

Reflection - Ps Graham Huth

It's Habit

Recently at the age of 60 I started running with the goal of running my first half marathon in August. The process of running for me has been quite an experience. It is 5.30am and I am faced with the choice do I watch the live sport on television or do I put the running gear on and hit the pavement. As I have gotten further into running and the half marathon gets closer I am finding the ability to run is getting better (I'm getting fitter) but also its becoming easier as I am developing "A HABIT" of running.



Habits automate much of what we do, for instance it is not uncommon to drive home from some where and to not remember taking certain turns as the way home has simply become a habit, we save our brain function for the important things in life.

For many Christians we have a practice that we complete with extraordinary faithfulness every morning sometimes even before our feet even touch the floor, sometimes before eyes are even fully open, we pick up our mobile phone and begin the daily liturgy: social media, email, news, social media again. It's a habit or a ritual which we have just picked up, it hasn't been taught by anyone yet we perform it with a consistency that would make many a Benedictine monk weep.

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Jesus knows me, this I love!

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Deuteronomy 6 tells us

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The historian Will Durant once said, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” What Durant meant is that the type of person we are is based on our habits. **Show me your habits and I'll show you what type of person you are becoming.**

Why did God want his words written on the door posts and on the gates, why did he want the parents to be telling the children each night, not out of some great spiritual practice rather he wanted the hearing of his words to become a habit.

Think about when you were learning to tie your shoe laces, to start with you didn't know your shoe laces were undone and you did not have a problem. Then your parents said your shoe laces are undone and you had a problem, they taught you how to tie your shoe laces and your problem went away with great difficulty. Now as an adult you can tie your shoe laces with out thinking, why because it has become habitual. What do your habits say about you? Every day we are being formed by our habits. The only question is whether your habits are forming you into the image of Christ — or into something else.

Imagine if we were to apply that same energy to our walk with God as we do to our walk with social media. Our spiritual life would look completely different. And that's actually the point. What you do habitually — what you do without thinking — shapes who you are becoming. That's true whether the habit is scrolling Instagram or sitting with the Psalms.

Habits are a way of putting us on a path to healthy behavior so that it becomes automatic. For instance, you don't think about brushing your teeth every night. You just do it because it's become an ingrained habit.

Spiritual habits aim at that same kind of effortless consistency. The effort you put into such habits will, over time, become embedded in who you are. And with the aid of the Holy Spirit, it can conform you to become more like Christ.

Habits aren't about grinding your way to holiness. They're about arranging your life so that Christlikeness becomes the path of least resistance.

Blessings

Rev Neil Storey

Noosa Coastal Uniting Church

Graham's Diary

May

11 PRSC - Zoom
13 PSI
14 Placements
17 Conclusion Service - Rev Delma Lovell
@Maryborough UC - Wesley Auditorium
18-20 Ministers Retreat
23 Synod Selection Panel

31 - Consultation—Coolum Beach

June

11 PRSC—Gympie
17 PSI
18 Placements
23 Commissioning—Ps DongWoo Oh at
Riverlea Aged Care (address on Pg 5)

Presbytery Meeting Dates 2026

Save the dates now!

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](#) - Faceook
[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)**

11 May (Z)

11 Jun (F2F)

13 Aug (F2F)

8 Oct (F2F)

3 Dec (F2F)

9 Jul (Z)

10 Sep (Z)

12 Nov (Z)

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



JOIN US ONLINE
7-7:30PM 5 MAY
6-6:30AM 6 MAY
FOR RENEWAL PRAYER

Renewal Prayer Gathering

As we long for God to make all things new, we remember God's goodness in the past; the glimpses we have had of God breaking through in new and beautiful ways throughout our lives, and across history. We remember these moments, and we lift up our voices in prayer asking that God would open our eyes to what God is doing in the world now and our minds to imagine what could be done.

Join us every **Tuesday night** as we gather **online**, from **7-730pm** (Qld time), in prayer to thank God for the new life we have experienced and ask that we might be part of the ongoing work God is doing now in renewing all things.

To join us simply use this link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994146488?pwd=VDcird1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09>

If you are unable to join us, you might like to join us in this prayer during the week

Prayer

Good and generous God, you know what we need before we ask.

Provide for your church - not just what keeps us comfortable, but what makes us alive.

When we are weary and worn, restore us.

When we have lost our way, guide us back - not for our reputation, but for the sake of your name.

When the road is hard and the future feels uncertain, let us see that you walk with us.

Let us not be paralysed by fear, but held by your presence.

Nourish us at your table.

Feed us with your word, fill us with your Spirit, and send us out with something worth giving away.

May your goodness and grace mark everything we do.

And may we be a community that people can come home to - now and for generations to come.

Amen.

