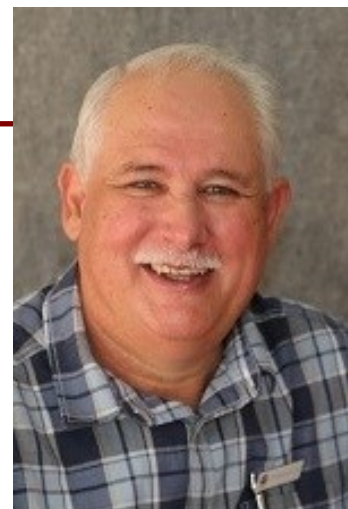




## Graham's Reflection

**"It is always easier to see the beginning from the end, than the end from the beginning."**

Julia McNair Wright



Season's Greetings to you all,

As we venture into December, we recognise that with this wonderful season of Advent comes the commencement of a new church year.

While society waits with bated breath for the 1st of January for the beginning of a new year, church tradition gives us a head start. As we step into this new year, whether it be gingerly, or eagerly, we automatically turn our gaze to the future. But which future lies within your gaze? Is it celebrating Christmas and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ? Is it focusing on the New Year and the blessings and challenges that are starting to emerge? Is it the 'New Shoots' that were the theme of our recent Synod meeting, and that our Presbytery leadership are eager to discuss as part of a strategic meeting in January? Perhaps however, as it should, Advent has given you cause to lift your gaze even further, towards the impending return of Christ as he has promised, and for which we live in constant and living hope?

Advent is a time of preparation in which the church recalls its hope and expectation in the coming of Christ, past, present, and future. And while traditionally, we enter the season considering things in that order, I wonder if we are better

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Because sometimes, it is better to start at the end to better understand the significance of the past, and also, the stark reality of the present context in which we live.

In the Advent study, 'The Gospel of Advent' by Kelli Trujillo, she says, *"When we begin at the end, Advent startles us in just the right way: jolting us out of our comfortable Christianity and familiar discipleship and drawing us into deeper repentance, devotion, and hope. When we start with this eschatological vision, we can then rightly approach the manger—for we know that there, wrapped in swaddling clothes, is the Savior whose glorious return is indeed our blessed hope, "our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."*

I pray that we do not get so settled into our plans for Christmas and the New Year that we fail to appreciate and celebrate the wonder and gift of Advent. May we be startled out of our usual Christmas customs, so as to almost see Jesus for the first time, and look forward with a renewed hope for the future.

On behalf of all the leadership team of the Mary Burnett Presbytery, I wish to you a very holy, safe, and blessed Advent, Christmas and holiday season.

*Pastor Graham Huth*



### **Prayer**

Dear Lord, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. We thank You for His birth and the hope that He brings to our lives. We thank You for Your great love for us and for the many blessings that You have given us. Help us to always be grateful and to share Your love with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. [Amen](#)

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## Graham's Diary

### December

7 Standing Committee and PRC

10 - 3 Annual Leave

### January

14 Preach at Caloundra

18 - 19 Presbytery Strategic Meeting

28 - 30 PSI Annual retreat

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

Uniting Life congregation have now taken over operation of the op shop.

Presbytery wishes to extend to Bruce and Lynne Ames a very big thankyou for the many hours of work they have put in to both keep the op shop open, and to maintain a Uniting Church presence at the building since the previous congregation were dissolved, and moved out.

To volunteer please contact the Presbytery office;

Email: [admin@maryburnettpres.org.au](mailto:admin@maryburnettpres.org.au) and I'll pass on your details to Uniting Life. Or pop in- to the Op Shop when it's open.

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## Presbytery Report

Treasurer's Report: Congregations to lodge Annual Returns by 30/11/2023.

Mission Engagement:

The recent Queensland Synod had a theme of renewal, and the practice of church planting giving hope; the former (renewal) for our congregations, the latter (church planting) for The Church's future. That said, slightly more than 1% of The Australian Church is planting new local churches, while 70% of local churches are in decline. Surely Prayer and Planting are the only two priorities for which we still have time.

