



Phil Smith MEO bloke!

Hi Folks

How we long for the "good old days". Bruce Springsteen sang about 'Glory Days'.

It seems Jesus longs for the good old days, too.

At an historic moment in our Presbytery; a year that will see enormous change among our congregations and faith communities (some of which are yet to be planted!), we might do well to read what Jesus had John write to our forebears; the congregation in Ephesus.

"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evil-doers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. ³ I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first." (Rev. 2: 2-5)

Our movement has always had a hand to the plough, and the past few years have seen much work, toil and patient endurance. All good stuff, but duty doesn't always come with joy.

We are not afraid to wrestle with what we believe, making every effort to discern the truth. We don't always get it right but we don't give up.

Our significant challenges are nothing like what the Ephesians endured patiently and bore for His name's sake.... and, to be honest Jesus, sometimes we grow weary.

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Why? Because we have fallen from our first love, abandoned what we had at first. Remember when we started out and sharing the GOOD News about Jesus, in a new way, was such a buzz?! That was first love.

'Works' are good, but *wonder* is found in first love.

'Persistence' is necessary, but *passion* comes with first love.

'Endurance' doesn't hold a candle to *excitement*.

Debating right and wrong can be wasted time compared to *intimate, heart-to-heart conversation*.

"Remember what we have abandoned - the love we have fallen from." Funny how Jesus' very next words aren't about happy-clappy heart throb. He says, "Repent"; ***change your mindset.*** There's a decision for us to make, now. As Bob Dylan puts it, "Change my way of thinking."

Then, it will be time to "do the works you did at first."
What works were they?

It was the work of discipleship and evangelism: seeing our own lives transformed as we followed Jesus, and bursting to tell others about His life, death and resurrection so that they too, could know salvation, now and forever. We were ready to "go into the village" when Jesus sent us. We were ready to "go into all the world," because we actually believed all authority in heaven and on earth was His.

Those were the good old days. If you'll allow me one more line from an old-school rocker; Carly Simon reckons, "These are the good old days."

I think they can be

Phil Smith
Mission Engagement Officer

Lent 2023 materials and resources are now available

Each week there is a reflection, discussion questions, and challenges to help you and your community consider practices that form people who become lifelong followers of Jesus' way. Following this year's Lectionary readings, this material will explore parts of Jesus' recorded ministry and discover some of the templates he set for his disciples when he invited them to "follow me".
Sign up for updates [here](#) and [click here](#) to 'Journey with Jesus' during Lent.

Possible electricity savings

The Synod Office is exploring options for saving money on your electricity expenditure. To register your interest in this initiative, please email bdu@ucaqlld.com.au with the following;

- Contact details
 - Congregation or UEL location
 - Four most recent electricity bills
- Please contact bdu@ucaqlld.com.au if you have any questions.**

Graham's Diary

March

8 Standing Committee/PRC Zoom meeting
12 Coolum Beach Congregation meeting
18 Presbytery - Maryborough
21 Property/Insurance workshop
22 PSI - Bne
23 Placements - Bne
24 MC3 Meeting at Synod office

Graham is available and willing to come and visit, and/or preach so that he can get to know the Presbytery, and people get to know him.

Contact Graham at
presmin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Presbytery Meeting Dates 2023

March 18 - Maryborough
Treasurer election - Nominations please

July 22 Glasshouse Mountains
November 10 - 12 Camp Pialba Live in
Collegiality

Mary Burnett Online Services

[Bargara](#) - Facebook

[Blackall Range](#) - Website

[Bundaberg](#) - YouTube

[Cooroy/Pomona](#) - Facebook

[Gympie Uniting Church](#) - YouTube

[Hervey Bay](#) - YouTube

[Mooloolaba](#) - Facebook

Apologies if I've missed anyone.

The Synod office has put together a list of Queensland Uniting Church congregations live streaming available on the [website](#).

[Bells](#) - Facebook

[Buderim](#) - YouTube

[Caloundra](#) - Facebook

[Glasshouse Country](#) - YouTube

[Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook

[Nambour](#) - YouTube

Standing Committee and PRC 2023 Meetings

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

† 13 Apr 2023

† 8 Jun 2023

† 10 Aug 2023

† 12 Oct 2023

† 7 Dec 2023

Have you read any good books recently?

Email your review to me at admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Lamington Outreach

Everyone tells me that doing outreach Ministry is hard, so who would have thought the humble lamington was an outreach tool!

Buderim Rotary Club celebrated Australia Day in a new way in 2023, with a picnic in the park, and Buderim Uniting Church was invited to participate in this celebration and what an opportunity to connect with the community that we have been planted in.

The formula was simple a Gazebo, 300 plus lamingtons, a local community event and an army of volunteers. Some served on the day, some made lamingtons and others went to the local shop instead.



