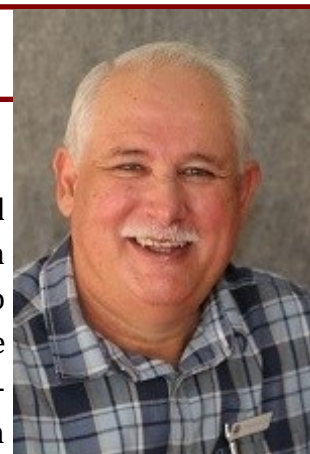




Reflection - Ps Graham Huth



Greetings Mary Burnett,

We are entering a time of uncertainty as we begin final discussions around potential changes to our church structure in Queensland. These changes are necessary to form Presbyteries that will have greater capacity than the current system, and better support and exhort congregations and faith communities into a new season of growth and prosperity. I am very aware though, that the proposed modelling will mean significant changes for the Mary Burnett Presbytery.

In preparing for the discussion we will have at our meeting in Murgon this weekend, I have found the lectionary readings to be especially relevant during my personal reflections and quiet times with God. I was drawn this week particularly to Paul's letter to the Philippians 3:14-4:1. In a common theme for Paul, he compares the Christian life to running a race. *"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus"* (Phil 3:14). We need to understand that Paul isn't talking about striving for salvation; it's living out of the salvation already given. It is about our daily choice as individuals, and the church, to orient our desires, habits, plans, and hopes toward Christ. The "goal" is not achievement, comfort or security in our present, but union with Christ. The journey will require focus because many things will try to tug us sideways, and require difficult choices.

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Whether it be at Presbytery level with the Presbytery Capacity discussion, or at Congregational level where important decisions need to be made around property, finances, mission opportunities or ministry needs, we cannot allow ourselves to be sidetracked. Our first and most important call is to make decisions that are Christ centred, and not to suit our own purposes. As Jesus himself implores us, *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* (Matt 6:33).

When Paul speaks of “pressing on toward the goal,” it is the language of movement, intention, and desire. The goal is not self-improvement, bigger churches, or spiritual achievement but Christ himself—to know him, to be shaped by him, and ultimately to share in his resurrection life.

In the Philippians passage, Paul ends with: *“My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for... stand firm in the Lord”* (Phil 4:1) Standing firm is not stubbornness or rigidity; it is not clinging to the past, nor is it about maintaining the status quo, but is the quiet strength that comes from knowing our true citizenship is in heaven and allowing our Saviour to transform us—to make us like himself. This is the heart of Christian hope: the One we follow is the One who will complete the work begun in us.

As we meet for Presbytery this weekend, or meet as congregations to consider the path before us, may we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, stand firm in the hope that Jesus is shaping his church for glory, and be open to the leading of the holy spirit in our discernment process. We do not walk this path alone. Christ has already made us his own, and he will not let us go.

Pastor Graham Huth



Graham's Diary

March

7 Presbytery meeting - Murgon
12 PRSC zoom meeting
17 Meeting with Presbytery Ministers
18 PSI
19 Placements
21-22 Consultation with Uniting Life

30 Meeting- Maryborough Congregation



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

[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)**

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

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

Australian Day Citizenship Ceremony

Willem & Christi-Mari Smit became Australian citizens this year. (Minister Hervey Bay UC)

From the lovely smiles, I think it is safe to say they are very proud and happy, and I see in the photo, Willem is putting his best foot forward!

We wish abundant blessings to your both as dinky-di Australians!

Kylie Aalbers



Moderator's Community Service Medals Ian & JulieAnne Harding

On Friday, 20th February, at BELLS Faith Community in Caloundra, Moderator Rev Bruce Moore awarded the Moderator's Community Service Medal to recipients Ian and Julie-Anne Harding.

Ian and Julie-Anne have been actively involved in a range of community service groups as part of their volunteer work. Their contributions extend across local community groups and the church community.

Additionally, they have played a key role in coordinating partnerships between BELLS Faith Community, which has a community shopfront in the main street of Caloundra, Urban Angels, and SU Chaplaincy. This collaborative work has made a significant impact and highlights their commitment to serving others through various channels. ***Read more at the [Synod's Stories & News Page](#)***

(Source Uniting News 03/03/26)

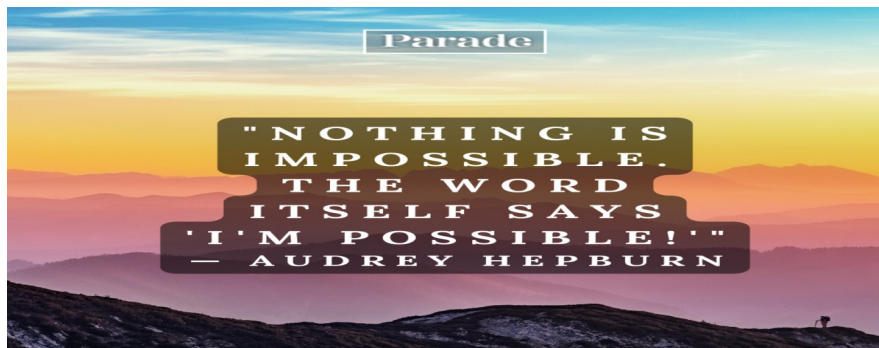


Commissioning Rev Rob Nicholls - Gympie

Rev Rob Nicholls was commissioned into Gympie Regional Uniting Church on Saturday 7th February. There were several ministers of the presbytery who attended along with other members. As usual the band

It was a lovely day and we got to meet 5 of Rob's 6 children. After the formal proceedings, Rob led a communion service, and then we had a fabulous array of refreshments on the deck afterwards.