The start point is the ultimate end point: discipleship. The Church's aim is not to provide charity or community service but to fulfil its purpose of building the kingdom of God.

What this is saying is that our focus should not be attending worship each Sunday but that we should use that time together to encourage one another to be in conversation with those who have not yet come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

We should praise God for the 'green shoots' we see around the Presbytery, yet we must ask – why so few of our people gather regularly to pray and seek God's calling to and provision for the unique mission in their local community? Video "green shoots" update available. (Weekly Wrap 10/11/23)

Regular corporate prayer (beyond the liturgical element of Sunday worship) is essential for the life of disciples. For the past 18 months a group in the Synod office has been shaping a model for mission that could be invaluable for congregations and faith communities who don't know where to start.

"If you start a program, you may get disciples, if you start with building disciples you will grow a church".

A Discipleship Study Guide is available from Synod. (Contact by email, paulwetzig@ucaqlld.com.au)

Public Hospital Chaplaincy:

SCUH Chaplaincy - Synod Standing Committee have decided that as of the 30th June 2024, funding of public hospital chaplains will cease. The Uniting Church has been the lead in offering well trained chaplains to the public hospital system across QLD for a for many decades. It is extremely sad to consider that this ministry into local communities is coming to an end, in some contexts it is possible that volunteer Uniting Church chaplains will remain.

Uniting World: - representatives Sylvia and Don Wright.

They live in our Presbytery and gave a presentation with real life stories at the Presbytery meeting. Uniting World serve locally as well as mission work in other countries. If we would like Sylvia and Don to preach/present they may be contacted at sylviaawright@hotmail.com.

Synod Support Available:

Grant Weaver (Exec Director of People, Culture & Learning)

Financial Assistance available for Candidates and Ministers.

Training for volunteer hospital chaplains.

Volunteer Care.

Training for congregation members such as Pastoral Care and Sound and projection technicians and engaging with children, Youth, Young Adults and Families. Social Media-online presence. Investing in Uniting Life congregations. Working with Scripture Union and Uniting Care-Connect 100.

TOP TIPS FOR ENGAGING WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES:

- Build with the future in focus
- Ask for help from young people.
- Pray for people.
- Support local education facilities.
- Feed them.

I believe it is time that we as a congregation look beyond ourselves and join the momentum being generated by our Assembly and Synod and even our Presbytery. There is assistance available to help us, however we need to determine by regular corporate prayer what God can do with us, an aging congregation with decades of lived experiences of life to share with others.

Respectfully submitted.

John Cathcart





### **The Maleny Christmas Lights and Tree Festival**

this year will be held from Wednesday December 20 – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, nightly from 7pm to 9pm.

This year, we're including a 'MINI-MARKET' food stuff, craft and plants. Funds raised support local community projects.

Peter Callaghan

Blackall Range UC



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**For God has great Plans for you!**

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## Hervey Bay UC

### Hervey Bay Uniting Church Service to Give Thanks

On Sunday, 19 November 2023, the congregation of Hervey Bay Uniting Church took the time to 'Give Thanks to God' in the Sunday Worship Service. With Reverend Willem urgently travelling to South Africa, Lay Preacher and Chair of the Church Council, John Grimsey, led Worship.

Songs of praise and words from the scripture throughout the Service, contributed to a time where we gave thanks to God for the blessings that He has bestowed on us during this year, to give thanks to the many volunteers in our congregation who are involved in activities from operational level to the making of a cuppa after Sunday Service and to give thanks to God for those whose life we had the privilege to share in.

It has become tradition to have a Prayer Tree set-up as part of our Hervey Bay Uniting Church Advent display with anyone being able to write a name on a card that is attached to a bauble which they can then hang on our Prayer Tree. This year, this was started with the hanging of special gold baubles on the tree with the names of those who passed on during the last year. John Grimsey read the names and our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Coral Deeth, hung the bauble on the tree. It was a very moving time as we did remember those who are no longer with us on this earth.



