



## Reflection - Rev Phil Alcorn

Luke 8 tells of an encounter Jesus had with a demon possessed man. This man was violent, unrestrainable, and we could read between the lines and say he was driven mad by the demons that inhabited him. Marks account of this encounter says that he used to cut himself with stones.



I have often wondered about this man. We have no information about his life before, or more significantly, after, the events of this narrative. I wonder if, or how, he assimilated back into his community, if he went back to his old job and his family, and how people treated him after this. Both Luke and Mark tell us he wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus sent him back to his own community.

One thing we can be sure of is that this man carried scars for the rest of his life, at the very least physical ones from cuts and chains, and probably (certainly) emotional and mental ones too. His life, and body, after would have been different to what it was before.

I have been considering the scars I will carry for the rest of my life. One from my ankle to above my knee, one from my wrist to my elbow, and the 'zipper' on my chest, the mark of belonging to the open heart surgery club. For many, scars are considered something to be hidden and covered up because they are a reminder of the pain and trauma that was. But I think of them differently.

Scars are not a reminder of pain and suffering, but an evidence of healing.

You only get a scar by having an injury or wound healed. This is true of physical, but also mental or emotional scars. They are a constant witness to the fact that you have been healed. They say that whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger, but also true, even more so, is that whatever doesn't kill you leaves you with a scar.

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I can imagine that man, years later, with people asking him about the scars and the stories of the mad man who lived among the tombs, and his reply, something like "I was broken, not free, only ever punishing and hurting myself, but Jesus made me whole, and I wear these scars as a mark of that healing..."

In the church, we can look around and see scars too. Perhaps the empty pews where our friends once sat, or the aging Sunday School materials that haven't been used for 20 or more years, or even memories of how it used to be in the glory days of the last century. These can all be reminders for us that we have lost something. Or they can serve as an evidence that God is still at work, that we have the opportunity to be stronger and healthier by allowing God to have his way in our midst, bringing healing and wholeness to us. Our presence (physical and otherwise) will look different than it used to, but those differences will be what makes our community know that God is real in our midst.

Let me encourage you today that whether you consider your own personal scars - physical, emotional or mental, or the scars of the church, that they are indeed evidence of God's work in us, bringing healing to our brokenness, and let us allow Him to continue to do that work in us.

Bye for now

Rev Phil Alcorn

Burnett Network of Churches

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## Blackall Range Induction Service

Nathan Barton's Induction into Blackall Range UC on the 5th of July was a joyful service. After nearly 2 years without a minister, the congregations of the Blackall Range were joyous in welcoming Nathan, Kate and William. With many Presbytery members, along with several ecumenical pastors, it was a great service with Rev Bob Philpot bringing the message, (he baptised Nathan as a babe), and PresMin Graham Huth conducting the formal proceedings. The hymns were lovely and just quietly, Nathan has a fabulous singing voice! Following the service there was an absolute feast for afternoon tea, thankyou Blackall Range catering team!

Kylie Aalbers

Presbytery Admin



Elements bought forward



Gathered Clergy



Full House at Maleny

Kate and William  
with Nathan above

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## Graham's Diary

### August

2 BNoC support team - Murgon  
5 The Downs PRC & PSC Support  
14 PRSC Committee  
18-20 Ministers Retreat

24 Maroochydhore  
26 MC3  
27 PSI  
28 Placements

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## Presbytery Meeting Dates 2025

November 14 - 16 - Camp Duckadang

### **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      [Hervey Bay](#) - YouTube  
[Gympie Uniting Church](#) - YouTube      [Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook  
Apologies if I've missed anyone, please let me know.

