



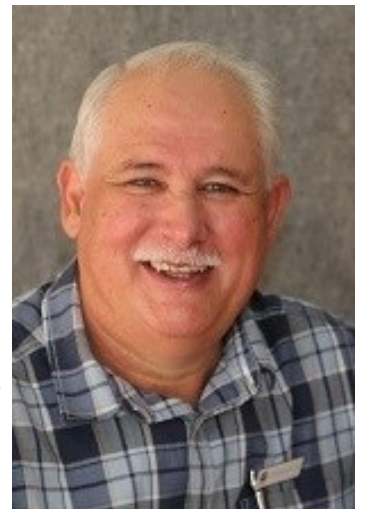
Graham's Reflection

Mission Trip to Aurukun

Every now and then, Christian ministry provides an experience that takes you way out of your comfort zone, but is so special that it becomes a source of renewal, inspiration and encouragement that will have a permanent impact on your faith. It forever changes the way you live out your service to Christ, the church, and his people. A recent trip to Aurukun had just such an effect on me.

On Monday the 11th of September just past, I travelled to the far Northern Queensland town of Aurukun; a remote and closed indigenous town that is recognised as one of the most disadvantaged regions in Australia. I pay my respects to the Wik, Wik Way and Kugu peoples who warmly welcomed us into their town. Along with the Queensland Moderator Rev Andrew Gunton, two other Presbytery ministers (Rev Garry Hardingham – Carpentaria and Rev Glenn Schweizer – Bremer Brisbane), and local ministry agents, we went simply to spend time ministering to, and praying with the people of Aurukun. We were joined by four Fijian ministers driving up from Cairns to assist with running some evangelistic evening events. It had been arranged by Rev Gary Hardingham earlier in the year, long before the 'Voice' referendum had been announced. Thus, we went with no agenda other than to pray, listen, and share the love of Christ through word and action.

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By the time we left on Thursday morning we had systematically walked through the entire town and prayed over every street, home, and building. People had heard we were coming, and many were waiting as we made our way up the streets. They were extremely gracious and welcoming. The only house in the whole community that rejected our offer of prayer was the one known by locals as the home of the local drug dealers. I assume that they thought we may impact their business – so we definitely prayed for them anyway.



As we trekked up and down the dirty, dusty streets I had a vision of Jesus walking the countryside with people bringing their sick friends and relatives to him for healing. Wherever we went, people chased us up the street bringing people in wheelchairs for prayer, or calling us back to their home for specific prayers for all manner of sicknesses, addictions or to address unhealthy situations such as family feuds. There was a real hunger in the town for physical, mental, and spiritual restoration. We heard of people being healed, and families feeling as if a real pervasive darkness had lifted from their homes. We left knowing of some



baptisms that were being planned for the following Sunday.

A service was conducted on each of the three nights we were in the community – in two different parks, and then in the church on the final evening. The Tuesday evening attracted around a hundred people. Following worship, the ministry team were invited to move around those assembled and offer prayer to each person present. The challenges faced by many people made it difficult to hold back tears. Children under 10 struggling with addictions; people coping with health issues without the medical support that we in the Southeast take for granted; and family relationship breakdowns and abuse. It was both a challenge and a privilege to spend this time with them.

On the final night, a group of the younger people offered to dance as part of the final worship. Expecting something traditional, we were very pleasantly surprised and blessed as they gave a fresh expression to contemporary songs like Way Maker. As people who use dance and movement to convey stories, this liturgical dance had very special meaning.

The long drive back to Weipa in the Troop Carrier for our flight home gave plenty of time for reflection. Despite the obvious issues in the community, the Holy Spirit is alive and active in Aurukun. We left hoping that our time there was at least as much of a blessing to them, as their faith, hope, grace and genuine spiritual openness was to each of us.

Ps Graham Huth
Presbytery Minister



Graham's Diary

October

1 BNOC consultation part 3 Childers/Biggenden
6 Jim Hall Commissioning service - Bli Bli
10 MC3 Meeting Brisbane
12 Standing Committee & PRC - Gympie
20 Induction of Moderator
21– 24 Synod in Session
29 Closure service Rev Dr Liena Hoffman

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

[Blackall Range](#) - Website

[Buderim](#) - YouTube

[Bundaberg](#) - YouTube

[Caloundra](#) - Facebook

[Cooroy/Pomona](#) - Facebook

[Glasshouse Country](#) - YouTube

[Gympie Uniting Church](#) - YouTube

[Hervey Bay](#) - YouTube

[Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook

[Mooloolaba](#) - Facebook

[Nambour](#) - YouTube

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](#).