Let me know what's happening in your congregation
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**Mary Burnett Presby-
tery
Cordially invites you to
the
Conclusion Service for**

**Rev Delma Lovell
Maryborough Uniting
Church**

Sunday 17th May 2026

9.00am

At Wesley Auditorium

**21 Sussex Street,
Maryborough**

Morning Tea to follow



Commissioning Service

Pastor DongWoo Oh

Please join us to mark the Commissioning Service for Pastor DongWoo servicing BlueCare Pioneer and Riverlea Aged Care facilities

Event Details

Date and time:

Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 10:00am, followed by Morning Tea

Venue

BlueCare Riverlea Aged Care facility
1 River Terrace, Millbank QLD

RSVP

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Monday 22nd June 2026

MARY BURNETT PRESBYTERY



CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL

Sat 16 May

9am-3pm

Hervey Bay Uniting Church

56 Exeter Street, Torquay



Renewal is the buzzword in the church at the moment - but how do congregations enable renewal in today's crazy world?

Come and learn from a practitioner who has renewed three congregations, in the bush and the city. Practical, pragmatic, Biblical learning. Not for the faint hearted.

9am Congregational Renewal

Lunch Included
Donations appreciated

1:30pm Recruiting & Releasing Volunteers

Your facilitator, Rev Paul Clark, is an author, broadcaster and Minister with over 20 years experience, helping congregations find health and growth through Christ. He now oversees Ministry formation for the Uniting Church in Queensland.

This workshop is aimed at Church Leaders and is best done by a whole church leadership team.



To Register Call - (07) 4125 5233
or email admin@hbuc.org.au

Trinity College recently hosted a short Course on Congregational Renewal. This was attended by 24 people from all over Queensland, including four from Cairns, three from Townsville, two from the Downs and one from Central Queensland.

This is Trinity's contribution to the Synod's vision for renewal, offering training for church leaders to feel empowered for the mission.

The course was developed with a guiding coalition of practitioners who have been part of renewal in each Presbytery. The Unit facilitator, Rev Paul Clark, said "With big picture thinking, and practical and pragmatic skills, we want people to feel equipped for this season of renewal we find ourselves in."

This unit is being offering in Hervey Bay on 16th May for the Mary Burnett Presbytery, and we trust it will be a resource to empower congregations and individuals for the important work of congregational renewal.

(Source Uniting News 17/03/26)

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.



Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock! Exhibition by Kimberley Oehlman.

"Faith sits at the heart of my work, and this collection is shaped by the story of Easter. The gospel is the foundation - not as a fixed narrative, but as a living story expressed through multiple perspectives and mediums."

On now until 23 May!
Montville Uniting Church, 152 Main Street, Montville Qld





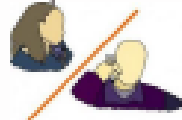
YOUR PHONE COULD SAVE A LIFE

Donate your old or unused phones and chargers....

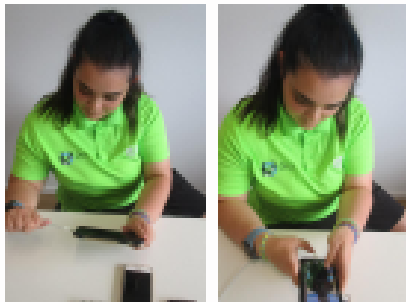


**One PHONE
One LIFE**

Your phone could **help** people in domestic violence situations to call **000** or a loved one to pick them up.



At Orca, we're very excited to be helping DV Safe Phones



Your old/used phones and chargers ↓

ORCA Mansfield and Albany Creek checks/removes data from phones ↓

Ashton from DV Safe Phone fixes/gets them ready for the Police ↓

The Police sends phone to DV victim ↓

DV victim gets phone and keeps it for emergencies

Drop Off Sites

Tuesday and Wednesday

481 Broadwater Rd, Mansfield
(come to the hall behind the church)

Monday - Thursday

652 Albany Creek Rd, Albany Creek

Wednesday - Thursday

UHL Memorial Hall, WMQ
Chermside

9:00am - 3:00pm

For more information please visit:

<https://dvsafephone.org>



May

- 17-24** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 21** Net Zero Roundtable #1
- 24** Pentecost
- 26** Sorry Day
- 27** National Reconciliation Week (until 3 June)
- 31** Trinity Sunday

June

- 14-20** Refugee Week
- 16** Net Zero Roundtable #2
- 22** 49th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia
- 28** UnitingWorld Sunday

Presbytery Office

Maroochydore Uniting Church
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 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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**YOUNG ADULTS
AXIOS**

AXIOS (ἄξιος): WORTHY, DESERVING, SUITABLE

**PRAISE
REVIVAL**

SAT 9 MAY AT 6:00PM

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82 SHERWOOD ROAD TOOWONG

CONTACT: YOUTHWORKER@MRPRES.ORG.AU OR HANNAH.LEGGE@UCAQLD.ORG.AU

Check out the 2026 AXIOS Events on Instagram: [@axiosqld](https://www.instagram.com/axiosqld)

Congregational Training Funds

Did you know???