All ministry agents are required to have a Professional Supervisor.  
Professional Supervision Covenant forms are available on the  
[Presbytery website.](#)

### **Pastoral Relations & Standing Committee**

#### **2024/25 Meetings**

**Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.  
(Z = Zoom)**

**14 Aug Gympie**

**11 Sep (Z)**

**13 Nov (Z)**

**9 Oct Gympie**

**4 Dec Gympie**





# LET'S BE FRIENDS!

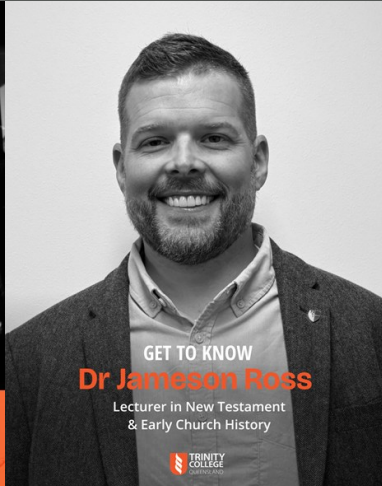
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✉ [ucnhs2025conference@gmail.com](mailto:ucnhs2025conference@gmail.com)  [uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/](http://www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/)

## **Invitation to UC National History Conference**

*All who have an interest in the heritage of our churches are invited to register for the UC National History Conference to be held at Canberra City Church on 3-5 October.*

*The theme is about our church offering a 'prophetic voice' having spoken up on issues affecting Australia. Speakers will look at the impact of the church's influence in the past and give a focus to the present and offer inspiration for the future.*

*Please visit our website (below) for information and registration options.*

<http://www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/>

Enquiries: Rev Ivan Roberts – mobile 0422 648 191

Let me know what's happening in your congregation  
[admin@maryburnettpres.org.au](mailto:admin@maryburnettpres.org.au)

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## Southern Zone Fellowship

Following on from the successful picnic at Glasshouse Country UC, the next Southern Zone Fellowship day is on THURSDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2025. It will be held at the KAWANA WATERS UNITING CHURCH 3 Honeysuckle Drive BOKARINA.

KWUC Fellowship will provide morning tea at 10am and there will be a B.Y.O. lunch at approx 12 noon if staying.

Our theme is "Fishing"

JEREMIAH 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"

Other verses you may look at and give some thought as to what they mean to you/ fellowship are Mark 1:16-20 & John 22:6 Come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship together. Please invite other friends you know who may wish to come also.

It would be appreciated if you could reply by SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER with the approx number attending.

Blessings  
Nancy Imhoff (pres)  
KWUC Fellowship  
0409 751 818  
gnimhoff@bigpond.com



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## POSITION VACANT – CALOUDRA UNITIING CHURCH

Office Administrative Assistant - 10 hours per week

For more information and a copy of the Position Description please contact Ivy Dempsey –  
[secretary@caloudraunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@caloudraunitingchurch.org.au) mobile 0407 370 952

Applications close 25 July 2025



**Wondai Uniting Church** has recently replaced the windows in the church. We have 6 x blue, 6 x orange-amber coloured glass (one cracked) and 6 x plain glass windows to re-homed.

All glass has soft rippled effect.

Frames are not in good shape but the glass could be reused to repair/replace broken lead-glass or coloured church windows.

These are available at no cost to other churches.

Please contact Winston Burrows 0408 685 543 if interested.



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## Commissioning's

Kristen Porter 16th May 2025



Buderim Private Hospital officially welcomed Kristen onto the team. Kristen has worked hard getting her competencies up to date. It was a lovely service with Ps Theo Mas-selos leading and many Hospital staff, Volunteers, Uniting-Care and Presbytery members present. We wish Kristen well at BPH.

Kylie Aalbers, Presbytery Admin.



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Helen Cifuentes 26th May 2025

The Commissioning Service for Ps Helen Cifuentes as Blue Care Chaplaincy Service Manager, Sunshine Coast was held at the Dicky Beach Aged Care Facility.

