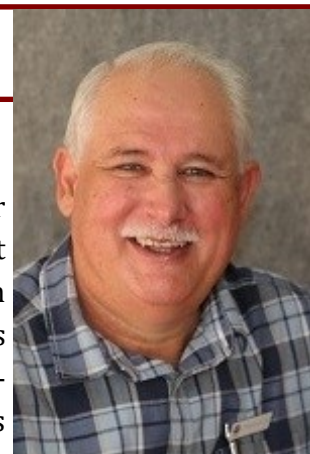




## Reflection - Ps Graham Huth



Greetings Mary Burnett,

Welcome to the first edition of the Presbytery newsletter for 2026. As this new year begins, I am conscious of the fact that everything seems to be pointing to the Uniting Church across Queensland entering a period of *renewal*. This was the theme for the 38<sup>th</sup> Qld Synod in May last year, and it continues to drive the mission and vision of the church into this new season.

As I have looked for spiritual inspiration and direction in the uncertainties of the time ahead, I have been drawn frequently to John 3: 1-14. Most recently I attended worship at Highfields and Rev Marius Kruger preached on this very passage; for me this was affirmation of the importance of this message. In this familiar story, we meet Nicodemus—earnest, curious, faithful, and still unsure. He comes to Jesus at night, carrying his questions like many of us do. And Jesus speaks of being “born from above,” a renewal so deep it feels like starting again. I am both encouraged and challenged by this, particularly if we consider it in the context of corporate church life. We look at the issues and struggles facing the church and believe we can fix them through new strategies, church structures and missional plans. But the church will not suddenly find new life and hope by erasing the past or pretending we’re someone new. It’s about God breathing fresh life into what has grown tired. It’s about discovering that renewal is not a reward for the strong but a gift for the willing. Jesus invites Nicodemus—and us—into a life shaped not by a response to fear or scarcity, but by the Holy Spirit who moves freely, unpredictably, and always toward life.

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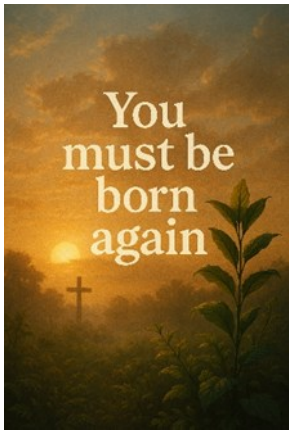


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Rebirth will not happen if we simply try harder or seek to work smarter. It will only happen when we open ourselves to the Spirit's wind—sometimes gentle, sometimes disruptive—and trust that God is not finished with us, with the church, or with our hope. This is a central theme in the Basis of Union:

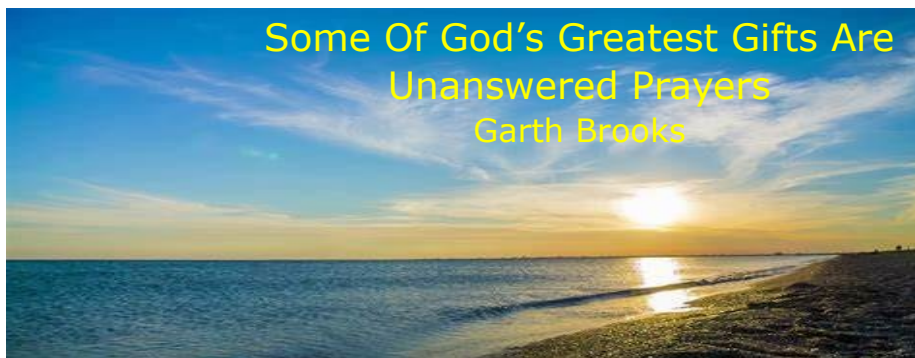
*“The United Methodist Church acknowledges that the Church is able to live and endure through the changes of history only because its Lord comes, addresses, and deals with people in and through the news of his completed work. Christ who is present when he is preached among people is the Word of the God who acquits the guilty, who gives life to the dead and who brings into being what otherwise could not exist. 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)*



Jesus says to Nicodemus, 'Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit' (John 3:6). Work on Presbytery Capacity, mission plans and church planting are important, but what the church really needs is spiritual renewal. As we stand in our own season of uncertainty and possibility, let us hear Jesus' invitation again: to let the Spirit renew our imagination, soften our hearts, awaken our faith, and lead us into a future we cannot yet see but can begin to trust.

