

Graham's Reflection

"The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

(Matthew 23:11-12)

Greetings Mary Burnett Presbytery,

I believe that it is most appropriate and valuable; 'God ordained', I might even say, that the common lectionary readings that kick off November, speak about leadership at a time in which leadership is front and centre

in our spotlight. For instance, we now have a new Qld Moderator and Synod General Secretary. Presbytery in session meets at Hervey Bay over two days this month. While exercising leadership across the region in its decisions, we are also electing members to two very significant leadership roles, the Presbytery Standing Committee, and Pastoral Care Committee. As I write this (31 October) however, we have not received any nominations. So, perhaps at a time when God is challenging or encouraging you to step into a leadership position – perhaps even in your own congregation, it is good to be reminded a little of what Christian leadership entails.

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Joshua 3:7-17 The OT reading is about the Israelites crossing the Jordan to enter the Holy Land.

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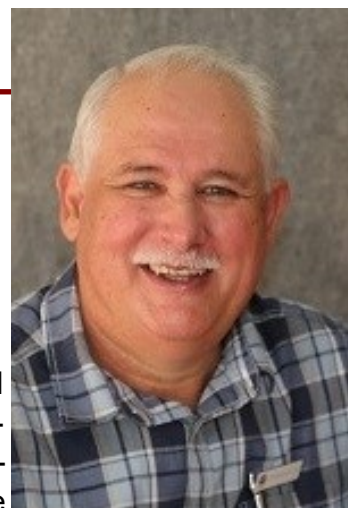


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As the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant stepped into the river, the waters opened to allow the Israelites to cross over on dry ground. For this to happen the Priests – the leaders needed to step out in faith and be prepared to get their feet wet. Similarly, as leaders in a swiftly changing world, we can often be tempted to stay on dry comfortable ground rather than risk moving into the swirling currents and eddies of modern society. The church needs leaders who will bravely lead the way for the church so that it moves forward while still maintaining a solid footing.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 In Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica, he reveals how hard he, Silvanus, and Timothy worked to ensure they were not a burden on those to whom they were ministering. Thus, leaders must lighten their people's loads, not add to the weight.

The Basis of Union says of the purpose of the Presbytery, *"It will in particular exercise oversight over the congregations within its bounds, encouraging them to strengthen one another's faith, to bear one another's burdens, and exhorting them to fulfil their high calling in Christ Jesus"* (Par. 15 (c)). This is indeed what Presbytery seeks to achieve, but we need more leaders to help share the load.

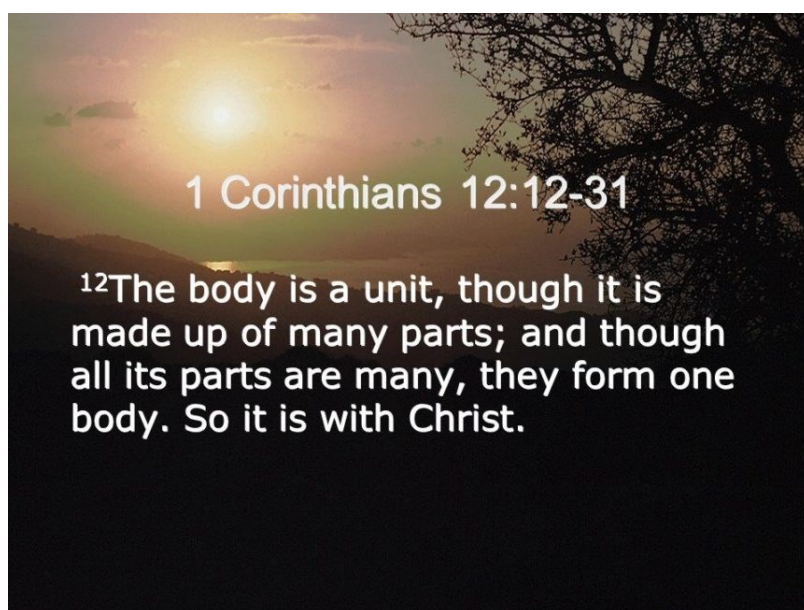
Matthew 23:1-12 This is similar to the message from Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, where Jesus criticises the Jewish leaders who *'tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others', 'do all their deeds to be seen by others' and 'love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues.'* This is not Christian leadership. True Christian leaders must model the example of Jesus and become humble servants.

So, to those who are able and willing to consider serving Christ and the church either in Presbytery or local church leadership positions:

- Are you prepared to step out in faith and get your feet wet?
- Are you ready to work hard and lighten the loads of those within your care?
- Are you able to put aside pride and become as servants, just as Jesus was a servant to all?

Remember, 'The greatest among you will be your servant'.

Many rich and enduring blessings
PS. Graham Huth



Graham's Diary

November

5 Closure service of Corndale church
10 - 12 Live in Presbytery
14 Conclusion service Rev Heather den Houting
15 PSI - Bne
16 Placements - Bne
18-19 Consultation—Buderim
23 - Retired ministers lunch

26 - Attend Worship at Caloundra

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.

Is God calling you to serve on Presbytery Standing Committee and/or Pastoral Relations Committee?

Mary Burnett Online Services

[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 consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

* 7 Dec 2023

* 8 Feb 2024

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.

Caloundra UC Outreach

Two great mornings at Unity College helping with their Community Cook-up. How good to be involved with students & volunteers from the local Catholic church preparing meals for families experiencing times of special need. Yet another area of outreach to add to the groups we already provide meals for from our own kitchen. Thanks, ladies!

