

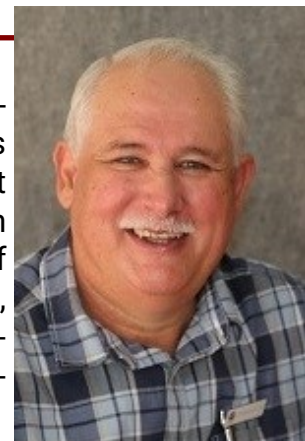


Graham's Reflection



Greetings Mary Burnett Presbytery, and God's richest blessings to you all in Jesus Christ. I trust and pray that the Lenten season was a special and sacred time of

reflection and refocusing, and that the wonder of Easter, culminating in the glory of Jesus's resurrection has reminded you that with God, nothing is impossible or without hope.



As I begin to write, it is Palm Sunday and the commencement of Holy Week. We move from the solemnity of Lent towards Easter with this brief glimpse of the joy to come. In many churches across the Presbytery we not only hear, but in a way, participate ourselves in the familiar story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Just as recorded in the Gospel stories, we too gather palm branches and sing hosanna in recognition of the Kingship of Jesus.

"The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" (John 12:12-13)

What a wonderful, exciting image this creates.

We sing the word 'Hosanna' still today in a lot of our songs and hymns as an expression of joy or praise, but what does it really mean – or more particularly, what were the people saying as they welcomed Jesus. Hosanna literally means 'Please Save', but in the context of Jesus' time it had become a more positive expression that meant 'Salvation has come!'

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Combined with the symbolism of the palms and coats, the whole story points to the people recognising the kingship of Jesus by declaring, "The Son of David is our salvation! Hooray for the king! Salvation belongs to the king!"

But sadly, the truth is they did not really understand God's plan. He came as King – but not as the kind of King they wanted or expected. As we celebrate Palm Sunday this year I want you to imagine your own face amongst the crowd. As you cheer and shout, what sort of king does Jesus really represent for you? As you look upon the face of this king, what do you see? What does his kingdom look like to you?

I often wonder if we are really that much different to the Jerusalem crowds. They declared Jesus to be king, but had their own plans, dreams and hopes of what the kingdom meant for them. Perhaps comfort and security – release from the bondage of the Romans, and the ushering in of a new season of peace and prosperity. When it became apparent that Jesus was not the king they wanted, they turned on him.

As I get around the Presbytery and ask churches about their dreams, most focus one way or another on ways to rebuild 'their' church. Plans are made to bring comfort, attract more people, and build financial security. But like the crowds 2,000 years ago, our plans and views are often too narrow and too self-centred.

I recommend reading again Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Basis of Union which speak on the reign of Christ, of Christ's salvation, of his plans of reconciliation for the world, and for the renewal the church.

"...Through human witness in word and action, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ reaches out to command people's attention and awaken faith; he calls people into the fellowship of his sufferings, to be the disciples of a crucified Lord; in his own strange way Christ constitutes, rules and renews them as his Church" (BOU Par 4).

While you sing 'Hosanna' (Please save us) this Easter, and declare the Kingship of Jesus, I pray that you really do bow to his sovereignty and seek earnestly to understand and accept the salvation that he brings. Will your words simply be rhetoric or will they express a reality of who Jesus is for you?

Hosanna – Jesus saves!

God Bless, Pastor Graham Huth

Jesus knows me, this I love!

Revoking of COVID-19 policy - Records to be deleted

Following the letter from the General Secretary dated February 9, 2024, regarding the revoking of the COVID-19 policy, please note that **vaccination records will now be deleted.**

Presbytery, in line with this notice from Synod, has also deleted any vaccination records.

(source Weekly Wrap 15/3/24)

Graham's Diary

April

11 Standing Committee and PRC - Gympie
16 MC3 meeting - Brisbane
17 PSI
18 Placements
19 Meetings at Synod
20 Induction - Rev Neil Storey Tewanin 1pm
23-24 Executive Leadership course

28 Conclusion - Rev Dr Schalk Pienaar - Kawana Waters 8am

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

Presbytery Meeting Dates 2024

July 20 - Gayndah UC
November 8 - 10 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

[Bundaberg](#) - YouTube

[Cooroy/Pomona](#) - Facebook

[Hervey Bay](#) - YouTube

[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](#).