### 'A Time to Give' to Those Doing It Tough in Partnership with Uniting Care, Hervey Bay

Looking at ways to help those struggling with life at this time of year, Hervey Bay Uniting Church has partnered with Uniting Care Community of Hervey Bay to make up food hampers to be delivered before Christmas.

We have been carrying out this giving program for about 5 years with an average of 25 shopping bags collected each year with 2023 appeal being just as generous with addition of another 13 shopping bags donated by our Howard Uniting Church congregation.

Representatives from Uniting Care Hervey Bay collected the bags on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 with John Grimsey helping Jane Kelly from Uniting Care try and pack them all into her small car. And early feedback from Jane is that they managed to make up 15 hampers for families in their care and another 5 for individuals.

Stories in past years have been very inspiring and are a great reason to continue this great activity.

Gail Grimsey, HBUC



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## Moderators Message Nov 6 2023

Dear family in Christ,

We are thinking of all of you who face the challenges of bushfires in your communities this fire season. Our thoughts and prayers are with the affected families and communities during these challenging times, as well as with the dedicated congregations providing support to those in need.

The Queensland Synod seeks to offer practical help as we face these challenges together. **If you or members of your congregation or community are in need, please apply for the Queensland Synod's [Disaster Relief fund](#).** These funds can be used by congregations and/or Presbyteries to assist with any additional/extraordinary expenses incurred in responding to their community's needs following the recent disasters. The application form is a short one to make the process as simple as possible. **If you have any questions, please contact [Vanessa.Griffiths@ucaqlld.com.au](mailto:Vanessa.Griffiths@ucaqlld.com.au).**

There are several other grants which **individuals** may be eligible for:

**[The Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme \(ESSRS\) grant](#)** helps people who are uninsured or unable to claim insurance and who meet an income test by providing a contribution towards inspecting, repairing, and reconnecting essential services (i.e. electricity, gas, water, or sewerage) that were damaged by a disaster.

**[The Emergency Hardship Assistance \(EHA\) grant](#)** helps people affected by a disaster to get:

- Food, clothing, medical supplies, temporary accommodation.
- They can apply for \$180 per person, up to \$900 for a family of 5 or more

This grant isn't income or asset-tested

**[The Essential Household Contents Grant \(EHCG\)](#)** helps people who are uninsured or unable to claim insurance and who meet an income test by providing a contribution towards repairing or replacing essential household contents that have been damaged or lost in a disaster.

**If you would like to lend a hand to support our Uniting Church local congregations as they help local communities, please consider a donation to the [Queensland Synod Disaster Relief Appeal](#).**

Lifeline has also [set up a donations page](#) to support funding of their crisis call lines.

The unpredictable nature of bushfires makes it essential for all Queenslanders to stay informed and prepared. Below are some steps to follow:

- **Stay informed:** Regularly check Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) [current bushfire warnings and incidents](#)
  - **Prepare a bushfire survival plan:** Make sure you and your family have a well-thought-out plan in place in case of evacuation or emergency.
  - **Create a survival kit:** Put together an emergency kit with essential items like water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, important documents, and clothing.
  - **Stay vigilant:** Keep an eye on local news and weather reports and be ready to act if conditions change.
- Observe total fire bans and fire restrictions:** Respect all fire bans and restrictions, as they are in place for your safety and the safety of the community.