Kylie Aalbers



Let me know what's happening in your congregation
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DATE CLAIMER: Moderator's Convocation 2026 'Leading Change in Complex Times'

We know the reality of ministry is complex and change is constant. Expectations are high and often we are asked to lead with clarity while carrying our own questions, fatigue, and hopes in the midst of uncertainty. By recognising the unique pressures leaders face, we can better nurture communities of trust and innovation.

The Moderator's Convocation invites ministry leaders from across the Synod to gather in a space of honesty, wisdom, and prayer - to reflect on what it means to lead change well, to learn from other stories of change, to hold tension without losing heart, and to be renewed for the work to which God continues to call us.

- **Venue:** Evan and Mary Thompson Auditorium, Wesley Hospital – 451 Coronation Drive, Auchenflower
- **Dates/Times:** Tuesday, 21 April, 10:00am–5:00pm Wednesday, 22 April, 9:00am–3:00pm (approx.)
- **Cost:** There will be a cost per attendee. Payment will go towards conference costs with the remaining contributed to a travel equalisation fund.
- **Registrations:** open in 2 weeks. Keep an eye on your emails for the registration link.

Enquiries: please email Vanessa Van Der Rhede: events@ucaqld.com.au

(Source Uniting News 03/03/26)

Jesus knows me, this I love!



Centre for
Ministry and
Leadership

Healthy and Sustainable Ministry

This short course provides guidance for ministry agents to engage the core principles and practices that undergird the health and balance of our ministry. The primary outcome of the course is that by learning to situate these practices within our ministry life, we will be able to enjoy a sustainable service to the Church and the world. This course is for all ministry agents.

26th March - 9:30am to 3pm

Moreton Rivers Presbytery Office, Clayfield

To register, scan the QR Code or visit www.cml.org.au



Prayer

Creator God,
Who holds the mountains in your hands and shaped the seas;
Who constantly speaks life and new creation into being;
We come to You seeking the new life that comes with the presence
of your Spirit.

Forgive us for the times we've hardened our hearts,
Become stubborn, distracted, and cold
And been drawn into the wilderness
Through our lack of trust in You,
And failure to remember our experience of Your goodness.
Forgive us for when we've gone through the motions
Without really drawing near to you.

Amen.

(source Uniting News 03/03/26)

WANTED

VOLUNTEERS who would like to
assist Presbytery with a
**Congregational Life and Witness
Consultation**

**Location and suitable times can be
negotiated!**

**If you are interested, please contact
Naomi in the Presbytery Office:**

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Email: secretary@maryburnettpres.org.au**

Webinar - From Mission to Funding: Preparing Grant Ready Projects
SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday, 15 April

