

## Reflection - Ps Graham Huth

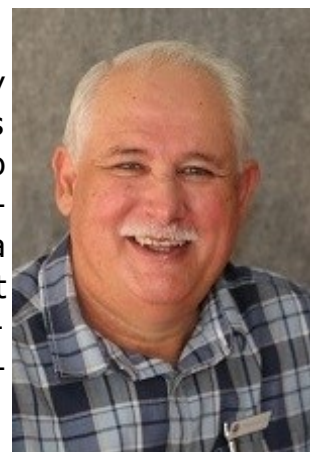


witnessing the love and transformation of Jesus

# Mary Burnett

Greetings Mary Burnett!

It is June already. We are almost halfway through the year, tax-time looms, and the days are getting shorter and cooler. But it also means that we are about to celebrate the anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA). We are 49 years old, which means that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year could well coincide with major structural changes to Presbyteries within the Qld Synod.



As I have found myself contemplating the past, present and future of the UCA amidst these conversations, and the ongoing Acts 2 discussions, I have been using Andrew Dutney's booklet, 'Introducing The Uniting Church In Australia' (Uniting Church Press 2008) as resource in my reflections. I have used this a lot in my ministry for confirmation classes or assisting new ministry agents to understand the unique nature of the UCA.

One of the defining features of the UCA according to Dutney, an ex-president of the UCA Assembly, is that at its core, the UCA is a missional church. He states in his book:

*"Mission isn't necessarily a religious word. All kinds of organizations and businesses have mission statements...As a word, mission just means the business that a person or group has been charged with. And the church has been charged with God's business."*

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*As St Paul reminded the church in Corinth, God's mission defines the church's mission. 'God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself...and entrusting the message of reconciliations to us'. (2 Corinthians 5:19) 'In the Basis of Union, the Uniting Church summarises the mission of God and the church's relationship to it:*

*God in Christ has given to all people in Church the Holy Spirit as a pledge and foretaste of that coming reconciliation and renewal which is the end in view for the whole creation. The Church's call is to serve that end: to be a fellowship of reconciliation, a body within which the diverse gifts of its members are used for the building up of the whole, an instrument through which Christ may work and bear witness to himself. (P. 3)*

However, as I journey around the Presbytery, contemplating the future of the UCA, especially congregations, which are 'the embodiment in one place of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church (Basis of Union P. 15(a)), I wonder if we are losing sight of the missional imperative of the church. Mission Statements tend to be about being 'warm and welcoming' rather than reflecting our call to 'reconciliation and renewal which is the end in view for the whole creation'.

Are we still the church that Andrew Dutney describes as existing 'as a sign and instrument of what God in Christ has done and is doing'. The church as also expressed in 1 Peter 2:9-10, 'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light'.

As we draw close to the 50-year mark, I pray that the church in every part does not get so caught up in processes, survival, habits, and historical legacies that our missional life stagnates, and thus too, the ethos and hope into which our church was born.

We can then also move forward to be the church as envisioned at its inauguration, one that will 'live a creative, adventurous life of faith, characterised by openness, flexibility, hope and joy'.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Graham Huth

Jesus knows me, this I love!

## Graham's Diary

### June

7 Preach at Noosa Coastal  
11 PRSC—Gympie  
13 BNoC support team meeting  
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)**

<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.](#)



Join us for  
Renewal Prayer  
Tuesday  
7-730pm  
Online

**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**

**Vision of Holiness**

*by Rev Anneli Sinkko M.Phil*

I was sitting on my balcony  
And the night was kind and cool  
All of a sudden  
I saw God the Holy Spirit  
Circling the Moon  
**Holy, holy, holy**

I looked around  
Saw the stars shining  
God the Father smiling  
**Holy, holy, holy**  
Amen.

*(source Uniting News 26/5/26)*

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



A successful and much-enjoyed Mother's Day Market at **Hervey Bay Uniting Church** on Saturday 9 May brought the community together and raised **\$5500** towards church funds and refurbishments. Thank you to all who participated and worked tirelessly to make the day a huge success.



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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.