[Buderim](#) - YouTube

[Caloundra](#) - Facebook

[Gympie Uniting Church](#) - YouTube

[Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook

Standing Committee and PRC 2024 Meetings

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

Face 2 Face

* 11 April

* 13 June

* 8 Aug

* 10 Oct

* 5 Dec

Zoom

8 May

10 Jul

11 Sept

13 Nov

All ministry agents are required to have a Professional Supervisor.

Professional Supervision Covenant forms are available on the [Presbytery website](#).

Presbytery Report

The 162nd Presbytery meeting was held at Maleny UC, one of three churches in the Blackall Range Parish. It was a great venue, and the hospitality shared was wonderful. Rudy (Rev Dr Anita Monro's dog) joined us for worship and even sang along!



Ps Phil Smith shared his mission engagement report, followed by Sue Mulcahy's safe ministry report. There will be 2 ministers training dates later in the year, look for the dates in the newsletter. Presbytery also adopted the Synod Safe Ministry With Children Policy as our Child And Risk Management Strategy.

After morning tea we jumped into the PRC report. As a result of the Burnett Network consultation, Presbytery was asked to endorse the 2 ministry placements to become Presbytery placements, and that these placements were to be renamed to Resource ministers, rather than the previous patrol minister description.

Presbytery were informed that the Isis Parish (Childers/Biggenden) was no longer able to function as a church council and PRC recommended Presbytery dissolve the congregation and recognise them as Childers/Biggenden Faith Community.

After 4 long years without a minister, Noosa Coastal has now called Rev Neil Storey who officially starts on the 1st of April.

Bells is partnering with Connect100+ to jointly fund a 0.5 community ministry leader, and authority was delegated to PRC to work with all parties to develop this position with a potential start date later in the year.

Buderim UC requested an extension of placement for Rev Brian Nagel, which was granted for a further 1.5 years.

Jo Rogers has been appointed as Pastor (minister in location) at Uniting Life Network.

We then heard from Grant Weaver from the Synod Office, Grant shared Synod's foundations for renewal and growth strategy, which was emailed to the Presbytery on Monday 18th. He also gave an update on the new website which will go live on the 27th March, for user testing.

Rev James Stevenson shared the chaplaincy report on behalf of the Hospital and UnitingCare Chaplains and Ps Theo Masselos shared the challenge of covering the on call roster for week-ends at SCUH and Buderim Private Hospital in the absence of Public Hospital chaplains.

We also heard from Sam McDonnell (Connect100+) who gave us an overview of the work that is happening around the state.

After lunch we had the finance report, and Johan is now working on the CPMP calculations.

Wendy Jensen presented the property report, which featured Maryborough UC.

We finished with a song, 'For All You've Done' sung to the tune of Auld Lang Syne.

Kylie Aalbers

Presbytery Admin.





For generations of Queenslanders, a desire for a sanctuary and retreat has drawn them to beautiful Alex Park, tucked into the rainforest by the coast.

Natural wonders, peaceful spaces, simple comforts, a warm welcome and an easy-to-adapt environment has made it a beloved destination for school camps, family holidays and countless outdoor adventures, for meaningful celebrations and calm retreats.

It's a heritage that would delight Alex Park's founders, who envisioned a place that was, above all, a sacred space for connection and community: a place where individuals from all walks of life could gather, forge meaningful connections and enrich their personal lives.

They started a tradition of simple Easter camps, where young people found solace and forged deep friendships in the majesty of Creation. Over time, Alex Park evolved to host camps and get-aways of all kinds, keeping connection and community at the centre of their approach.