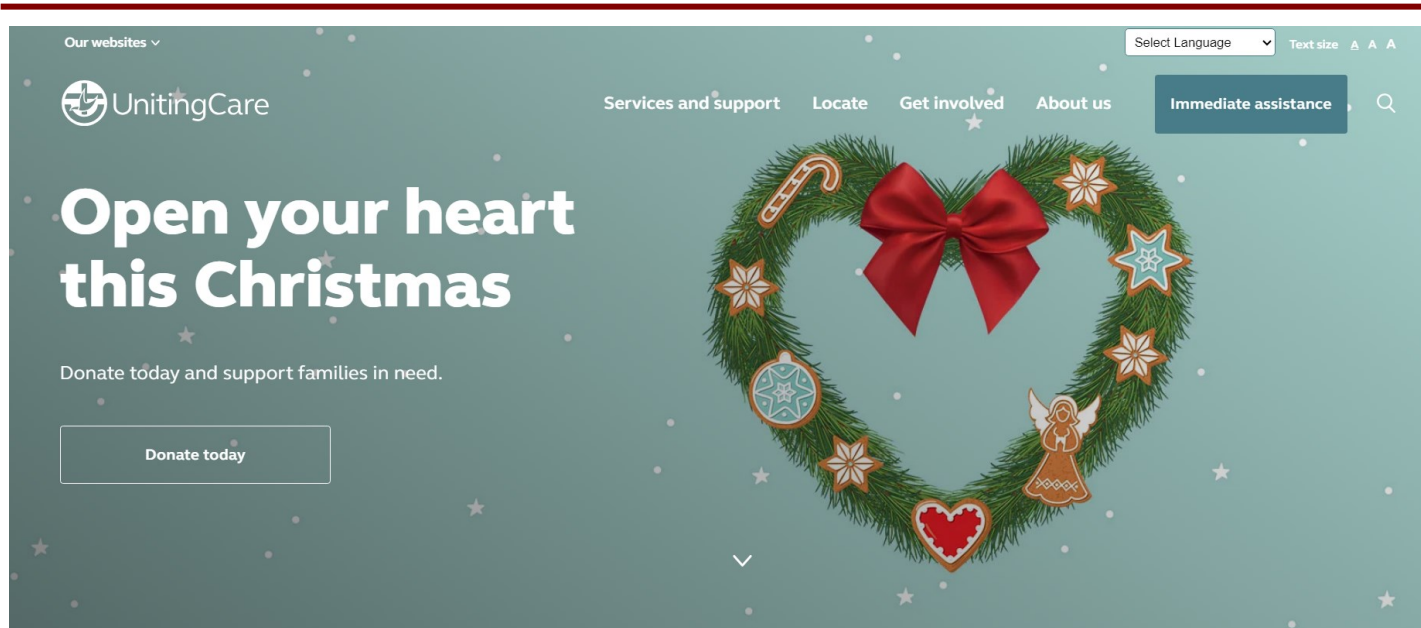
**For more information, please save this link: <https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/alerts-and-warnings>.**

Look after yourselves and look after each other and please join with me in prayer and in hope for the best possible outcomes - for communities standing strong together in adversity and in recovery.

Rev Bruce Moore

UCA Qld Moderator.



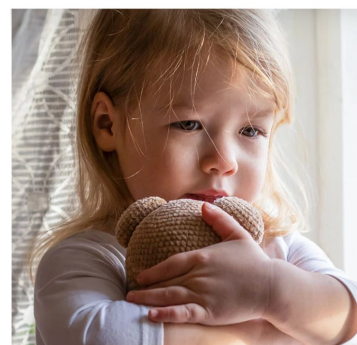


## Please share love and comfort with families in need this Christmas

This year, many Queenslanders are facing family and financial pressure, and are suddenly finding themselves worried about how they can stay safe, keep a roof over their family's head and put food on the table this Christmas.

Your [donation](#) today can help:

- buy a gift for a child or young person who would otherwise go without
  - bring a decent meal – and dignity – to a family's table at Christmas.
- ease the financial burden on a distressed family by helping with a bill or essential item.



In this ever-changing world, our commitment to care and support is a reassuring constant. We understand that times of need can leave people feeling alone and vulnerable. That's why we're one big family working hard to bring us all closer together. At Christmas, this commitment is stronger than ever.

At UnitingCare Queensland, our team of 16,500 employees and 9,000 volunteers connects every corner of Queensland and the Northern Territory with much-needed health and community services. As one of the largest charities in Australia, we're here to help you live life in all its fullness.

## 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)



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## Advent resources are now available!

The inaugural instalment of the 2023 Advent Materials, our Worship Resource, has been unveiled. Dive into the inspiring content that awaits you as you prepare for the Advent season.