**On now until 26 June!**

Sherri Smith, the creator behind [Missy Wildflower Designs](#), presents a career timeline art exhibition from her surface pattern design practice beginning in high school art through to the present day. Sherri writes: “As an artist & designer it is my mission to bring you the joy and beauty of nature to your world through my designs.



Sherri describes her inspiration for the exhibition: “I have had a knowledge of God from my earliest childhood memories and gave my heart to Jesus as soon as I heard I could give my heart and life to him in early primary school. I have always felt close to God when I am in nature, so it seems only fitting that the beautiful song by [Ellie Holcomb](#) “I don’t want to miss it” referencing one of my favourite bible verses Zephaniah 3:17 would be the inspiration for my exhibition. The song touched my heart in such a beautiful way as she really captures how I too feel about God. Ellie sings: ‘Your voice is a burning bush. Your voice is a million things. Your voice is the sound of thundering hooves. Your voice is hummingbird’s wings. And I don’t want to miss it. I don’t want to miss a thing.’ It is my hope that when you experience nature you too feel God’s love shouting over you with loud signing. Even looking at a flower can feel like you are looking at the face of God. And..... I hope that as you look and read my reflections beside the artworks you will feel inspired to notice the little ways God is lavishing love over you too.”

Montville Reflection Gallery





# GOLF DAY

FRIDAY 12 JUNE

**KEPERRA COUNTRY GOLF CLUB**

Come along for a fun day out and help support Compassionate Companions.

\$600 per team; \$150 per person.

**REGISTER NOW**

hosted by Jeff Howard:  
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Register your 4-person team. Don't have a team? Register as a solo player and we'll connect you with a team before the day.

*Includes breakfast, lunch, a raffle, and plenty of fantastic prizes.*

Enquiries to [jeff.howard@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:jeff.howard@ucareqld.com.au)

**REGISTER NOW or MAKE A DONATION HERE - SPOTS FILLING FAST!**

See you on the fairway 🏌️



## June

**14-20** Refugee Week

**16** Net Zero Roundtable #2

**22** 49th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia

**28** UnitingWorld Sunday

## July

**5-12** NAIDOC Week

**10** Anniversary of the UCA-UAICC Covenant

**16** Net Zero Roundtable #3 - Learn about the concrete actions being taken across the Church to reduce emissions—and how your congregation or ministry can be part of the solution. [Register here](#)

**19** Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday

## August

4 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

30 Frontier Services Sunday

[Click here](#) for the *Uniting Church Assembly 2026 calendar*. (source UCA National Update 27/5/26)

### **Presbytery Office**

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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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*"(Our) heads are reeling with so much inspirational information which we plan to share with CC (Church Council) and the congregation."* Just one of the comments expressed after the recent **Congregational Renewal** workshop in Mary Burnett Presbytery.

Recently over 40 people gathered at Hervey Bay Uniting Church from ten congregations to engage in a workshop on **Congregational Renewal**. The workshop was delivered by Trinity College, supported by the Mary Burnett Presbytery and the Mission Accompanying Team.

People travelled from as far away as Caloundra, and out west from the Burnett Network of Churches to learn how they could join with God in the revitalisation of their faith communities. The group considered a ten-step process developed by Uniting Church Queensland ministry practitioners, that centres around **vibrant spirituality creating vibrant churches**.

The room was filled with hope and enthusiasm as they heard how renewal was possible, but that the day was only the beginning. One participant who missed the event wrote saying, *"People were at **Congregational Renewal** and raved about the content"*.

This course is part of the Synod's ongoing strategy to empower the church for renewal. It will be delivered in the Downs Presbytery at Warwick Uniting Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Stay tuned for more details.

**Rev Paul Clark**, Dean of Formation

Trinity College Qld (source Uniting News 26/05/26)



## Rev Delma Lovell - Conclusion Service

On the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Rev Delma Lovell was farewelled from her placement at Maryborough Uniting Church where she has been a much-loved minister to the congregation for the past 5 years. It was wonderful to have the Connect100 team – Rev Tim Griggs, Rev Sam McDonell and Mrs Andi Griggs present to acknowledge Delma's work as a 'connector' in Maryborough and the amazing work she has done building trusted relationships and improving community well-being. Also on hand were the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryborough Girls Brigade who joined us in the service sharing the Bible readings and leading us in the songs of Praise with actions! The Girl's Brigade was another integral part of Delma's ministry in Maryborough Uniting Church as she served as their Chaplain and mentor to leaders and girls alike.