As General Manager Danny Salzke reflects, their foresight in building a church-owned facility in the lush beauty of the rainforest and coast speaks volumes about their heart to nurture unity and inclusivity; a vision carried on by the Uniting Church to this day.

Alex Park continues to be a beacon of hope and community for a diverse array of social groups, including schools, families, corporate organisations, sporting teams, and community interest groups.

Among the many groups that have recently benefited from Alex Park's ministry of connection is Uniting Early Learning. General Manager Belinda Briggs shares: "The facilities perfectly suited our needs, and the location provided an atmosphere that helped our team disconnect from their daily routines and fully engage in our conferences".

Similarly, Moreton Rivers Presbytery's Easter Madness event exemplifies Alex Park's ability to facilitate deep spiritual experiences and meaningful connections: "Faith, friends, fun!" was one guest's wrap-up.



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Events such as the Uniting Qld Synod in Session are held here, where (as you know!) members gather to engage in fellowship, worship, and reflection.



Family Camp is a yearly testament to Alex Park's ability to create an inclusive environment for families to draw closer and create lasting memories.



As Danny emphasises, Alex Park's ministry extends beyond Christian circles, welcoming individuals of all backgrounds to connect with its Christian heritage and embrace the shared values of unity and inclusivity. The outdoor bush chapel serves as a poignant reminder of the spiritual foundation upon which Alex Park was built, offering visitors a sacred space for reflection and connection with nature.

In today's fast-paced world, characterised by digital distractions and societal divides, Alex Park remains a haven of serenity and community, creating respite from the pressures of modern life so people can reconnect with themselves, each other, and the divine.

Alex Park is a shining example of the Uniting Church's hope: to build a more united and compassionate world.

To discover more about Alex Park and its ministry of connection, visit alexpark.com.au or contact them directly at info@alexpark.com.au



Sunshine Coast Grammar School



Somerville House



Joey Le-Morrison

Marketing and Communications Manager
Alex Park

News from Caloundra

Yes, there's a lot happening at Caloundra Uniting!

And yes, the rumour is true - we are having our roof replaced. After many years of anticipating and beginning to prepare, it is finally happening!

Building plans are in process and work should begin soon. Meanwhile, we are able to transfer our worship to the lovely chapel at Unity College, where we enjoy a



local partnership with Brisbane Catholic Education.

It hasn't stopped the resumption of our regular activities – the hall is still available for our Outreach groups such as Messy Church, Mainly Music, Uniting Community Breakfast, Uniforms for Kids, JOY Group. Activities which used the upstairs meeting area (Art Group, Prayer Meeting, Coffee, Craft & Chat) are using alternative venues.



And an exciting extension of our links with the Community Centre next door has been our involvement in a Building Better Communities Course – an opportunity to reflect, explore and develop further our approaches to community outreach.

And our Mission Committee is planning a Mission Sunday in July – watch this space!



Church Breakfast
- Mission focus on India



Worship in Unity's Chapel



Breakfast service
to Orange Sky Laundry



Pastor Steven, Church Council Sec Ivy & member Mark at the Building Better Communities with representatives of many other community

Induction Service - Rev Neil Storey

Noosa Coastal UC

Saturday 20th April

1pm at the Tewantin UC.

41 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin



Conclusion Service - Rev Dr Schalk Pienaar

Kawana Waters UC

Sunday 28th April at 9am

Cnr Honeysuckle Dr & Thunderbird Dr, Bokarina

Montville Reflection Gallery

Dr Gregg Nowell's Stations of the Cross series

The Stations of the Cross sequence is that traditionally followed in the Roman Catholic Church and takes the viewer through the arrest, trial, suffering and death of Jesus with the inclusion of his resurrection. In the period of life in which we live, it is sometimes helpful to contemplate on scripture, and in doing so, be renewed and encouraged as we travel through life.

The symbolic images are computer generated using symbols and alphabetical text. It would be helpful if visitors read the introductory statement in the vestibule immediately to the left inside the doorway before moving around to view the individual images.

In addition to the Stations of the Cross, Gregg has hung a large abstract painting above the pulpit.

