch post-chapel on Tuesday.
- **Choose Your Session:** Attend in-person or online sessions at your convenience.
- **Special 'Activate' Session:** For ages 18-25, learn about our Gap Year program re-launching in January 2024, presented by Fernando Torres.

Your Support is Valued! We wholeheartedly request your assistance in amplifying our Open Days' reach. Please share the event details via your channels. Here are the links for easy sharing:

[Facebook Event](#)
[Eventbrite Registration](#)

[Facebook Social Post](#)

For more details, reach out to Belinda at Belinda.Hoadley@trinity.qld.edu.au.

(source Weekly Wrap 1 Sept)

New Keep Cup initiative

This Season of Creation, we're running a fun keep cup initiative – we're encouraging people to get back into the habit of using their keep cups for takeaway beverages with the "I'm a Keeper" competition. We're asking people to send us a picture of them using their reusable cups and each week for the month of September; we'll select the biggest smile OR smile-inducing entry to win a \$40 tab on their local café (runs from Sept 4 to Oct 1). We are all called to care for God's Creation. We're inviting you to run this in your congregation (especially relevant for churches with a café or regular opportunity for people to use their keep cups). This is also an opportunity to prompt a broader conversation about transitioning to reusable options where possible in your spaces (e.g. Communion cups in worship, morning teas and events).

Please email sustainability@ucaqld.com.au for the poster and resources.

(source Weekly Wrap 1 Sept)



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.

Volunteers CARE Essentials is also ideal as a refresher course for Church leaders.

Venue	Hervey Bay Uniting Church
	56 Exeter St, Torquay QLD 4655
Date	Saturdays 30 September & 7 October 2023
Time	9am - 5pm each day
Contact	Rev Keren Seto
	keren.seto@uchealth.com.au

Register now

ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare

[Click here to register](#)



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 aged care and hospitals.

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 volunteer journey.

Venue Buderim Private Hospital
Level 3 Education Centre
12 Elsa Wilson Drive, Buderim

Dates Saturdays 7th & 14th October 2023

Time 9am - 4pm each day

Contact E: theo.masselos@uhealth.com.au
M: 0418 879 802

Cost \$100 includes participant workbook & catering
FREE to pastoral carers intending to volunteer in Blue Care,
Buderim Private Hospital or Sunshine Coast University Hospital.
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Register now

ucaqlld.com.au/volunteerscare

[Click here to register](http://ucaqlld.com.au/volunteerscare)

2023

LEARNING FOR LIVING

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



SEMESTER 2 2023

Exploring the Christian Scriptures

Textbook & Reference Books

Textbook: William Loader "The New Testament with Imagination"

Reference text: Mark Powell 'Introducing the New Testament'

Contact: Mia on 3366 0236 or
adminsupport@mrpres.org.au

Register: 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 School Holiday periods and Synod in Session 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

JUL: 13, 20, 27
AUG: 3, 10, 24, 31
SEPT: 7, 14,

OCT: 5, 12
NOV: 2, 9, 16, 23

[Click here to register](#)

Parenting for Faith



UK based Rachel is the pioneer of Parenting for Faith, an author of many books, a sought-after international speaker, a former pastor, a parent ... and she is coming to town. Two events in Brisbane.

Parenting for a Life of Faith

Rachel will share about five key tools that equip parents to create a culture in their home where faith can flourish.

11th Sept @ Chermside Kedron Community Church. Coffee & dessert evening - [REGISTER](#)

12th Sept @ Sunnybank Baptist Church. High Morning Tea - [REGISTER](#)



Leaders to Go

Registrations are now open for Leaders to Go 2023 conference.

When: Sept 7 – 10, 2023

Where: The Collaroy Centre (Sydney's Northern Beaches)

What: Come away and retreat with children and family ministry leaders to share expertise in the room, network, and engage around themes about discipleship in the home, church and beyond. Our community will also include Author in Residence, Rachel Turner who is the Parenting for Faith pioneer.

Conference website: <https://leaderstogo.org.au/conference-2023/>

Cost: \$465 (early bird, end of May) includes food, accommodation and program.

Register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/leaders-to-go-conference>

Dates for your Diary

2023 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

- * 10 - 12 November - Camp Pialba

Start time: 9.00am

2023 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

- * 13 September (Zoom) 3pm
- * 12 October
- * 7 December

Start time: 9.30am

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 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

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Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

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[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

- * 6 Oct Commissioning - Jim Hall - Bli Bli UC - 10am

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

- * 22 September

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

- * 20-24 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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– Northern Zone

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Rev Stuart Bosch
Pastor Phil Smith
Mrs Naomi Cavalli (Secretary)
Rev Russell Morris (Chair)
Johan Frank (incoming Treasurer from 1st Sep)
Mr Peter Mortimer (Outgoing Treasurer)
Mrs Susan Mortimer (coopted until 30 Sept)
Rev Tanya Richards
Mrs Wendy Jensen (Property)
Mrs Kylie Aalbers (Admin, Property)

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WORK DAYS

Grahams day off is Wednesday, Phil's day off is Saturday.

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