**[Click here to download!](#)**

Don't forget to **[bookmark this page!](#)** Please add your name to the distribution list by **[completing the form](#)** or contact Jess Pinkerton

at **[jessica.pinkerton@ucaqlld.com.au](mailto:jessica.pinkerton@ucaqlld.com.au)** or Paul Wetzig at **[paul.wetzig@ucaqlld.com.au](mailto:paul.wetzig@ucaqlld.com.au)** for your dedicated Advent resource! By doing so, you'll have quick and easy access to all the enriching materials and content we have in store to make your Advent season truly special. Keep an eye out for updates, and stay connected!

(source Uniting News 14/11/23)

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## Smile

Why was the dog good at swimming?

Because he was a good buoy!



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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:](#)** Russell Morris

**[Secretary:](#)** Naomi Cavalli

**[Treasurer:](#)** Johan Frank

**[Admin:](#)** Kylie Aalbers

**[Mission Engagement Officer:](#)** Phil Smith

**[Property Committee:](#)** Wendy Jensen, Kylie Aalbers

**[Standing Committee:](#)** Stuart Bosch; Tanya Richards, Elizabeth Nolan, David Ellis, MEO, Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary, Pres Treasurer, Property Committee, Pres Admin

**[Pastoral Relations Committee:](#)** Stuart Bosch, Tanya Richards, David Ellis, Elizabeth Nolan, Neil Storey, Margaret Gilbert, Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary, Pres Admin

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**

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PO Box 1635  
Sunshine Plaza 4558



Strong links between Unity College & Caloundra Uniting.

Its been a big end-of-year for Unity College - Celebrations for another great year of achievements & farewells to students & staff. Pastor Steven, Rev Robin, Rev Brian, Rev Dr Alan & Judy represented our church at Awards Nights & Farewell Liturgies. We said goodbye & thank you to Mr Dan McShea, Principal, who is moving to establish a new school, & to Mrs Lin Johnstone, Head of College Faith & Formation, who shared her story with us on Sunday 26 Nov & who is now retiring. Both have strongly supported the ecumenical ethos of the College & we thank them & wish them well as they move on..

Judy Morrison, Caloundra UC



**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.





**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](mailto:apfamilycamp@outlook.com)

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

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# Volunteers CARE

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

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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.

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<b>Venue</b>	Hervey Bay Uniting Church
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<b>Date</b>	Saturdays 3 & 10 February 2024
<b>Time</b>	9am - 5pm each day
<b>Contact</b>	Rev Keren Seto
	keren.seto@uchealth.com.au

**Register now**

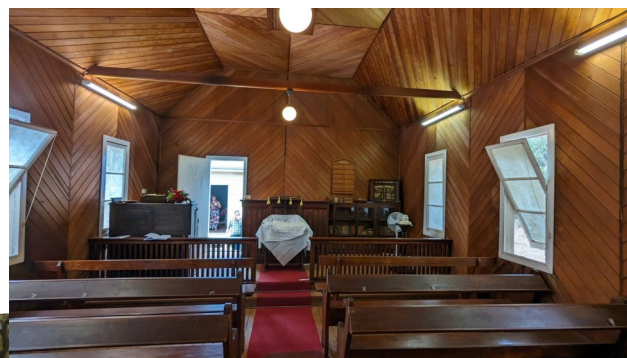
**[ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare](http://ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare)**



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**The Corndale Church** (part of the Kingaroy parish) was decommissioned on the 5th November 2023.

A small gathering attended the service to celebrate the life, history and memories of this church.



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Rev Liena Hoffman (formerly of Blackall Range UC) was inducted into her new role at Wesley Mission on 27th November at The Sanctuary, Wesley Mission Aged Care community at Chermside.



### Online Prayer Gathering Calls go from Monthly to Weekly

About a year ago we started a monthly call to pray for renewal and now we have more folks leading calls so now we have a call every Tues!

From 12 times a year we're now praying 52 times a year! I'd say that's a movement stirring!

And at Synod, when we prayed together, 100 people joined us for prayer!

You can now join our call any or every Tues night at 7-8pm.

Feel free to invite others.

Here's the link which will work for all of the calls:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994146488?pwd=VDcxd1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09>

The renewal we're praying for is already beginning in our desire for renewal!