Presbytery Minister Ps Graham Huth led the official part of the proceedings to mark the conclusion of Delma's placement before inviting members of the congregation, Connect100, Girl's Brigade and Presbytery to surround Delma in prayer - in thanks for her ministry at Maryborough and upholding her as she prepares for the journey ahead. This will be Delma's final Sunday in Maryborough as she takes some well-earned leave before finishing her placement on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

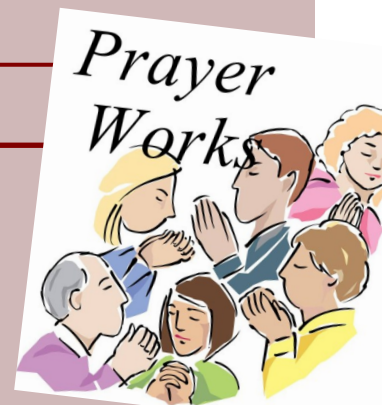


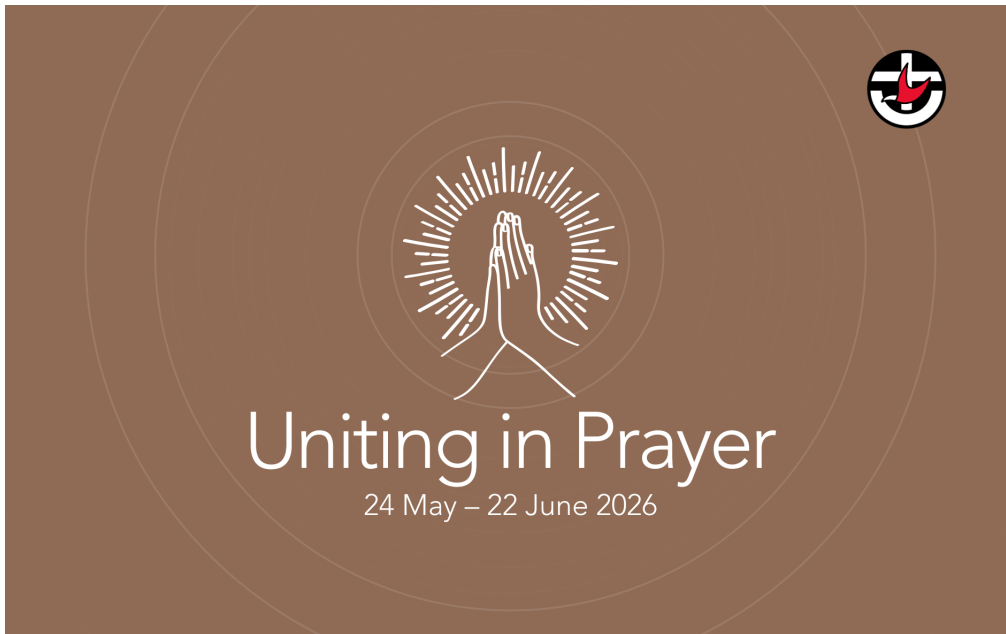
We wish Delma every blessing as she continues to serve God in this new season.  
Naomi Cavalli



## 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)





## Every local Christian church in Australia is invited to take part in the eighth nationwide survey of churchgoers- the 2026 National Church Life Survey.

This year, thousands of churches across 20 denominations will take part in the National Church Life Survey (NCLS). Since 1991, the NCLS has provided trusted insights into church life and trends, making it the longest-running survey of its kind in the world. Post-COVID, this year's snapshot is a vital check.

**All Uniting Church congregations are encouraged to participate. We want to hear from all voices!**

### **Cost involved:**

Qld Synod pay the \$400 fee, per local church.

