



Reflection - Rev Neil Storey

WHERE TO NOW?

Every day we are under the influence of someone. We get out of bed and reach for the mobile phone before we get the precious first cup of coffee.

We jump into our car and follow the lane marking to turn left, right or maybe continue straight. We are going somewhere new and we punch the address into the navigation app and allow it to guide us (hopefully safely) to our location.

The idea of following is as old as the Bible itself, in Genesis we see Adam follow Eve to the tree of knowledge, we see Moses lead God's people through the desert to the promised land. But who or what do we follow today?

I have just completed my first half marathon, 21.1km of running and it would not have been possible without the support of the team who has worked behind the scenes to get me ready. I learnt to follow their advice even if it meant I had to do things that I was not comfortable with.

A friend once invited me to go for a walk and I asked where we were going to which she responded does it matter? When you are going for a dander as we call it in Northern Ireland it really does not matter where you go, but if you want to get somewhere in particular then the direction you travel makes a huge difference.

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The reality is sometimes we are followers and sometimes we are leaders, YES EVEN YOU are a leader. We follow Jesus but we lead our kids and our grandchildren, we also have a role in leading our church.

We get to elect elders, we select our leaders for Church Council and we also get to go to Presbytery or Synod. This year there are some big changes proposed for how the church functions and soon there will be “town hall” discussion groups being held.

I encourage you to take your role as a leader in the church and attend one of these town halls. This is your chance to influence the final synod proposal, remember if you chose not to go then someone else will influence those preparing the proposal, it might be AI, it might be Google or it could be you, you could be the one carrying the word God wants our leaders to hear.

Blessings

Rev Neil Storey

Noosa Coastal Uniting Church

Church Council Updates?

If your church council members have changed please don't forget to inform Kylie, at admin@maryburnettpres.org.au to ensure your church council is kept informed.

Also, for compliance with ACNC, complete the change of key person form which needs to be sent to both directory@ucaqld.com.au and admin@maryburnettpres.org.au. Synod will use this form to update the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission) register. Change of Key Persons Bulk form is available on the [Presbytery Website](#).

Kylie Aalbers
Presbytery Administration.

Graham's Diary

August

2 Hervey Bay 40th Anniversary
8 Burnett Network Support Team
9 Uniting Life for Worship
13 PRSC - Gympie
16 Cooroy Pomona for Worship
19 PSI

20 Placements

30 Blackall Range for Worship



Presbytery Meeting Dates 2026

Save the dates now!

14 November - Bundaberg

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)**

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.](#)



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=VDcxd1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994146488?pwd=VDcxd1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09)

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

Prayer

Lord, hear our cry and listen to our prayer.

You see what is true in us,
even when we can't.

Test our hearts and change us,
lead us back to what is right.

Guard us as your people.

Just as you are always near us,
may we draw close to you,

that you may hide us in your care
when we are weak or distracted.

Let us see your faithful love again,
and rescue us from what pulls us away
from you.

Amen.

(source Uniting News 28/7/26)

Let me know what's happening in your congregation
admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

BlueCare Sunday



BlueCare Sunday - August 23rd 2026

BlueCare has now been running for 73 years. If you would like to run a BlueCare service and need resources, please contact;

Andi Griggs E: andi.griggs@ucareqld.com.au

To read about good news stories or ways to donate, please go to the BlueCare website [here](#).

Quote

The only clear line I draw these days is this:
When my religion tries to come between me and my
neighbour, I will choose my neighbour. Jesus never
commanded me to love my religion.

Barbara Brown Taylor

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.



Resist... Rest... Rhythm... An Exhibition by Wendy Jarrott-Smith

On now until 31 August!

Often in life, we just need to call 'time out' from life's busy-ness and demands. After many years of work, people sometimes take a 'Sabbatical'... an extended time away from paid work, to study, travel or pursue personal growth. It's interesting that this word has its root in Christian Scripture, where we are called to take a Sabbath... a 'day of rest'.

In my own life, I have come to understand that taking 'time out' often means 'RESISTING' the should-dos, have-tos, must-dos and demands of others... of intentionally setting aside time for REST... so that we can find again the unique RHYTHM of our life, and rediscover what we can bring as 'gifts' to our world. The paintings and photographs in this display all reference these themes.

My art is 'conceptual'... an art of 'words & pictures'. So, as you look at my paintings and photographs on display, please take the time to read the accompanying reflections, for they express the 'soul' of my work, and complement how I see the world through the lens of my camera, or at the tip of my paintbrush.

'Conceptual art' helps us to observe the 'rub' between the temporal and eternal worlds, through our human experiences. The Celtic Christians would describe this space between the temporal, material world and the eternal world, as a 'thin place', and it is in the 'thin places' in our lives, that we often see the hand of God.
I have found this to be true in my life. For that I am very thankful.

Wendy Jarrott-Smith

(source Monville Reflection Gallery email)



HISTORY SYMPOSIUM



15TH AUGUST 2026
Church History Symposium 15th August @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | \$20.00

Join us at Trinity College Queensland for the **Church History Symposium: Celebrating (Almost) 50 Years of the Uniting Church in Queensland** on **Saturday 15 August, 9:00am–4:00pm**.

This day forms part of Dr Rachel Krohn's unit, **History of Christianity in Australia**, and will focus on the last almost 50 years of the Uniting Church in Queensland. Through lectures, discussion, and Q&A, participants will reflect on the history of the UCA in Queensland and consider how that history shapes our understanding of the church today and our hopes for the future.