I can't wait to see what God has in store.

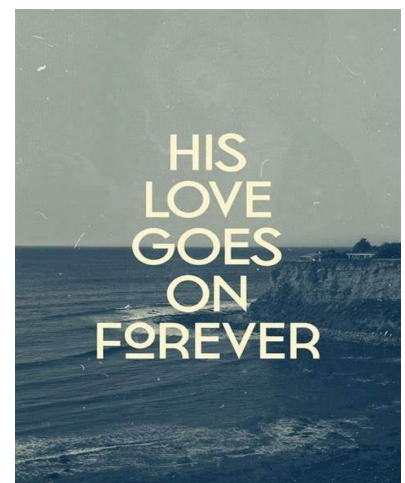
Mandy Smith

Pastor, St Lucia Uniting Church

[www.StLuciaUnitingChurch.org.au](http://www.StLuciaUnitingChurch.org.au)

Author, "Unfettered" & "The Vulnerable Pastor"

[www.TheWayisTheWay.org](http://www.TheWayisTheWay.org)



### Movie Review (now showing at The Strand Caloundra)

I went to see the movie "Journey to Bethlehem" yesterday and it is a good presentation of the Biblical stories (Both Matthew and Luke stories woven together creatively) with some modern songs included – a variation on the Lord's prayer "for thine (mine) is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever" and fantasy about Mary and Joseph meeting, so really appealing to children and youth over 10 but suitable for adults too. A little girl of 7 enjoyed it so probably all primary school children would enjoy it.

Adult conversation later maybe discussing where the film differed from the biblical accounts could be quite productive over a lunch/afternoon tea discussion or early evening meal together for congregations. Check The Strand for times it is screened – 3pm I think Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and 4.30pm Friday and Saturday.

Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan



## Flying High With Jesus?

### Question:

What does an Administration Officer on a swing, A stranger in a Jesus Save T-Shirt, A man and his dog and Enzo's Coffee shop have in common.

### Answer:

The answer is of course Presbytery devotions.

Early on Saturday Morning (*coffee is a necessity at such an early hour*) long before Presbytery in Session gathered, and we were blessed to be led in our morning devotions by Rev Willem Smit (Hervey Bay Uniting Church).

As we gathered on the beach reading scripture (insert scripture – Jesus sends out the seventy-two) a man and his dog walked past. Actually, the man walked past and the dog joined us refusing to leave without much encouragement (Phil Smith - Mission Engagement Officer saw this as an opportunity for a fresh mission to the beach dog walking community.)

We were challenged to reflect as we went out for a walk two by two along the beach about how our journey in faith was not meant to be completed as an individual. We were invited to reflect on what the seventy-two talked about as they walked and the challenges they faced with no money, and finally to pray for one another as we journey back.

*PS: For those of you who were wondering about the man in the Jesus Saves shirt he was the one walking the dog.*

Rev Neil Storey



## Uniting World

In November Don and Sylvia visited Cooroy/Pomona and the Bells shopfront in Caloundra, and also Presbytery at Hervey Bay to promote Uniting World and the Everything In Common for Uniting World. They have given out wooden peace doves. Your donations help to provide clean water, toilets, education, business opportunities to help fight poverty. And that was just up to the 11th Nov!

More information on the next page.

Presbytery Meeting Hervey Bay



Cooroy/Pomona

Bells



Presbytery Office





**Everything in Common is UnitingWorld's gift catalogue, filled with gifts that fight poverty through health, education, leadership and income opportunities.** When people give Everything in Common gifts, it directly supports our projects helping people lead lives of dignity and hope.

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#### SCHOOL BOOKS

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#### 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



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# SAVE THE DATE

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## Dates for your Diary

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### 2024 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 – Module 1 online, every 2nd year

Module 2 & 3 face to face, every year.

### SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING

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### CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

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### RETREAT (TBC)

### INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

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### FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

\* 26 January

### RETIRED REVS

### SYNOD

\* MARCH 2025

### ASSEMBLY

\* 11 - 16 July 2024

### **John 14:27**

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**



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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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## 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.