Presbytery Members and Uniting Care staff attended but it was lovely that this occasion could be shared with the residents of the Dicky Beach Facility as part of their weekly church service. It was a joyous time with Mr Jeff Howard – Uniting Care Manager of Mission and Pastoral Care welcoming everyone and sharing a short reflection on the Fruit of the Spirit, before Presbytery Minister Ps. Graham Huth conducted the formal proceedings. A delicious morning tea followed the service.

We wish Helen well as she embarks on this new journey for Blue Care.

Naomi Cavalli  
Presbytery Secretary



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## Walking on Country for NAIDOC 2025

For NAIDOC week this year, a group of 17 from the Kawana Waters UC community joined Kabi Kabi elder Udjee Tais up at Dunethin Rock (north of Bli Bli) just after lunch on Sunday 13 July. We began by sharing a little about our heritage - who we are and who and where our ancestors had come from - we were a diverse bunch!

Udjee Tais then guided us the 30m to the top of the Rock to look out over Mt Coolum & Mt Ninderry, with Maroochy River between. He shared the story of how the Creator Spirit (known by First Nations people for many millennia) guided the ancient ones, providing for them and dealing with their disputes, all the while leaving important symbols across the landscape as a reminder to the 4 tribal groups (and visitors) who lived in the region. We then travelled down to Yandina to 3 sites, including one of the earliest houses built on Wharf St where we met the owner, Ms Audienne, a descendant of the white selectors and sawmill owners. Her knowledge and insights of how the Yandina communities worked some 150 years ago was fascinating, but again heartbreaking to hear of the pain inflicted, too often because of prejudice or greed.

We were introduced to animals, plants, and different formations and traditions that were all connected through God's great design. One of the breathtaking elements though was when our guide shared his Christian testimony - powerfully experiencing God (and evil powers) as a teenager going through traditional stages of lore, and set on a path to share the love of Christ. The time seemed to go quite quickly with lots of questions, and I believe all were blessed to spend the afternoon together learning more about God and God's work on these lands since creation. It as a great way to reflect on what had been a 4 week sermon series about God's Reconciliation through human history - and particularly through Jesus Christ. Our thanks to UAICC Exec Officer, Kym Korbe who helped facilitate the link and encourage our journey. There will be another walk on Sat. 9th August, if interested please contact Lloyd Walker at Kawana Waters UC on [CouncilChair@kawanawatersuc.com.au](mailto:CouncilChair@kawanawatersuc.com.au)



Gathered on Dunethin Rock - a place of significance for Kabi Kabi peoples

Group at Yandina - with Udjee Tais at the front right.



## Bundaberg Day Camp 2025

110 campers.  
38 leaders and helpers.  
33 site staff.  
144 dampers made.  
5 days.  
3 buses.  
1 Day Camp.



That's a wrap for Day Camp 2025! We had rain, sunshine and cold mornings, but that didn't stop us from having an absolute blast and the best time.

We went abseiling, canoeing, made damper, sang songs, played sport, made craft, went bushwalking, decorated cupcakes, attended God Time and made so many new friends along the way!



A huge thank you to the Leaders and Helpers. These guys are true legends who spend the entire day with the campers.

Thank you to the Site staff crew. Without them we wouldn't have dampers, we wouldn't have the fire to cook the dampers or roast marshmallows. We wouldn't have the photos for our

social media, our worship team, first aid, sport, God time or morning or afternoon assembly. We wouldn't have craft, our trusty grandparents or our props. We wouldn't have our sign in people for the bus and we wouldn't be able to go canoeing or abseiling.



I am so impressed with how our church continually shows up for the community by offering a service that is so clearly needed. To think that we have been doing Day Camp for close to 50 years is a massive achievement. Day Camp is not about converting people and getting them to attend church on a Sunday, Day Camp is about building connections, it's about showing God's love for everyone in a way that's fun and creative. But most of all, Day Camp is about having fun and creating memories that last a lifetime.