This display will be up until the 20th April

The next exhibition will feature Wendy Jarrott-Smith's "Nourish and Flourish" exhibition. She is a great supporter of the Gallery.

Ruth Potter and Barbara Willcocks
Friends of the Reflection Gallery



Thank you for all the incredibly generous donations to the Queensland Synod Disaster Relief Appeal by many congregations over the last year. This fund was established to aid congregations and their communities affected by natural disasters. Congregations are eligible to apply for \$5000 grants from this fund, with a 100% approval rate thus far.

For more information and a simple application process, please visit the [Disaster Relief page on the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod website](#)

\$43,000 has been distributed to various congregations across Queensland, supporting emergency supplies, community cleanup efforts, and welfare events. We encourage congregations to consider this fund in times of need.

If you require assistance with the application, please get in touch with Vanessa Griffiths at vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au.

(source Uniting News 5/3/24)

For God has great
Plans for you!

Please pray for our chaplains

- * Mrs Wendy Keeble (Kingaroy)
- * Rev Anna Ashby (Buderim)
- * Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim)
- * 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)



A Walk Through the Past

The Mary Burnett Presbytery encompasses several Church buildings that are of historical interest. We thought we would share some of these buildings with the entire Presbytery by focusing on one each report. Hope you enjoy this walk through the past.

Maryborough Saint Stephens Uniting Church.

Corner John & Sussex Streets, Maryborough. (21 Sussex Street)



Built as a Presbyterian Church and with the forming of the Uniting Church of Australia became the Uniting Church.

The foundation stone for the first Presbyterian church in Sussex Street, which is now the site of St Stephen's Hall, was laid in June 1865 by Andrew Melville, a prominent civic leader in Maryborough.

The foundation stone of St Stephen's Church was laid on 8th October 1880 and the Church was opened on 20th November 1881 for a cost of approximately 4400 pounds. The first church (built in 1865) then became the Sunday School. The fence and gates in front of the church were erected in 1927 in memory of Robert and Jessie Hart, a prominent sawmill owner, by their children. The Wesley Auditorium behind the first church building was constructed using mainly bricks from the former Wesley Church that was demolished.

The St Stephens Church building style of architecture is Gothic, of red brick on a rendered base consisting of nave and bell tower with a large white spire. There are several brick buttresses on the tower as well as on the sides of the nave.

The windows and doors are in pointed arch form. In the upper part of the front nave set into a white cement frame is a large circular rose window. In the lower part are several stained-glass windows.

The **stained-glass windows** depicting various biblical scenes are gifts from various families that have been associated with the church over the years. In 1938 the James Fairlie Memorial window was unveiled. This window represents the figure of Christ with the disciples gathered around him at the Last Supper. Across the bottom of the window are the words of Jesus *"In my Father's house are many mansions"*.



In October 1889 it was decided to purchase and install a **pipe organ** in St Stephen's church, using funds from a bequest from Janet Melville. The organ was ordered and manufactured the following year and on Sunday 12th April 1891 the Melville Memorial Organ was played for the first time. The organ was originally blown by a hydraulic engine, replaced by a gas engine in the early 1900's and then an electric motor in the 1920's. The organ, listed with the Organ Historical Trust of Australia is believed to be the only one of its kind left in Australia. It has about 1,500 pipes.

Very little in the church building has changed since the time the church was built, however, in 1995 the choir stalls were removed, and the open sanctuary was built.

The Church, Church Hall/Sunday School Hall, decorative features, lead light windows and the entrance gate are all listed on the **Heritage Register** of the Fraser Coast Regional Council.

If visiting Maryborough city, it is well worth attending a worship service in St Stephen's to appreciate the history, sounds and lighting of the building.

Wendy Jensen
Presbytery Property Committee

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL 8 – 21 SEPTEMBER 2023



A group of 34 Pilgrims (mostly from Kawana Waters Uniting Church) last September went on a faith-forming pilgrimage to Israel led by Schalk and Marlene Pienaar.