Judy Morrison
Caloundra UC



Prayer

Oh God, enlighten my mind with the truth;
Inflame my heart with love;
Inspire my will with courage;
Enrich my life with service.
Pardon what I have been;
Sanctify what I am; order what shall be
And thine shall be the glory
And mine the eternal salvation
Through Jesus Christ my Lord.
Amen.

Code of Ethics

Friday 10th Nov

9.30am for 10am start

Hervey Bay UC

56 Exeter St,

Torquay

RSVP: secretary@maryburnettpres.org.au

By Tuesday 7th Nov.



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)



Uniting World at Maroochydore

Great service in Maroochydore on Sunday 29/10 and we are looking forward to Cooroy and Pomona this coming Sunday 5th Nov.

Sylvia and Don Wright

If you would like Sylvia and Don to preach/present please contact them at

sylviaawright@hotmail.com

Sylvia and Don will also be at Presbytery on the 11th Nov.



Smile

Did you hear the song about the tortilla?

Actually it was more of a wrap!



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.

Presbytery Office

Maroochydore Uniting Church

6 Millwell Rd

Maroochydore

Christmas Office closure

Fri 22st Dec through to 8th January.

Kylie will be working from home and Naomi will be on leave.



Presbytery Postal Address!

Mary Burnett Presbytery

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Sunshine Plaza 4558



Bible Fun Trivia!

1. Where did the Pharisees claim Jesus got his power from?
2. At what age did Jesus begin his ministry?
3. How many of the healed ten lepers returned to thank Jesus?
4. Who tried to kill Jesus soon after he was born?



1. Beelzebub
2. 30
3. 1
4. Herod



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.*



Want a beach holiday at Christmas time at a discounted price?

Want to have a break from cooking & washing up for a whole week?!

Want to relax in cool air conditioning & walk down to the beach just 5 minutes away?

Want to have quality family time & socialise with others?

If you have said **"yes"** to any of the questions above, why don't you come along to Alexandra Park Family Camp! It's held every year at Alexandra Park Conference Centre, 13 Mari Street, Alexandra Headland.

The conference centre has bungalow rooms all with ensuites. All accommodation is air-conditioned so you don't have to sweat in summer!

Onsite activities available:

- Swim in the 25-metre shaded pool
- Walk to the patrolled beach at Alexandra Headland only 200-metres away
- Recreation room equipped with free games including table tennis and pool table
- Join organised activities such as ten pin bowling or go the movies (additional cost)

- Enjoy indoor activities: board games, 500 card games, indoor bowls, jigsaw puzzles, and more
- Be surrounded by bushland in a natural and pristine environment
- Reflect with daily devotions
- Organised Kids' program Club Guava (multi-age games and activities)
- New year's eve themed activities including family quiz, party games, and disco – this year is a sea theme "Camp Ahoy!"
- Fun for all ages!

Approximate cost for a family of 2 adults and 4 children (under 12) is \$2645. Pensioner rates are also available. All meals are included in this pricing (special dietary needs are also catered for).



Book today!

If you have any questions regarding family camp, please email Camp Directors Alison Fraser & Paul Woodward at apfamilycamp@outlook.com

Any questions regarding booking enquiries, please email Alexandra Park Conference Centre at info@alexpark.com.au or phone (07) 5459 5600.

Don't miss out!! Prices available on the APCC website.

*** REJOICE * PRAISE * SING ***



November Noel

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 25th November from 6pm

**UCA Maryborough Parish
(St Stephens Church)
21-25 Sussex St**



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](#)



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CHICKENS

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Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and giving children hope for the future.



SEEDS

This gift of seeds helps a person in Timor-Leste, West Timor or Maluku get planting!



SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING

Through small business training and education opportunities, this gift helps people start small businesses and grow



HEALTHY KIDS

This gift of nutrition education and supplements helps children to grow, learn and be healthy.



CHRISTMAS CARDS THAT FIGHT POVERTY

Wish your loved ones a Happy Christmas and help fight poverty



NEW GROWTH

This gift helps regenerate our environment and reduce disaster risks for communities.



CLEAN WATER

Clean water saves lives! This gift helps provide clean water to remote communities in India, as well as equip community

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

* 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

*

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

* 10th Nov—Hervey Bay UC

[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

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FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

* 23 November

RETIRED REVS

* 23rd Nov. Xmas Lunch at Maroochydore UC 11.30am

SYNOD

* MARCH 2025

ASSEMBLY

* 11 - 16 July 2024



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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

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.

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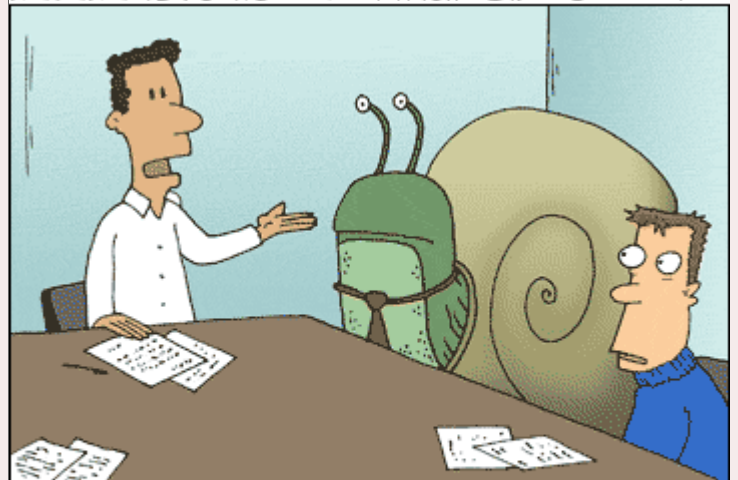
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WHICH WE HANDLE OUR BUSINESS

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