So, while Day Camp might be done and dusted for 2025, I can guarantee you, there are children out there still singing the songs they learnt at camp from years gone by. There are parents out there who remember putting their kids onto the bus. Parents who are sending their children to camp who attended themselves as children. I don't know about you, but I feel very blessed and lucky that we get to be a part of a legacy like that.



Alyce

Day Camp Director



# Grief & Loss Community Workshop

Hosted by the **BlueCare Grief & Loss team** with speakers, Barbara Betts, Learning & Development Lead and Jen Nel, Operations Manager Grief & Loss Programs.

## When?

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**  
9:00am - 12:30pm

**\$30pp**

## Where?

Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre  
'Hall B' 22 Charles St, Pialba

Morning Tea provided

While death is the first thing that comes to mind when we talk about grief, there are many other losses that cause us to grieve as well. This workshop is designed to be educational, informative and interactive.



For more information, please contact:  
Jen Nel 0460 571 946  
[GriefandLossProgram@bluecare.org.au](mailto:GriefandLossProgram@bluecare.org.au)

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## **Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry :**

### **Part 1 of Intentional Interim Ministry Training**



**FTML** *Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader* (FTML), is a three-day course designed to upskill and equip ministers and those in lay ministry with the skills to support congregations in times of transition or change as a community.

**Dates:** Thursday 7, 14, 21 August from 10am till 4pm by zoom

[Register here](#)

#### **Overview**

*Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader* (FTML) is a three-day program which gives participants an introduction to the key concepts and practices of ministering with congregations and agencies in times of change and transition.

The course has three key foundations:

- Understanding Transition
- Systems Theory
- Family Systems

While it is a stand-alone program, it is also the first phase of training that leads to being qualified as an Intentional Interim Minister. FTML is useful for anyone in lay or ordained ministry, who are dealing with change, transition and new opportunities and also for those exploring a call to Intentional Interim Ministry.

#### **Course Format | Three-day Zoom course**

Times: 10am – 4pm, Thursdays 7, 14, 21 August

For more information

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/fundamentals-of-transitional-ministry-leader-august-2025>



Registration Link:

Scan the QR code

Questions about the course contact Brian Hoole on 0435 242 000 or email [brian@hooleonline.com](mailto:brian@hooleonline.com)

(Source email from Brian Hoole 16/7/25)



## Prayer

Loving God,  
Renew our hearts to see our neighbors as you see them.  
When we are tempted to pass by those in need,  
Stop us and fill us with compassion.  
Transform us from those who cross to the other side,  
Into those who cross boundaries to help.  
Make us Good Samaritans,  
In a world that often looks the other way.  
Renew your church, Lord.  
Help us to demonstrate our love for you  
Not just in word but in deed.  
Give us your eyes to see the wounded along our path,  
And may we be your hands ready to bind up their wounds.  
Pour your oil of healing and wine of comfort through us.  
Make us a people who stop, who care, who carry others to safety.  
Refresh our understanding of what it means,  
To love our neighbour as ourselves.  
Let your mercy flow through us,  
To a hurting world.  
In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen  
(source Uniting News 8/7/25)

## Tuesdays at Trinity

### July-August Short Courses

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am



15 July - **The First 100 days in a new Placement**

22 July - **Military & Police Chaplaincy**

29 July - **Worship in the UCA**

5 Aug - **Worship in the UCA**

19 Aug - **Church Property Oversight**

26 Aug - **Ministry with Children** (Overview & Intro)

To enquire or enrol in any of these, please email [ask@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:ask@trinity.qld.edu.au) or phone **07 3377 9950**.

You can find the full list of Short Courses available for **Semester 2 2025** **here**.

(source Uniting News 24/06/25)

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## Synod Fundraising Webinar

### Q + A Fundraising Webinar



You are invited to join us on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August** at **10.30am** for the Q + A Fundraising Webinar.

This webinar aims to answer any and all the Fundraising questions you have.