The Pilgrims in the Old City in Jerusalem.

Garden Tomb

We were privileged to visit many Biblical sites such as Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Bethlehem amongst others.



We also experienced the joy of sharing in Holy Communion on a boat on the Sea of Galilee, as well as the Garden tomb in Jerusalem.

We shared in the joy of baptism and renewal of baptismal vows in the Jordan River.

Baptism in the Jordan River

We swam in the Mediterranean Sea, Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, and ascended Masada and explored underground tunnels in the City of David.

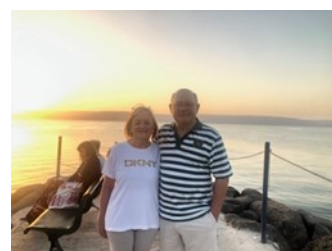
And so much more!

We prayed, worshipped, laughed, walked, cried, tried new things, made new and deeper friendships and became more devoted to Jesus.

Of course, we also ate too much! And shopped....

Schalk and Marlene at Sunrise devotions at the Sea of Galilee

This was the 11th Group of Pilgrims we have led to Israel the first being in 1987 and the 10th in 2019 (a group of 43 Pilgrims mainly from Kawana Waters Uniting).



Since the number 12 has some Biblical precedent, God-willing, we are hoping to lead our 12th group of **Pilgrims to Israel in Sep/Oct 2025**. For more information and expressions of Interest please contact Schalk at pienaarschalk@yahoo.com.



Centre for Ministry and Leadership

an initiative of Moreton Rivers Presbytery

Moreton Rivers Presbytery is going to be running various workshops as part of our broader approach to training in 2024. The first block is going to be run in March and will include the following:

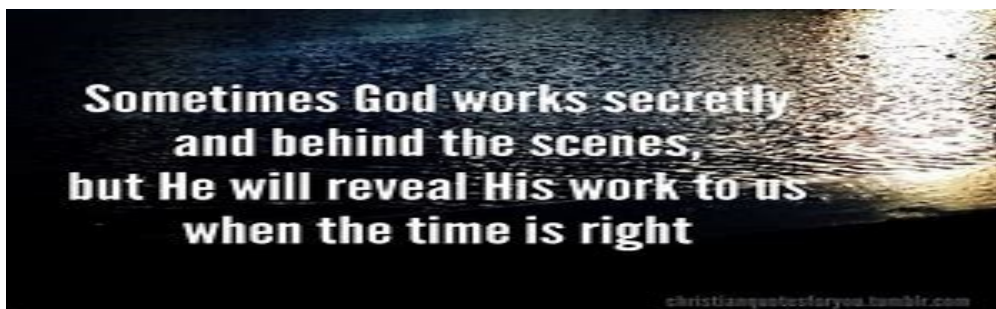
Topic	Schedule 2024	Cost
Church Council Essentials Part 1	18th April - 6.30pm—8.30pm	Free
Church Council Essentials Part 2	2nd May - 6.30pm—8.30pm	Free
Executive Leadership—Part 1	23rd - 24th April 9am - 4pm	To be determined

So, who is this for: - Church Councils

The [registration](#) process will be through the Moreton Rivers presbytery office and there will be no cost for attending courses that are part of the core competency requirements for lay ministry.

Clicking on the registration link and pressing start now, allows you to see available courses.

Rev Nigel Rogers
Morton Rivers Presbytery
(Interim Presmin)





Are you considering applying for the [Gambling Community Benefit Fund \(GCBF\)](#) \$100,000 Super round 121, closing on April 30? Queensland's largest community grants program, the GCBF, distributes about \$60 million yearly to non-profits. Funding supports services, leisure activities, and opportunities for Queensland communities.

If you would like step-by-step guidance on registering and completing your application, click on this link: [Fundraising Webinar - Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant applications made easy \(Copy\) on Vimeo](#).

(source Uniting News 5/3/24)

Grant Applications

Seventy congregations applied for grants in 2023, and the prospects for 2024 appear even more promising, with 21 applications throughout the first few months of this year.