Congregations can apply to Presbytery for funding to train members!

Areas of training could include, but are not limited to

Church Governance – Leadership – Team Building – Mentoring

Preaching – Teaching – Leadership of Small Groups

Evangelism – community connection – Outreach

Administration – Book Keeping – Organisational Systems

Music – Audio-Visual – Technical

Pastoral - Care Essentials course

Congregations within the Mary Burnett Presbytery can apply for up to \$500 per year for training.

Forms are available on the [Presbytery Website](#), under Resources, Forms. Alternatively you can email Kylie - and request a form be emailed to you.

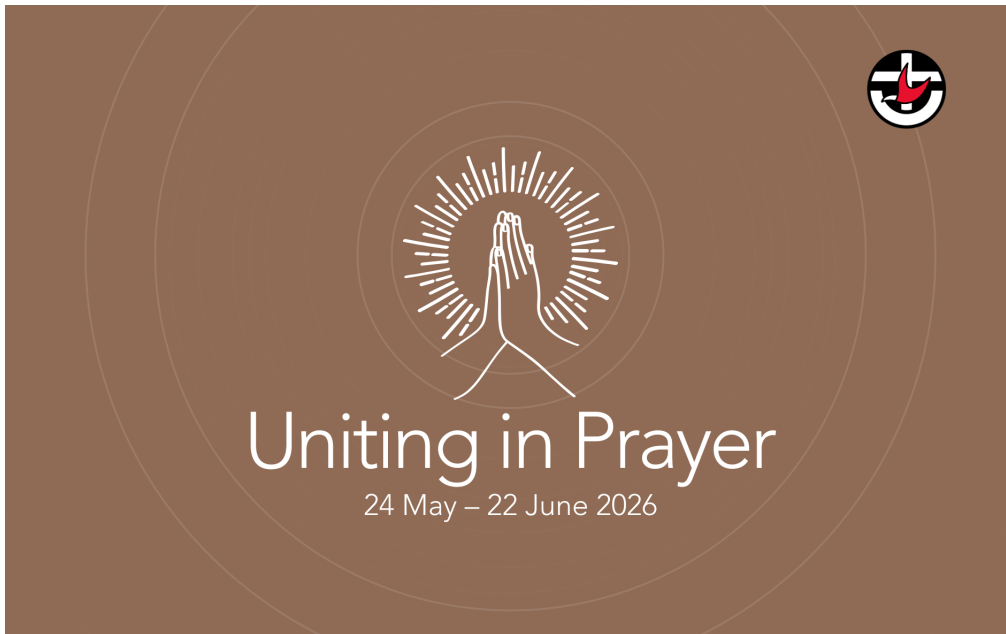
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7 DAYS WITHOUT PRAYER MAKES ONE WEAK

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)





From Pentecost Sunday on 24 May through to the 49th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia on 22 June, we are embarking on a shared season of national prayer — *30 Days | 30 Voices | One Church in Prayer*.

Thirty voices from across the Church will come together, one each day, to pray as one body around the question: **“What does it mean to be woven together in Christ’s love across cultures and boundaries?”**

Save the space in your diary, share it with your congregation, and journey with us in prayer this June. The series begins on Pentecost Sunday — we hope you’ll pray along with us.

(Source UCA National Update 6/5/26)





For families in rural Sumba, Indonesia, that abundance feels out of reach. Climate change, rising cost of fuel and fertiliser, and unpredictable harvests have pushed subsistence farming communities to the edge. They are among the most vulnerable people in the world to forces entirely beyond their control.

This End of Financial Year, UnitingWorld is standing with our church partners in Sumba and beyond to help end the cycle of poverty and hunger. Your tax-deductible gift before June 30 will have up to six times the impact thanks to UnitingWorld's partnership with the Australian Government.

Donate today: donate.unitingworld.org.au/eofy2026

(Source UCA National Update 6/5/26)

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

18 July - Buderim UC

14 November - TBA (in the north)

Business meeting Saturday 9am

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

11 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 - 13 Nov - TBA

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

* Ministers - 13 Nov - TBA

INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

* 17 May Conclusion - Rev Delma Lovell - Maryborough UC

* 23 June Commissioning DongWoo Oh (see pg 5)

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

* 22 May 2026

SYNOD

* 22 - 26 Oct 2026

ASSEMBLY

* July 2027

MINISTERS RETREAT

* TBA

RETIRED REVS

Ephesians 4:32

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”



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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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Period of Discernment Coordinator
CEM coordinator

God's love knows
no bounds

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PASTOR SAYS TO OPEN THE EYES OF OUR
HEARTS, BUT I'M SCARED OF SEEING MY
RIBS

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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. Kylie - Mon-Thu, Naomi Tue-Fri
Thank you.