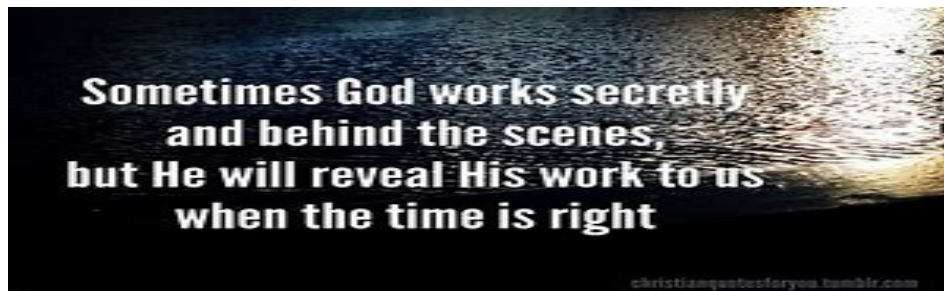
All questions are welcome.

To ensure that we are able to provide you with an answer to your question, please send your questions

to: [bec.patterson@ucaqlld.com.au](mailto:bec.patterson@ucaqlld.com.au) before the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2025.

Follow [this link](#) to register for the Teams Webinar.

Fundraising are here to support your congregations Fundraising efforts. For general fundraising information, please follow [this link](#).



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### **Presbytery Office**

Maroochydore Uniting Church  
6 Millwell Rd  
Maroochydore  
Mon - Thurs\* 9am - 3.30pm



*Drop in for a cuppa* \*Except - SC & PRC

### **Presbytery Postal Address**

Mary Burnett Presbytery  
PO Box 1635  
Sunshine Plaza  
4558





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# **Mini-Retreat**

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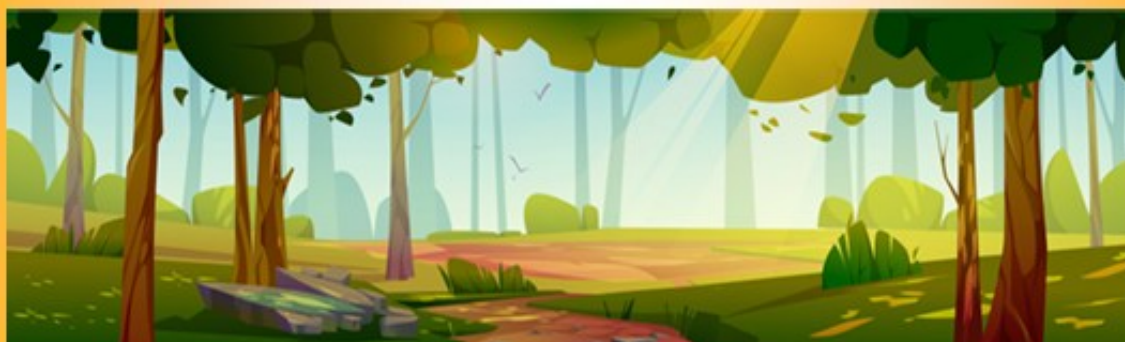
Location is near Wondai & Murgon—details will  
be provided when you book.

- Relax in gardens in a bush setting
  - Led by Rev David Ellis or Rev Jenny Coombes
  - Light lunch and morning tea included
  - Bring a hat and sun screen and Bible
- Bookings essential for catering**      **\$20 per person**  
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**An Activity of Murgon Goomeri Uniting Church in Australia**

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## Montville Reflection Gallery

Space to rest and reflect 10 am to 3 pm most days of the year!  
Montville Uniting Church, 152 Main Street, Montville Q.