Congregations pay \$2 per survey (no cost if congregation < 30)

### **To Sign-Up:**

Please email our regional co-ordinator, Naomi Bell, to confirm participation and order the number of surveys required for your congregation. Email Naomi: [naomi.bell@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:naomi.bell@ucaqld.com.au)

To learn more about the NCLS you can watch the Norman and Mary Millar Lecture from the 36th Synod featuring Dr Ruth Powell, Executive Director of NCLS Research: [Norman and Mary Millar Lecture - Dr Ruth Powell NCLS](#).

General information about the NCLS survey can be found on the [NCLS website](#)

(source MRP newsletter 21/5/26)



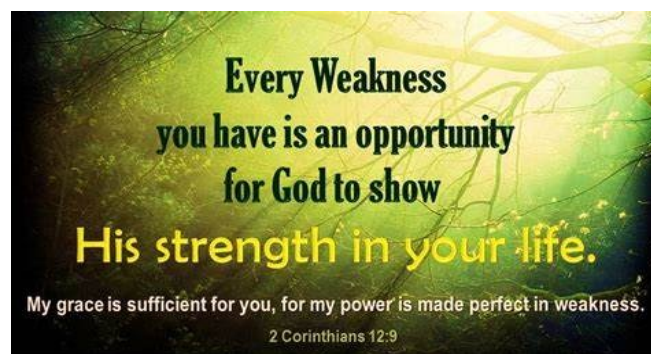
Rather than only helping migrants from Sumba arriving in Bali, Rev Betha and her team at MBM (the development agency of the Protestant Christian Church in Bali) went upstream, partnering with the Sumba Christian Church to reach families at home, before poverty forces them to leave. More resilient food gardens. Water access. Agricultural mentoring.

Our partners in Bali and Sumba are driven by the promise of life in abundance that God intended for every person. And together we can help that promise become real. This End of Financial Year, will you stand with the world's poorest?

**Right now is the most powerful time to give** - for every \$1 you donate, we can access up to \$5 more from the Australian Government\*, meaning your gift has up to six times the impact.

**Donate today:** [donate.unitingworld.org.au/eofy2026](https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/eofy2026)

(Source Uniting News 2/6/26)





# NAIDOC WEEK

## 50 YEARS DEADLY

5-12 JULY 2026

**Rev Bruce Moore, Moderator of the Uniting Church Qld  
together with  
Rev Roberta Stanley, Chairperson Uniting Aboriginal and Islander  
Christian Congress, Queensland  
invites you a NAIDOC Day Service of honouring and celebration**

*For five decades, NAIDOC Week has celebrated the voices of our communities - steady, unapologetic, and proud.*

*Each year, its themes have called for truth, celebrated culture, honoured resistance, and reminded the nation of who we are.*

*Fifty Years of Deadly marks a milestone. It's a tribute to the people who built this movement. The Elders who stood firm, the organisers who made space, the artists who turned resistance into expression, and the communities who keep showing up, year after year.*

*At this time, the Uniting Church acknowledges and pays our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have been the continuing voice of truth, in seeking justice and renewed life, through the reconciling love of Christ.*

*We wish you to join us at a service of honouring and celebration for 50 Years of Deadly and visioning all that is yet to be written as our future story.*

**Venue:** Albert Street Uniting Church

**Date:** Wednesday, 8 July 2026

**Time:** 5:00pm with a 6:30pm dinner afterwards

**RSVP by 22 June 2026 via the QR code or the following registration link  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DLNMJ>**



## Dates for your Diary

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### **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 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**

\* 23 June Commissioning DongWoo Oh - BlueCare Bundaberg

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

\* 26 June 2026

### **SYNOD**

\* 22 - 26 Oct 2026

### **ASSEMBLY**

\* July 2027

### **MINISTERS RETREAT**

### **RETIRED REVS**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God" "



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### **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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CEM coordinator

I alone cannot change the  
world, but I can cast a  
stone across the waters  
to create many ripples.

– Mother Teresa

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HAD IN MIND WHEN YOU INVITED ME OVER  
FOR A BIBLE STUDY

## 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.

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