Vanessa Griffiths serves as the Synod's Fundraising Support Manager. She has played a role in helping many of these congregations complete the grant application form.

She said enlisting her help is as easy as setting up a Zoom call.

"I will search for funding opportunities and provide a summary of the grant," she said. "We can then set up a Zoom call to discuss the application and what is required to be submitted. It is always great to have resources within your congregation to help with grant writing."



Read more of the article by Andrew McKaysmith, Synod Writer and content creator [at Journey Online!](#)

(source weekly wrap 26/03/2024)

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; Elizabeth Nolan, David Ellis, MEO, Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary; Pres Treasurer, Property Committee, Pres Admin

[Pastoral Relations Committee](#): Stuart Bosch, 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

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Maroochydore

Mon - Thurs* 9am - 3.30pm

Drop in for a cuppa

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



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Ministry Agent Face2Face Child Safe Training

With Sue Mulcahy

Thursday 4th July - 9.30am - Maroochydore Uniting Church

6 Millwell Rd, Maroochydore

Friday 8th November - Venue to be confirmed

Please RSVP to Kylie to ensure Sue has enough course materials.

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.*



Buderim UC

Each Tuesday and Thursday morning the Little Shop of Hope Café is open at Buderim for a free coffee, very tasty food and warm fellowship to all who pop in. Some men and women stay for a short time while others enjoy the love and welcome for much longer.



The Little Shop of Hope Op Shop operates on these days and offers a friendly connection with the community. These outreach initiatives have been a blessing to many and we praise God for this opportunity.

TO GIVE AWAY

An over head projector, good order, 3 boxes of transparencies. Some of Chorus's (SONGS OF THE KINGDOM, 374 Alleluia alleluia King of Kings; 246 Father we love you.) SONGS OF PRAISE (34 Turn your eyes on Jesus; 130 Lord we love you)

ALSO to give away Chairs, two different types, photos attached.

11 Pink/chrome chairs 26 Orange/green chairs



If you are interested in these items, please contact Alan Butcher (Buderim UC) on (07) 5445 2734

These will all be disposed of after the 30th June, if there is no interest.



LEARNING FOR LIVING


*presented by Dr Shirley Coulson
& Rev Lyn Burden*



Semester 1 2024:

Thursdays 7-9:15pm on zoom
15th February - 21st March
18th April - 20 June

Contact Us

 office@mrpres.org.au

 www.moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

Classes are structured to provide an opportunity for participants to engage in the exploration of the scriptures including contextual analysis, interpretation and application. This is a general interest course and is suitable:

- for those wanting to explore their faith further and delve deeper into understanding Scripture
- for those wishing to undertake accreditation for Lay Preacher
- for those considering/undertaking a period of discernment

This Semester looks at **Talking about God (TAG 1): Exploring the Apostle's Creed**
Course is run from 15th Feb to 20th June (with breaks at Easter and Anzac Day)

A copy of the outline and registration details are available through the Moreton Rivers presbytery office - [Register here](#)

(source MR newsletter 10/02/24)



Uniting in Prayer - Save the Date 19 May - 22 June Prayer 2024!

Led by the Act2 Project, Uniting in Prayer is a national Uniting Church prayer event to take place between Pentecost and the 47th Uniting Church Anniversary (19 May – 22 June 2024). As discernment continues about future directions for the Uniting Church, this is a time to come together in thanksgiving and hope, in openness to the Holy Spirit.

[Sign up now](#)

For 35 days we'll share in daily prayers from across our Church, gather for prayer and worship and pray for each other through a national prayer chain which will connect every Uniting Church community to others.

In 2024, the daily prayers will have an emphasis on creativity and include written prayers, videos, images, songs, poetry and art. There is an open call for prayer submissions, with creatives particularly encouraged to contribute. Prayers are due 31 March 2024.

A range of prayer and worship resources will be available in mid-April.