May we, like Nicodemus, bring our questions, concerns and hopes honestly. And may God meet us—right there—with the promise of new life.

Pastor Graham Huth



# Graham's Diary

## **February**

7 Commissioning - Gympie  
8 Attending Gympie for worship  
12 PRSC Meeting - Gympie  
14 Commissioning - Bargara  
17 MC3  
18 PSI

19 Placements

20 Induction - PresMin - The Downs  
Presbytery



## Presbytery Meeting Dates 2026

*Save the dates now!*

**7 March - Murgon Uniting Church**  
**18 July - Buderim Uniting Church**  
**14 November - TBA (in the north)**

**Corinthians 12:12**

*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.

## **Pastoral Relations & Standing Committee**

### **2026 Meetings**

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

<b>12 Feb (F2F)</b>	<b>12 Mar (Z)</b>
<b>10 Apr (F2F)</b>	<b>14 May (Z)</b>
<b>11 Jun (F2F)</b>	<b>9 Jul (Z)</b>
<b>13 Aug (F2F)</b>	<b>10 Sep (Z)</b>
<b>8 Oct (F2F)</b>	<b>12 Nov (Z)</b>
<b>3 Dec (F2F)</b>	

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



As a volunteer for ChaplainWatch you get to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

NightWatch Chaplains exist to care for people in the late night precincts of Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, and Caloundra, with a chaplaincy-based approach that values dignity and wellbeing above all.

NightWatch Chaplains step in where needed — from helping people get home safely or offering a listening ear, to providing first aid, de-escalating conflict, or supporting those in crisis.

NightWatch Chaplains are currently looking for new volunteers who are available on Friday or Saturday nights, if you are interested in finding out more about how to volunteer or to have someone speak to your church about NightWatch Chaplaincy **Saz (0412 758 000)** would love to have a conversation with you.

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## 2025 Edition of the Uniting Church Constitution and Regulations



The 2025 edition of the complete Uniting Church Constitution and Regulations is now available - an essential resource for leaders in the councils of the Uniting Church.

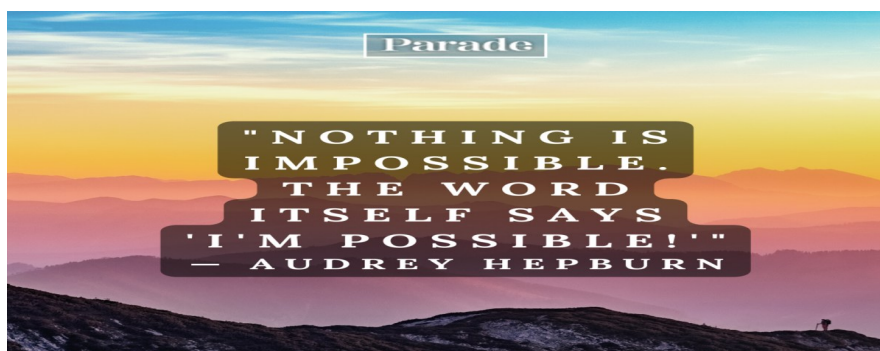
[Download the PDF](#) from uHub, the Assembly's central resource hub, or [order a printed book](#) from Wayz-goose.

(Source UCA National Update 19/11/25)

## Service of Closure – Brian Nagel – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2025 Buderim Uniting Church gathered for the Closure Service for Rev Brian Nagel who was inducted at Buderim as a Minister of the Word in July 2009! 16 years of service was acknowledged as we officially recognised the very special pastoral relationship Brian has had with the people of Buderim over these years. Presmin Pastor Graham Huth led the official proceedings and concluded by inviting the members of the congregation to surround Brian, Wendy and their family in prayers of thanks for their time with them. Brian's next placement will be leading a Church Plant in Maroochydore which promises to be both challenging and exciting! A lovely morning tea was provided as fellowship continued after the service. Brian will conclude his placement on the 31<sup>st</sup> December before taking some well-earned long service leave. We wish Brian and Wendy every blessing as they continue to serve God in this new season.

*Naomi Cavalli – Presbytery Secretary*



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## REST, RESTORE, RECREATE

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““Because we do not rest, we lose our way. We miss the compass points that would show us where to go, we bypass the nourishment that would give us succor. We miss the quiet that would give us wisdom. We miss the joy and love born of effortless delight.”

(Wayne Muller)



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## 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.