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



Uniting Life @ Mooloolaba Sunday service 9am

You're invited!
All are welcome

Mooloolaba Uniting Church Op Shop

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

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

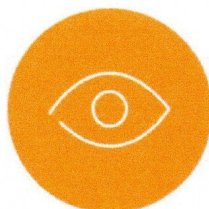
To volunteer please contact the Presbytery office;

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

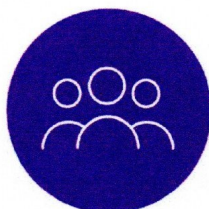
We are keen to ensure the Mooloolaba Op Shop continues to support the local community.



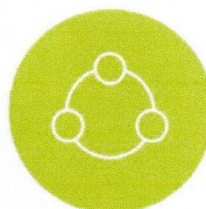
7-15 October 2023



Awareness



Belonging



Connection

UNITING FOR MENTAL HEALTH

When: Thursday 12 October 2023 from 7:00am to 12noon

Where: **Maryborough Markets**
On the Maryborough City Hall Green,
Cnr Adelaide & Kent Streets, Maryborough

Do you know what we do to support mental health wellbeing in Maryborough?

Visit us at the Markets for some fun activities and chat with representatives from **UnitingCare** (Family & Disability Services, Prison Ministry, StandBy, Gambling Help, Financial Counselling), **Lifeline** (Crisis Support, Lifeline Training, Farmer to Lifeline Farmer, DV-Alert), **BlueCare**, **Headspace** and the **Uniting Church** (2nd Maryborough Girls' Brigade) to find out.

For further information Contact Delma Lovell on 0428 598 309

Artwork: 'Stronger connection creates strong health' by Leah Cummins. Bunya Designs



Caloundra Uniting Church

Looking beyond our local community this month as we celebrated Frontier Services Sunday. The prepared liturgy gave us an insight into the great work they do in outback areas and our Sausage Sizzle afterwards proved a great fund-raiser to support this important work.

Judy Morrison



Please pray for our chaplains

- * Ps Wendy Keeble (Kingaroy)
- * 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)
- * Ps Jim Hall (Bli Bli/Gympie)



Prayer as Discernment & Transformation

A series over 3 Saturdays: 9.00am - 4.00pm

19 Attunga Court, WITTA 4552

0407 180 864

October 7;

November 4 &

December 2 (also our Advent Retreat)

Often when people ask how to pray, they want to find out how to get God to answer their prayers. They hope that there is a technique to praying that “works”.

I have come to realise that the most important thing for me is discerning what God is doing in any situation and discovering how God wants to use and shape me in that mission.

Over three Saturdays we want to invite people to explore their own conversation with God and discover how they discern God’s call in their own life. “What is God doing, and how can I better serve that purpose?”

During the three days we will learn about and practice various approaches to prayer so that each participant might discover the approaches that most enrich their prayer life.

Our Prayer Retreats always begin at 9.00am, so we ask participants to arrive by 8.45am. We are committed to finishing by 4.00pm so that those who have to travel can get away.

Each day begins in corporate prayer and concludes with Holy Communion.

We provide lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

The total price for all three days is \$120

If you are interested please email us and we can provide more detailed information - b_hjohnson@me.com

Rev Bruce Johnson

Grace and Peace



‘I believe that prayer is a creative expression of communication which enhances and nurtures a closer relationship with God and that conversation, both listening to and talking with God, is as vital as breathing.’ (Mary Fleeson. from the Lindisfarne Scriptorium)

Child Safe Training @ Hervey Bay UC

With Louise Crittenden

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

My brother asked, "Do you wanna box for your leftovers?" And I said "No, but I'll wrestle you for them."



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: Johan Frank

Mission Engagement Officer: Phil Smith

Property Committee: Wendy Jensen, Kylie Aalbers

Standing Committee: Stuart Bosch; Tanya Richards, 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, Kylie Aalbers

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.

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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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Bible Fun Trivia!

1. How many days and nights did it rain when Noah was on the ark?
2. How many plagues did God send on Egypt
3. How many brothers did Joseph have?
4. What was the final plague that convinced Pharaoh to let the slaves go?



1. 40
2. 10
3. 11
4. The firstborn son of all Egyptian families died.