One of our volunteers was very busy ensuring the quality of our samples and reliably informed us that those made with jam in the middle rated highest amongst young ones, followed closely by other home-made lamingtons, closely followed by the Noosa Bakery made ones then poor old Woollies (but still attractive).

During the day we gave away over 300 lamingtons, which was over 300 opportunities to connect with people. It was exciting to see the many conversations that those who served were involved in. It was exciting to see people who thought doing mission was hard was as simple as giving someone a lamington and inviting them into a conversation.

Many pamphlets were given away to people inviting them to join us in our community, an invitation to take one step closer to Jesus Christ.

Rev Neil Storey
Buderim UC

Gifts in Wills webinar

Would you like to make a difference for generations to come? Leaving a gift to the church, no matter how large or small, can make a difference in missional work. Do you want to learn more about how to leave a gift in your will to the church? We will hold a free webinar on Tuesday, April 18, at 11:30 am. This webinar will cover the role of The Property Trust in estates management and everything you need to know about how to leave a gift to your congregation or the church as a whole. We will have a senior associate from Thynne Macartney talk about what useful gifts you can leave to the church.

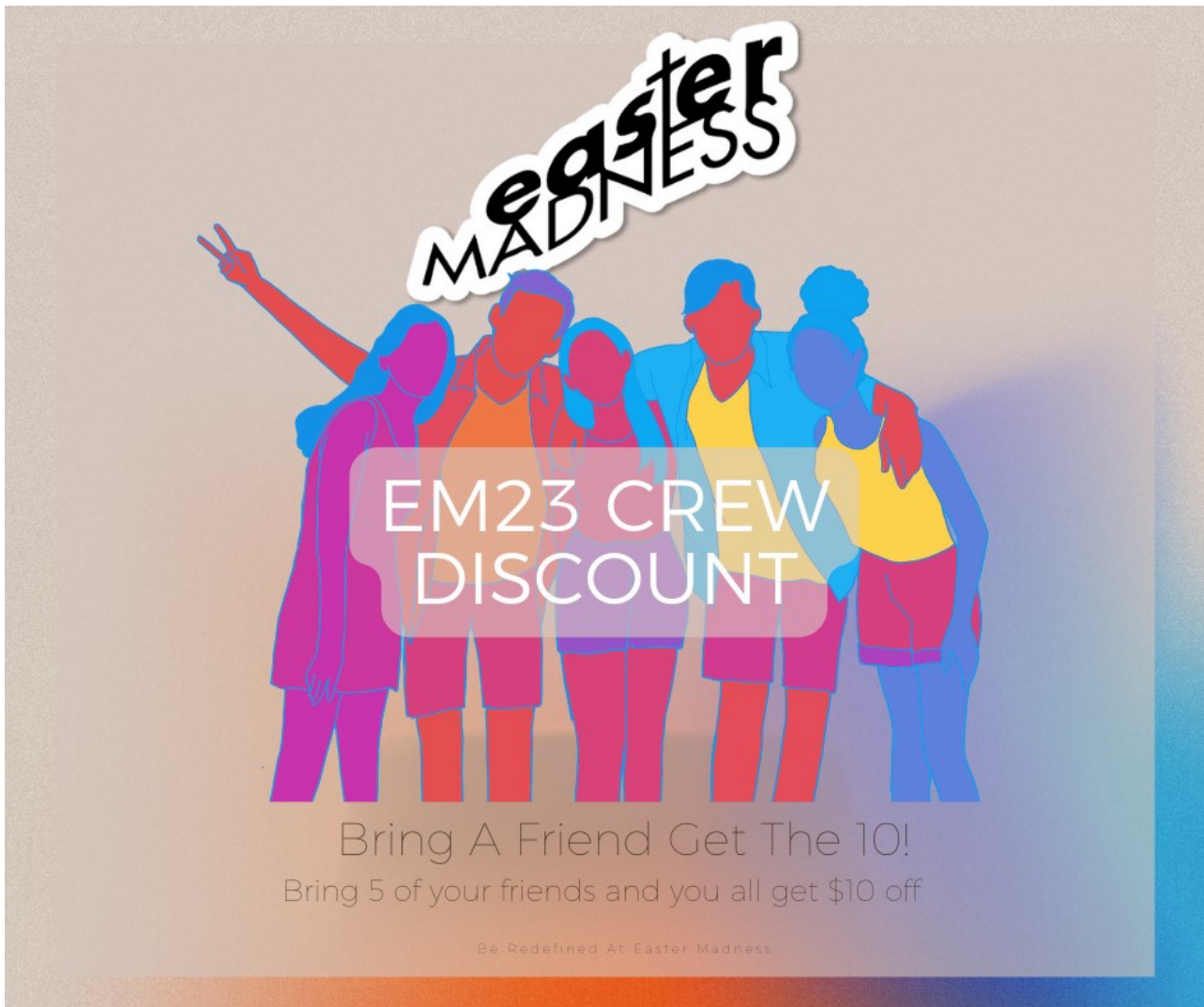
When: Tuesday, April 18 at 11:30 am

Where: Online event - Webinar

[Click here](#) to register.