Sessions will explore the history of the UCA in Queensland, the history of the UAICC in Queensland, multicultural expressions of the Uniting Church, and the history of UCA theological education in Queensland, including Trinity College Queensland.

This symposium is open to students, ministers, lay people, scholars, and anyone interested in the story of the Uniting Church in Queensland.

Registration is \$20 per person, which includes **morning tea and lunch**.

We warmly invite you to come along, learn, reflect, and be part of the conversation.

(Source Uniting News 28/7/26)



August

4th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day
30 Frontier Services Sunday

September

1st Season of Creation (until 4 Oct)

October

4th Older Person's Sunday
20th Anniversary - National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

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

Presbytery Office

Maroochydore Uniting
Church
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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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INVITATION – Celebration of Ministries Service

This October the Queensland Synod will host its 39th Synod in Session. An important part of the business agenda is the Celebration of Ministries that gives acknowledgement and recognition of retired ministers, joyfully welcomes newly ordained ministers and gives solemn reflection of those ministers that have passed since the last Queensland Synod meeting.

You are invited to attend the 39th Synod in Session Celebration of Ministries Service

Date: Thursday, 22 October 2026

Time: 10.45am for 11.00am

Venue: Albert Street Uniting Church, 319 Albert St, Brisbane City

RSVP: Friday, 9 October 2026 via [Register Now](#)

Lunch will be provided after the service in the Burnett Room

(Source Uniting News 28/7/2026)





Do you have a proposal to put to the 39th Synod? The Proposal template and guidelines are available on the Synod in Session website for Synod Members or can be found here:

[39th Synod General Proposal Guideline](#)
[39th Synod Proposal template](#)

Draft proposals must be received at the Synod Office no later than 4.00pm Thursday 20th August 2026 and will be subject to review by the Business Committee. Questions regarding submitting a proposal to the 39th Synod should be submitted to **governance@ucaqlld.com.au**

(Source Uniting News 28/7/2026)

Jesus knows me, this I love!

Please pray for our chaplains

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| * Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim PH) | * Mr Peter Robertson (Hervey Bay) |
| * Rev James Stevenson (Buderim PH) | * Ms Jo Mould (Kingaroy) |
| * Ps Kristen Porter (Buderim PH) | * Mrs Helen Cifuentes (Caloundra/ Maleny) |
| * Rev Keren Seto (St Stephens) | * Ps Peter Sutcliffe (Bundaberg retirement living) |
| * Ms Donna Hamill (St Stephens) | * Ps DongWoo Oh (Bundaberg aged care) |
| * Ps Jim Hall (Bli Bli/Gympie) | |
| * Mr Craig Doherty (Sunrise Beach) | |



Open Call for Photographers, Writers and Artists

2026 Season of Creation Art and Photography Exhibition



Accepting Artworks to be displayed at
St John's Cathedral, Brisbane and online
throughout September to celebrate Season of Creation

Submit your creations by 6th August:

Artworks can be emailed, posted or delivered to Queensland Churches Together.

Please email admin@qct.org.au or call 07 3369 6792 to arrange delivery

Contact Craig Batty : 0414 744 558 OR Jackie Fewtrell: 07 3369 6792







 9AM - 1PM  NEW LIFE ROBINA

THIS WEEK

Guest speakers

MATT MARKINS - FORMING FAITH
ANDY KIRK - ONEHOPE
JAMES HUNT - NEW LIFE CHURCH

01 AUGUST 2026



AMPLIFY is now completely FREE for all Kids and Family Pastors, leaders and volunteer teams. Our heart is simple - we want as many churches as possible to experience this day together.

Matt Markins, CEO of Awana and one of the world's leading voices in child discipleship, will be with us. Matt is genuinely excited to spend the day with Australian church leaders and we believe he will share a timely word for us. As we all wrestle with how to disciple children and partner with families in today's culture, we know you'll return to your church encouraged, challenged and equipped with practical next steps and a new shared vision for the future.

AMPLIFY

Saturday, 1st August

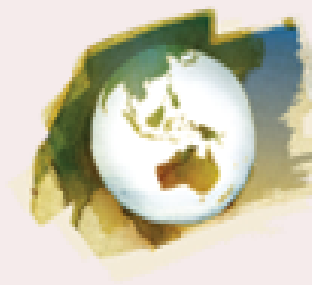
9:00am–1:00pm

Newlife Church, Robina (Gold Coast)

While the event is free, **registrations are still essential** so we can finalise seating, resources and morning tea.

[Register yourself and your team today](#)

(source Uniting News 28/7/26)



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7 DAYS WITHOUT PRAYER MAKES ONE WEAK

Dates for your Diary

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

14 November - Bundaberg UC
Business meeting Saturday 9am

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

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 - Bundaberg

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

* Ministers - 13 Nov - Bundaberg

INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

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

* 28 August 2026

SYNOD

* 22 - 26 Oct 2026

ASSEMBLY

* 8th - 13th July 2027

MINISTERS RETREAT

RETIRED REVS

Romans 8:28

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

God's love knows
no bounds



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website correct?

Please email changes to
admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

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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Professional Supervision coordinator
Period of Discernment Coordinator
CEM coordinator

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

PASTORAL RELATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Mrs Naomi Cavalli (Secretary)
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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.