**Building our Exhibition List for 2025-2026...**

### Are you interested in exhibiting?

We are currently seeking exhibitions for the following time periods:

Time Period	Church Year Focus	Available/Reserved
Sat 29/11/25 – Sat 10/01/26	Advent & Christmas	
Sat 10/01/26 – Wed 18/02/26	Vocation & Ministry	
Wed 18/02/26 – Sat 04/04/26	Lent	
Sat 04/04/26 – Sat 23/05/26	Easter	
Sat 23/05/26 – Tues 01/09/26	Pentecost/Holy Spirit	
Tues 01/09/26 – Mon 05/10/26	Creation	
Mon 05/10/26 – Sat 28/11/26	Disciples & Saints	

Exact beginnings and endings of exhibitions may be negotiated.

Please email Anita Monro [revdrajm@gmail.com](mailto:revdrajm@gmail.com) to tell us about what you would like to exhibit.

## Closure Service and Celebration – Ps Phil Smith

The 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 was a little bittersweet as the BELLS Faith Community came together for the Closure Service of Pastor Phil Smith but also celebrated the 10 years Phil has served BELLS in ministry.



From very small beginnings in a local pizza shop, time in the Bellvista community to BELLS on Main located in Bulcock Street, Phil led from the front and encouraged and guided us to find new ways to 'go into the village' and share God's love with those we encounter. This was an intimate service, with the formalities conducted by Presbytery Minister Ps Graham Huth,

which allowed the current BELLS group to say goodbye and thank Phil and Kayleen for their time with us. We wish them well as Phil retires... well, until his next adventure as we are sure God hasn't finished with him yet!



The BELLS Faith Community gathered again on the 12<sup>th</sup> July with Phil and Kayleen's family and friends, past BELLS members and the wider Caloundra Community in a time of celebration and thanksgiving. We reflected on the BELLS journey and all that Phil and Kayleen contributed to it! It was a wonderful evening filled with many memories, fun, laughter and yummy food! Thanks to Caloundra Uniting Church for their generosity in allowing us to use their hall and facilities for the occasion.



Then after the July Presbytery meeting at Caloundra Uniting Church, Presbytery members and Phil's friends and family met for the closure of Phil's role as MEO (mission engagement officer). In this role, Phil travelled the length and breadth of the Presbytery many times, to support the congregations with their missional projects, getting to know local communities and coming up with strategic and innovative ideas, and encouraging people to think missionally.

Phil, God be with you as He takes you into the next season!

Naomi Cavalli  
Presbytery and BELLS Secretary



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### Wanted – Silver Chalice

"Murgon Goomeri congregation is seeking a silver communion chalice as theirs is worn out.

The replacement could be by purchase, donation or loan.

Please contact Rev Jenny Coombes via email ([murgonunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:murgonunitingchurch@gmail.com)) or mobile (0419027000).

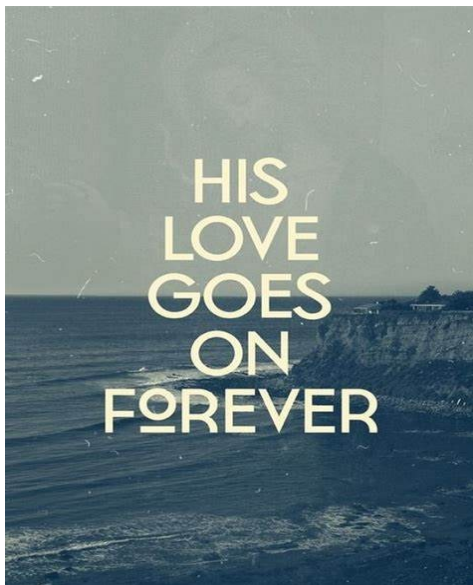


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### Smile!