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.*



Fun Fashion Parade

•Saturday
21 October at 2:00 pm •

• in Connections
Cnr Gloucester Rd & King St
Uniting Church, Buderim •

Fashions and Afternoon Tea
\$10

**To book your ticket or a table of
friends, please contact**
boylelj@gmail.com

In October 2020, The Little Shop of Hope opened at the Buderim Uniting Church. This was a new venture for the congregation at BUC – an Op Shop. We had many questions and a lot to learn, but found that there were always people who were willing to help as we started out. In 2021, we celebrated our first anniversary with a Fun Fashion Parade using clothes from the shop and now, this is becoming an annual event. Each time we have filled our Hall, Connections on King, with people keen to see what the shop has to offer and to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea. It will be a great day and another milestone to celebrate for the third birthday of this ministry.

Linda Boyle - Buderim UC

(PS - it's a really great afternoon - Kylie Aalbers)

The 10th Coles Hummingbird House Appeal is now on!

From September 20 to October 17, Coles customers can support Hummingbird House by buying a \$2 donation card at checkout, designed by [four Hummingbird House families](#). Coles staff in 183 stores across Queensland organise in-store fundraisers.

Buying Hummingbird House [merchandise](#) is a fun way to get involved!

Last year, we raised over \$971,000, and since the start, we've given \$4.3 million to Hummingbird House. Let's make our 10th year the biggest yet!

[Click here](#) to donate online.

(source Uniting News 26/09/23)



“Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry”

“Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry” is a 3-day program designed to give participants an introduction to the key concepts and practices of ministering with congregations and agencies in times of transition.

The course is being held nationally by zoom on the 10, 17 and 18 October. It is the first part of the Internationally recognised Intentional Interim Ministry Course. Registrations are through the NSW/ACT Synod at the following link

[Register here](#)

Cost: \$260 per person.

For more details contact Brian Hoole 0435242000



Exciting news! BELLS faith community is launching a video series that dives into the nuts and bolts of church pioneering, all through the lens of Luke's writings. Plus, they're considering a blog and missional discussion series.

Here's the deal: Many of the church's planting efforts are never shared, leaving pioneers feeling isolated. BELLS want to change that.

But there's more: BELLS - 'Belong Eat Listen Learn Serve' - is a small missional community. They have been waiting and listening for a couple of years for an opportunity to follow their Luke 10 foundation, to go into the village where He intends to go.

So, the 'call to action' is simple:

Subscribe to the [YouTube channel](#) and access the wisdom they're gathering

Join the community and fuel your faith adventures!
Contact BELLS [here](#).



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.
Proudly sponsored by UnitingCare Chaplaincy using
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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](#)

Being an Intergenerational Church A Commitment. A Vision. An Invitation.

National online launch of the new vision document

21 September, 2023 12:30pm (AEST),
12pm (ACST), 10.30am (AWST)



Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY

Prayer

Great Spirit, guide us through troubled times with grace and strength. Help us walk in harmony with each other, finding wisdom in our ancestors' ways.

Dates for your Diary

2023 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

- * 10 - 12 November - Camp Pialba

Business meeting Saturday 9am

Start time: 9.00am

2023 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

- * 12 October
- * 8 November (Zoom)
- * 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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Psalm 9:9

The Lord also will be a refuge and a high tower for the oppressed, a refuge and a stronghold in times of trouble .

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
- * 29 Oct Conclusion - Liena Hoffman—Maleny UC 9.45am

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

- * 23 November

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?

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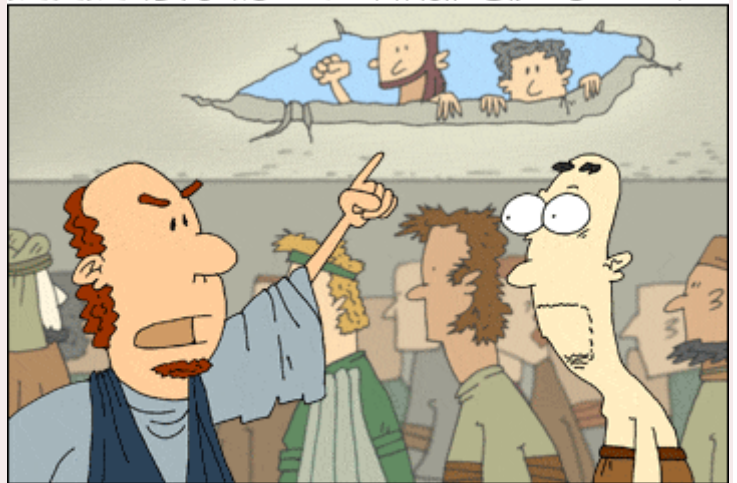
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I'M GLAD YOU ARE HEALED, BECAUSE I'M
GOING TO NEED HELP FIXING THAT ROOF

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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.