Save the date now in your personal and church calendars and sign up on the website to receive the resources, daily prayers and updates straight to your inbox.

(source National Update 31/1/24)

REST, RESTORE, RECREATE



“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me— watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. (Matt. 11: 28-29)



A PLACE OF TRANSFORMATION



Living on an acre of land in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland we love sharing our quiet hideaway with others.

There is plenty of space to sit quietly and contemplate, or walk the local streets and renew both body and mind.

Since settling here scores of people have come, experienced our hospitality and left renewed and ready to live out their life in Christ.

REST, RESTORE, RECREATE
19 Attunga Court, WITTA Qld. 4552
b_hjohnson@me.com
Ph. 0407180864

2024 Retreat days

Your Journey 18th May - We often think of the activity of the Holy Spirit as surprising and coming without warning. However the Disciples were told to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit had come. There the Disciples waited upon God. They prepared themselves for what God wanted to do.

Heather and Bruce Johnson invite you to come to their home at Witta and share in a day of waiting on Saturday 18 May from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Make this day a time of prayerful preparation for the Day of Pentecost. What does God want to do in and through you?

There will be times of sharing in a group as well as significant periods when you can spend time in personal conversation with God. Bruce will offer some input and resources and Heather will provide morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. While there is no requirement to pay, for those who want to contribute to the costs, we suggest \$60. If you are interested please email them on b_hjohnson@me.com. They will send you further information and instructions how to find their home.

Other retreats—7 Sept, 30 Nov



The Uniting Church Maryborough Parish and Mary Burnett Presbytery invite members, past members and community members to join us as we celebrate and give thanks to God for 139 years of Christian witness and mission at our Tiaro Uniting Church property.

The outdoor church service will mark the closure of the property as a place of worship. Some seating will be provided. On conclusion of the service please join us for light refreshments and a further sharing of memories. Parish members, if able, please bring a plate of food to share.

ALL WELCOME!

Date: Saturday 6 April 2024

Time: 2:30pm

**Venue: Tiaro Uniting Church Hall Grounds
19 Mungar Road, Tiaro**

For further information contact the church office on 0402 425 340.

Hervey Bay Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

Following on from March...

Hervey Bay Uniting Church has a number of Bible Study groups that meet on a Tuesday and Wednesday and fellowship groups that meet during each week including our Adult Fellowship group.

Our Adult Fellowship has been meeting for many years with an average of 15 members attending each meeting. Their 1st meeting for 2024 was on Friday 16 February 2024. While not all members were able to attend, they still celebrated their first meeting by reviewing their good work during 2023 and looking forward to the 2024 year including planning for their market days.

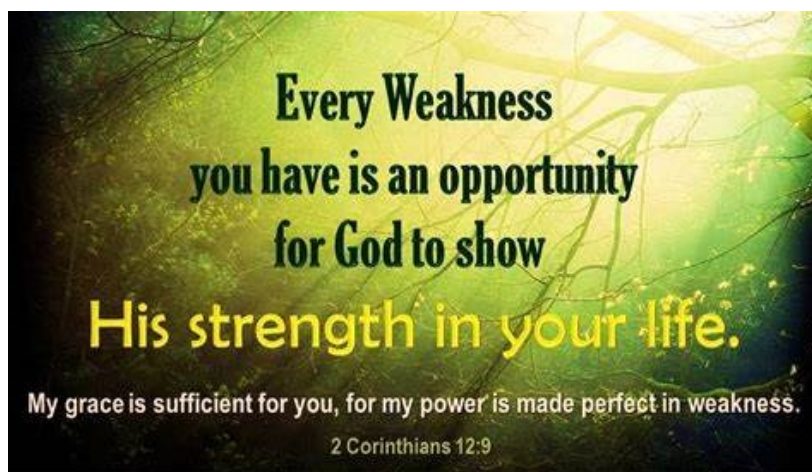
Their Market Days are held on 3 different dates each year with the money raised being donated to 12 different organisations, both locally and within Australia including generous donations to our church. Some of the organisations receiving donations have included the Bible Society, Drug Arm, YWAM Medical Ships, CBM Christian Blind Mission and School Chaplaincy in Hervey Bay.