I changed my computer password to "beef and stew" ...

but the IT department said it was not stroganoff



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### Please pray for our chaplains

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- \* Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim PH)
- \* Rev James Stevenson (Buderim PH)
- \* Ps Kristen Porter (Buderim PH)
- \* Rev Keren Seto (St Stephens Hervey Bay)
- \* Ps Jim Hall (Bli Bli/Gympie)
- \* Ms Donna Hamill (St Stephens Hervey Bay)
- \* Mr Craig Doherty (Sunrise Beach)







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- Social Engagement opportunities with dementia, vulnerable and end of life patients

Wesley and St. Andrews Hospital  
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M: 0428 699 445

Buderim Private Hospital  
E: [Theo.Masselos@uhealth.com.au](mailto:Theo.Masselos@uhealth.com.au)  
M: 0418 879 802

St. Stephen's Hospital Hervey Bay  
E: [Keren.Seto@uhealth.com.au](mailto:Keren.Seto@uhealth.com.au)  
C: (07) 4120 1322

### BlueCare Aged Care Pastoral Care Workers and Compassionate Companions

- Compassionate Companions engage with aged care residents through meaningful social interaction
- Pastoral Care to aged care residents

Contact Jeff Howard E: [Jeff.Howard@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:Jeff.Howard@ucareqld.com.au) M: 0477 102 482

### Grief and Loss Program Facilitators

- Grief & Loss of a Loved One; Trained volunteer Facilitators, facilitate a group for 2 hours a week over 8 weeks
- Grief, Loss and Dementia; Trained volunteer Facilitators, facilitate a group for 2.5 hours a week over 5 weeks

Contact: Jen Nel E: [griefandlossprogram@bluecare.org.au](mailto:griefandlossprogram@bluecare.org.au) M: 0460 571 946

### Prison Chaplains and Court Supporters

- Prison Chaplains provide Pastoral Care and Sunday chapel services on a roster in ecumenical teams.
- Court Supporters provide practical assistance and emotional support to court users

Contact: Jessie Sanders E: [Jess.Sanders@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:Jess.Sanders@ucareqld.com.au) M: 0419 243 525

### Public Hospital Chaplains

- Trauma Informed Chaplains who walk gently with those in crisis on call after hours in public hospitals.
- This role requires appropriate contextual education & background to be a candidate.

Contact: Colin Gordon E: [Colin.Gordon@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:Colin.Gordon@ucareqld.com.au) M: 0437 390 887

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The theme for 2025, **"Little Footsteps, Big Future,"** emphasizes the importance of nurturing and empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as they grow, highlighting the role of culture, community, and connection to Country in their development.

Pictured here is enrolled nurse Enid Newie, who has worked faithfully and shared her culture through her role in BlueCare for over 18 years. Enid is pictured with her husband – who also works for BlueCare – and their daughter. The family recently travelled to Moa and Thursday Island to be present for the cultural protocol of the Tombstone Unveiling Ceremony. This Torres Strait Islander cultural protocol calls for family to gather in honouring, usually at the closing of the first year after the passing of a loved one.

Read the full article by Kym Korbe, Koa Kuku Yalanji woman and Executive Officer UAICC and Covenanting at [Synod's News & Stories page](#).

(source Uniting News 29/7/25)



7 DAYS WITHOUT PRAYER MAKES ONE WEAK



## Dates for your Diary

### **2025 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS** Start time: **9.00am**

\* 14-16 November - TBC

Business meeting Saturday 9am

### **2025 PASTORAL RELATIONS & STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

14 Aug (Gympie)

11 Sep (Zoom)      9 Oct (Gympie)

13 Nov (Zoom)      4 Dec (Gympie)

**Start time: 9.30am** (gympie) or **1-3pm** (Zoom)

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

### **SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING**

Ministers - 14 Nov – Camp Duckadang

### **CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING**

\* 14 Nov – Camp Duckadang

### **MINISTERS RETREAT**

\* 18–20 August

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### **INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION**

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

\* 29 August

### **RETIRED REVS**

### **SYNOD**

\* Oct 2026

### **ASSEMBLY**

\* July 2027

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all.



Jesus knows me, this I love!

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## **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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no bounds

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Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan  
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Grahams day off varies, according to his schedule. Please leave him a message if no answer, and he'll get back to you when he's able.  
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