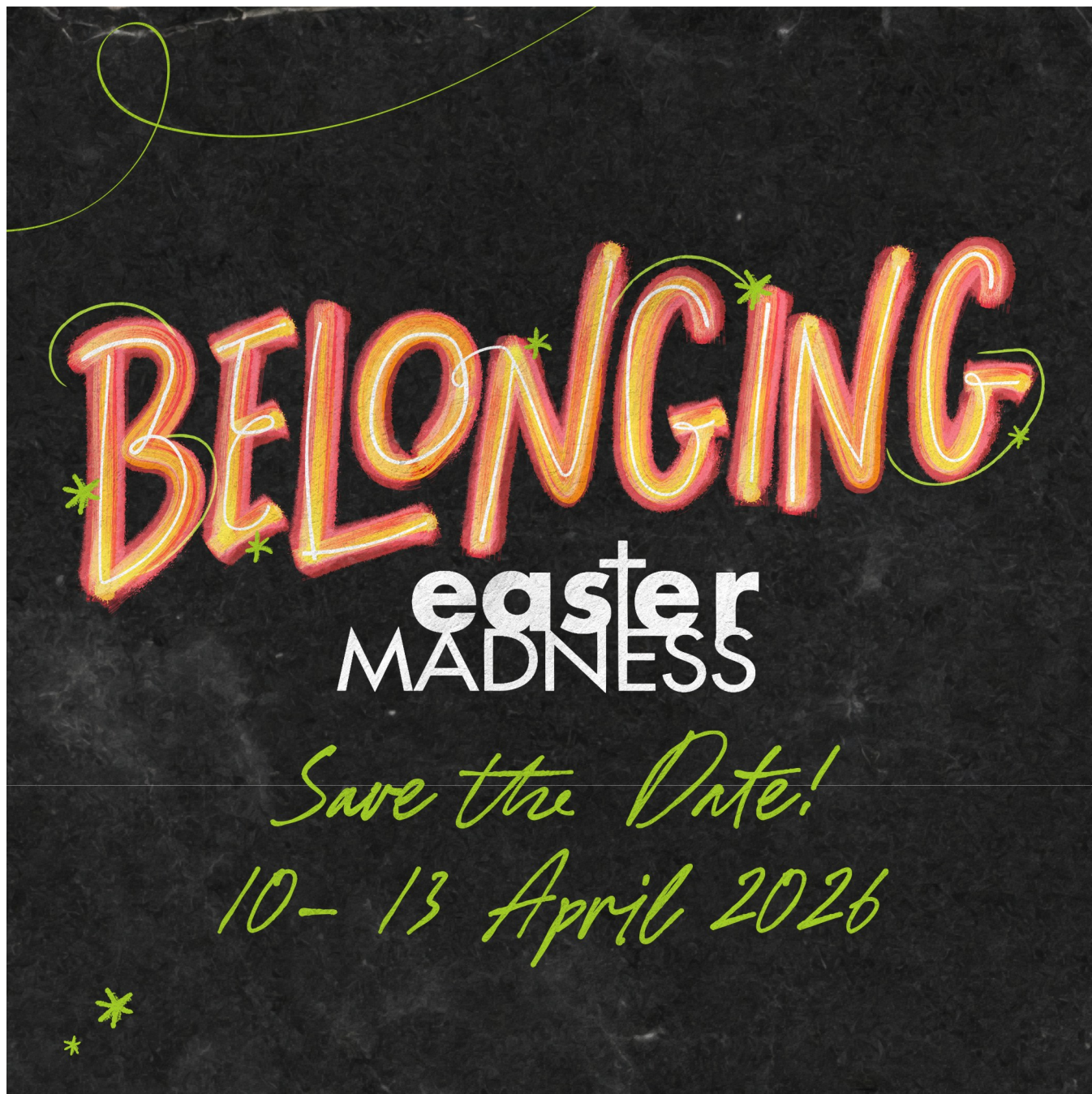


In this practical 30 minute webinar, congregations will learn how to identify and prioritise mission aligned projects, capture them in a simple project register, and strengthen one project so it is genuinely “grant ready.”

You’ll leave with clear tools to help you plan ahead, avoid last minute grant stress, and confidently work with Synod Fundraising to identify the right funding pathways for your projects.

This is the first webinar in a three part Grant Planning series, and is ideal for Church Councils, Treasurers, mission leaders, and anyone involved in project planning or fundraising.

[Please click on this link to register through Teams](#)



Presbytery Office

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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**



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Debut Solo Exhibition
18/2 to 28/3 | 2026
10-3 daily



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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)





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)

April

3-5 Easter weekend

24 Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

25 ANZAC Day

The Presbytery Synod Interface Retreat in January was joined by the UCA President Rev Charissa Suli. We pray that it was a refreshing time for the PresMins and Synod staff.

Kylie Aalbers





Within a busy life, your calling still matters.

The interest in studying theology is there, but timing can be challenging. Between work, family, and life commitments, the weeks can fill quickly. A traditional study schedule can feel hard to keep up with. That's why Trinity College Queensland introduced the Trinity Stack.

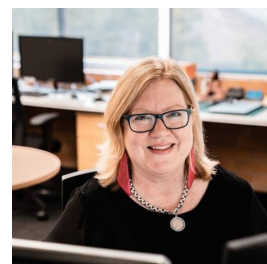
The Trinity Stack is a simpler, more flexible way to study theology. You focus on one unit at a time, studying over six focused weeks. You are not stretched across multiple subjects or locked into long semesters. You are simply focusing on one unit at a time, in a way that fits alongside your life.

It's a way of studying that gives students the space to focus more deeply on a subject without feeling overloaded. It also gives students additional capacity for connection and discussion around a particular subject. It's designed for people whose schedules are full, but who don't want to put learning on hold. If you've been thinking about studying or returning to study, but aren't sure how it could realistically work for you, we'd love to share how the Trinity Stack would work for you.

A course advisory session is a free, one-on-one conversation with **Belinda Hoadley**, who will be the person you meet from Trinity College Queensland. As the office manager and executive assistant, Belinda is often the first friendly face students connect with, taking the time to understand your situation and help you explore the study options that fit your life. It's practical, personal, and shaped around your circumstances.

In this session, you can:

- Explore how the Trinity Stack fits around your commitments
- Gain clarity about what studying at Trinity actually looks like
- Work out the best place to begin, without pressure or obligation



Book a Course Advisory Session and start your journey with Trinity College

[Enquire Today](#)

(source Trinity College Qld email 19/2/26)

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

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | 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

Luke 10: 1-2

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

- * 1 May – Maroochydore UC
- * Ministers - 13 Nov - TBA

INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

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

- * 27 March 2026

SYNOD

- * 22 - 26 Oct 2026

ASSEMBLY

- * July 2027

MINISTERS RETREAT

- * TBA



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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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Period of Discernment Coordinator
CEM coordinator

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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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