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Heather & Bruce Johnson will be leading their Annual Ash Wednesday Retreat on Wednesday 18 February at their home in Witta. The theme for the day is, "His Love Endures Forever".

We will begin the day at 9.00am with an Ash Wednesday Liturgy during which we will have the chance to be marked with ashes as a reminder of surrendering those things we need carry no longer. We will then give significant space for personal reflection and prayer, allowing you to reflect on the gracious love of God that holds and sustains your life.

We will conclude the day with a service of Holy Communion, as we make our journey into the season of Lent that culminates in the celebration of resurrection on Easter Day. We will conclude by 4.00pm.

As always there is no requirement to pay to attend, however if you would like to make a contribution to the costs, we would suggest \$65.

If you would like to join us in this experience, please let us know by Monday 9th February. If you email us on [b\\_hjohnson@me.com](mailto:b_hjohnson@me.com) we will send you more details.

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# AXIOS

AXIOS (ἄξιος): WORTHY, DESERVING, SUITABLE

UCQLD  
Young Adults

# YA WEEKEND

Join us in 2026 for a weekend away camping at Samford



**JAN 30 - FEB 01 2026**

SAMFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH



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

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## Service of Closure – DongWoo Oh 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

It was wonderful to be able to join with the people of Coolum Beach Uniting Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> February as they farewelled Pastor DongWoo Oh after 2 ½ years of service amongst them. Pastor DongWoo delivered a final message of thankfulness - for each other and in our prayers. He assured the congregation of his continued prayers for them even though he would no longer be with them. DongWoo, his wife Joy and their very musical family will be greatly missed in Coolum but we are excited that they have an opportunity to be a blessing to the Coral Coast Uniting Church. Presmin Pastor Graham Huth led the official closure service which concluded with a time of prayer and gifts for DongWoo and his family. Fellowship and sharing continued over a yummy morning tea. We wish DongWoo, Joy and their family every blessing as they continue their ministry in Bargara.

*Naomi Cavalli – Presbytery Secretary*



*With God, all things are possible*



## Save the date:

Please join Synod online for the [Moderator's Shared Blessing for Education](#) on **Monday, 23 February 2026**, 8:00–8:15am.

### ***Prayer***

Lord, renew your Church.  
Make us a people who delight in your ways,  
not just in words, but in how we live.  
Help us to be generous with what we have,  
sharing freely with those in need.  
When darkness comes, let us be light for others.  
When times are hard, keep our hearts steady and unafraid.  
Make us gracious and compassionate,  
quick to help and slow to judge.  
Give us wisdom to do what is right,  
and courage to stand firm when everything shakes.  
May our lives point others to you, not to ourselves.  
Renew us, Lord, from the inside out,  
that the world might see your goodness through us.  
Amen.

*(source Uniting News 03/01/26)*



# VOLUNTEER CONNECT

DISCOVER NEW WAYS TO SERVE

## Discover new ways to serve

Considering becoming a volunteer? Come along! We will explore volunteer opportunities, look at practical active listening skills that strengthen our ability to support community and connect over free morning tea and lunch.

**United in Care.**



## Save Your Spot!

Scan the QR code to register and secure your place at this free event. It only takes a moment—and ensures you receive all event updates and resources. Unable to attend this time, scan the QR code and we will connect with you.