One of the activities of this group is the annual contribution to the Samaritans' Purse project Operation Christmas Child. For Christmas 2023, they packed 127 shoeboxes filled with items such as fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items. Their contribution to this program has shown to these children in need around the world, God's love in a tangible way. And, quite possibly, may be the first gift that some of these children have received.

Their monthly meetings, usually held on the 3rd Friday of a month, start with a cuppa and delicious morning tea. This group invites ladies of our congregation to join them with encouragement for sharing great and new ideas and, most importantly, blessed fellowship.

This photo was taken at their 1st meeting on 16 February 2024.

Gail Grimsey





Frontier Services

Standing with people in the bush

Frontier Services has launched its Autumn Appeal, fundraising in support of people like Wayne, Betty and Monty in Manna Hill, South Australia - a town with just six residents! For years they've faced overwhelming challenges from health struggles to isolation. But with the help of Frontier Services' Bush Chaplains and Outback Links volunteers, their lives are changing. Join Frontier Services in making a difference in rural and remote Australia and [donate today](#).

(source—UCA national update 20/3/24)



Ministers Retreat 2024

READY FOR THE BEACH?

Alex Park 29th April - 1st May THRIVING! Health & Vitality in Ministry

#Retreat

Guest Speakers: Rev Bruce Moore and Rev Tom Kerr.

Monday 29 April - Wednesday 1 May
Alexandra Park Conference Centre
Alexandra Headlands

Note that this registration is direct through Alex Park, similar to how you register for Synod
<https://book.venue.life/alexpark/register/11288-presbytery-retreat-moreton-rivers-bremer-brisbane>

Uniting World

LENT EVENT 2024: A CALL TO FAITHFUL ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Lent Event is inspired by a simple but powerful idea. That every one of us has a role to play in building a world free from poverty and injustice.

It's especially true of the issue of climate change.

Climate change is worsening every threat to peace, security and human wellbeing in our world.

It's going to take all of us, doing all we can, with all our hearts, to fight it.

We believe people of faith have a powerful role to play in taking meaningful climate action, as well as inspiring hope and courage to face the future.

[Donate now](#)

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bounds

Dates for your Diary

2024 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

- * 20 July - Gayndah
- * 8 - 10 November - Camp Pialba

Business meeting Saturday 9am

Start time: 9.00am

2024 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

- *11 April
- *13 June
- *8 August
- *10 October
- *5 December

Start time: 9.30am

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

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

- * 4th July Maroochydore UC - Ministers
- *8th November - Ministers Venue TBC but will be in the north near Presbytery meeting on 9th

2 Corinthians 12:9

“My Grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak” I am most happy then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me.

***CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING**

Online versions on the [Presbytery website](#). To be completed with 2 or more people together. Then send completed certificates to admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

MINISTERS RETREAT

- * 29 April—1 May—Alex Park Combined with Bremer Brisbane and Morton Rivers

INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

- * 6 April - Closure service for the Tiaro Property page 19
- * 20 April - Induction Rev Neil Storey
- * 28 April - Conclusion Rev Schalk Pienaar

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

- * 26 April

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

- * 16—20 May 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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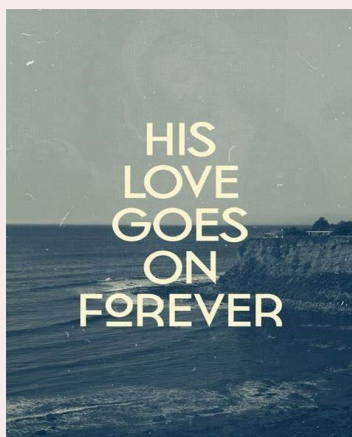
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WORK DAYS

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Phil's day off is Saturday. Whilst Phil may check messages and respond to urgent requests, please leave non-urgent matters for work days. Thank you.