## Caloundra Uniting Church

56C Queen St, Caloundra QLD 4551

Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 9:30am - 2:30 pm

Enquiries : Jeff Howard

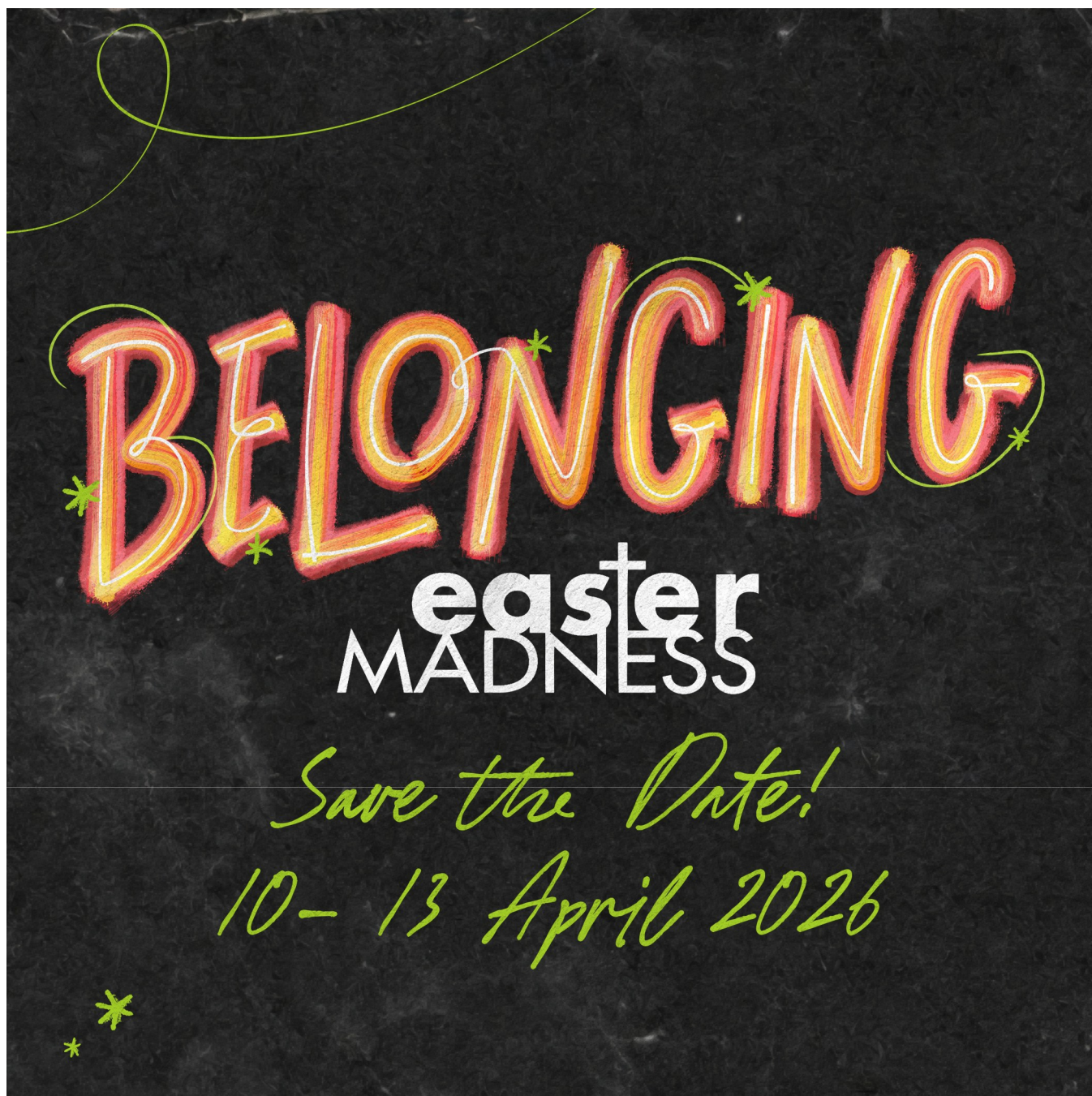


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Have you read any good books recently?

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Maroochydore Uniting  
Church  
6 Millwell Rd  
Maroochydore  
Mon - Fri 9am -  
3.30pm



*Drop in for a cuppa* \*Except - PRSC face to  
face meeting days - see page 3 for dates

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## Uniting World Lent Event



This Lent, stand with families on the front line of changing climate. During Lent, join congregations from across Australia as we share in what God is doing among our neighbours fighting poverty and the impacts of climate change.

UnitingWorld has created a range of simple, meaningful resources to support you this Lent:

- A weekly story and prayer for each Sunday in Lent to use in worship.
- The 40 for the Future Challenge, a practical, all-ages fundraising activity that combines care for creation with compassion for communities facing climate disruption.

- A UnitingWorld speaker to visit your church and share stories from our partners. *Places are limited and fill quickly.*

**[Watch the video here](#)**

Find out more or sign up your church at **[www.lentevent.com.au](http://www.lentevent.com.au)**



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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.

## Live in God's Light - An Exhibition by Barbara Willcock



Catch the latest exhibition of Montville Reflection Gallery's regular contributing artist, Barbara Willcock, from now until 17 February!

Taking inspiration from God's creations around her, Barbara is both challenged and excited to paint images that express her impression of what she sees; enjoying the form which emerges of mostly the landscape and flowers, now in water-colour, acrylic and oil.

Visit the gallery at 152 Main Street, Montville.

Read more of Barbara's artistic journey [here](#)



## Smile!

What did the plant say to  
it's valentine?

Will you be my soil mate?



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## Please pray for our chaplains

- \* Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim PH)
- \* Rev James Stevenson (Buderim PH)
- \* Ps Kristen Porter (Buderim PH)
- \* Rev Keren Seto (St Stephens)
- \* Ms Donna Hamill (St Stephens)
- \* Ps Jim Hall (Bli Bli/Gympie)
- \* Mr Craig Doherty (Sunrise Beach)
- \* Mr Peter Robertson (Hervey Bay)
- \* Ms Jo Mould (Kingaroy)
- \* Mrs Helen Cifuentes (Caloundra/Maleny)





## NO EASY ANSWERS: EXPLORING LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS IN THE BIBLE'S WISDOM LITERATURE



Wisdom Literature Conference | 6th–7th February 2026  
Level 1, 60 Bayliss street, Auchenflower

Join Dr Rachel Krohn and guest speaker Dr Sally Douglas for two days of deep conversation, honest reflection, and spiritual insight drawn from the wisdom books of the Old Testament.

Join us for just one day or both days!



DR RACHEL KROHN DR SALLY DOUGLAS

FIND OUT MORE



### February

- 13 Anniversary of the Apology to Stolen Generations
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- 18 Lent begins (until 2 April)

### March

- 6 World Day of Prayer
- 8 International Women's Day
- 19 Close the Gap Day
- 17-23 Harmony Week (including 21 March - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)
- 29 Palm Sunday

[Click here](#) for the *Uniting Church Assembly 2026 calendar*.

(source National Update 04 Feb)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>
25 Feb	<b>Congregational Renewal</b> – Rev Paul Clark
4 Mar	<b>Congregational Renewal</b> – P Clark
11 Mar	<b>Recruiting &amp; Releasing Volunteers</b> – Rev Barry Allen
18 Mar	<b>Ministry with Seniors</b> – Rev Gerda Olafsen
25 Mar	<b>Preaching outside the Church</b> – P Clark
1 April	<b>Frontier Services</b> – Frontier Services
22 April	<b>Flourishing Creation</b> – Emily Murray
29 April	<b>Welfare Ministry in Churches</b> – P Clark
6 May	<b>Youth Ministry</b> – Hannah Legge
13 May	<b>Governance 101</b> – Simon Moore
20 May	<b>Uniting Early Learning</b> – Belinda Briggs
27 May	<b>Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> – P Clark

Anyone is welcome to join us for one or more workshops to enhance their ministry practice/ experience.

Course offerings are subject to change - please contact to confirm. All training is offered free of charge to Uniting Church attendees.

Please Register your attendance to receive access to course resources. To enquire/enrol in any of these workshops, email [ask@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:ask@trinity.qld.edu.au) or phone [07 3377 9950](tel:0733779950)

## Dates for your Diary

### **2026 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS Start time: 9.00am**

7 March - Murgon UC

18 July - Buderim UC

14 November - TBA (in the north)

Business meeting Saturday 9am

### **2026 PASTORAL RELATIONS & STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING** (Venue subject to change)

12 Feb (Gympie)                      12 March (Zoom)

10 Apr (Maroochydore)            14 May (Zoom)

11 Jun (Gympie)                      9 Jul (Zoom)

13 Aug (Gympie)                      10 Sep (Zoom)

8 Oct (Gympie)                        12 Nov (Zoom)

3 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 - 1 May – Maroochydore UC

\* Ministers - 13 Nov - TBA

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

### **CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING**

\* 1 May – Maroochydore UC

\* Ministers - 13 Nov - TBA

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

♦ 7 Feb - Commissioning - Gympie - Rev Rob Nicholls

♦ 14 Feb - Commissioning - Coral Coast—Ps DongWoo Oh

### **FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS** (4th Fri excluding Oct & Dec)

\* 27 February 2026

### **SYNOD**

\* 22 - 26 Oct 2026

### **ASSEMBLY**

\* July 2027



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Vacant

Professional Supervision coordinator  
Period of Discernment Coordinator  
CEM coordinator

God's love knows  
no bounds

## PASTORAL RELATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

### WORK DAYS

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.  
Thank you.

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MATHEMATICIAN CONCLUDED THAT THE LOVE  
OF MONEY IS THE SQUARE ROOT OF ALL  
EVIL

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