If you have any questions, contact Vanessa, the Office of the Synod's Fundraising Support Manager, at vanessa.griffiths@ucaqlld.com.au.

Easter Madness '23 - April 1st - 4th



There are some things that can't capture what your crew means to us. So don't waste anytime and encourage 5 of your tribe to register now and take advantage of our "Get The 10 discount"

Discount code: GrpDiscount

[Register now](#)





Glasshouse Mountains welcomes 4 new members to the congregation.

And a photo from the recent Men's Breakfast.



Smile

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

Property & Insurance Workshop 21st March

Do you have a burning questions...
about Property and/or insurance?

Send your questions to me at
admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

I'll ensure your question is asked!

37th Synod in Session

Friday Oct 20

Induction of Rev Bruce Moore as Moderator 7pm
Albert Street UC, 319 Albert Street, Brisbane City

Plenary sessions - October 21 - 24

Commencing 11am Sat 21st.

Alex Park, Alexandra Headlands

Please consider who you would like to nominate as your representative. Approval will be at March Presbytery. -
RSVP 10th March to admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Presbytery committees members

Thank you to all who have stepped into Presbytery roles to serve on our committees.
We welcome:

Presmin: Graham Huth

Chairperson: Liena Hoffman

Secretary: Naomi Cavalli

Treasurer: Peter Mortimer

Mission Engagement Officer: Phil Smith

Property Committee: Liena Hoffman

Standing Committee: Stuart Bosch; Tanya Richards, Susan Mortimer; MEO, Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary; Pres Treasurer

Pastoral Relations Committee: Stuart Bosch, Tanya Richards, Bruce Ames, Margaret Gilbert, Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary

Please pray for the members of these committees as they carry out the work of the Presbytery on our behalf.

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OFFERED FOR ALL THOSE IN
AUTHORITY, SO THAT WE
MAY LEAD TRANQUIL AND
QUIET LIVES IN ALL
GODLINESS AND DIGNITY.



Redcliffe Region Disaster Community Care and Recovery

FREE 2-day Training Workshops

Day 1 – Strengthening Connections

Counselling by Chance / Psychological First Aid / Suicide Intervention

Day 2 - Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy

Provide pastoral presence and support to people and communities following disasters.



Who would benefit from this training?

Day 1

Community Workers, Service Leaders & Managers,
Volunteers & other frontline responders

Day 1 & 2

Pastoral Carers, Community Workers, Chaplains,
Youth Leaders, Pastors & Ministers

Thurs 9 March & Fri 10 March 2023

9am – 4pm

Redcliffe Uniting Community Hub

View and register today:



<https://DisasterRecoveryRedcliffe.eventbrite.com>

Disaster Community Care and Recovery Training.

Click on the above link to register, or if you would like to have this training in your area, please reach out to Andi Griggs at UnitingCare.

Andi Griggs

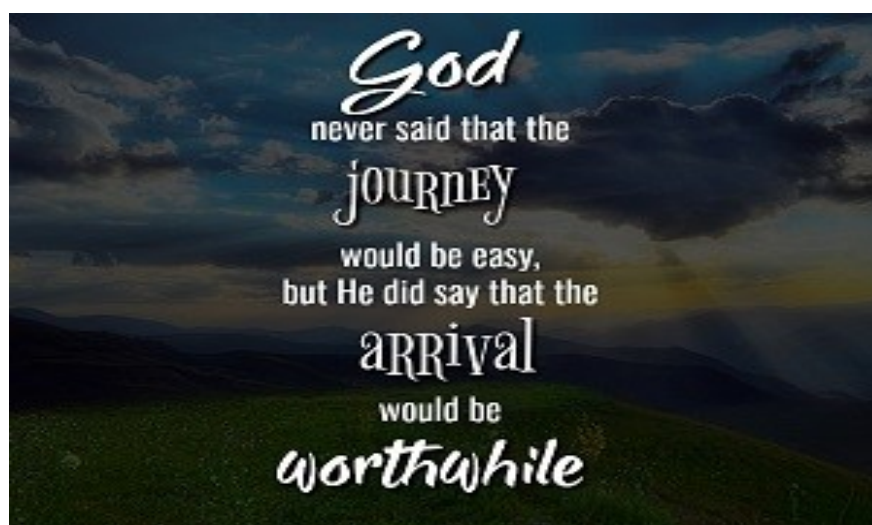
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Mission Group

Tuesdays

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Free Webinar:

How can grant writers help your congregation?

Do grant opportunities fall into the too-hard basket as you don't know where to start? Maybe a grant writer can give you the advice and direction you need without costing a fortune. Come along to a grant webinar to hear from a master grant writer who has helped community organisations with successful grant applications.

Plentify Grant Writing assists clients to navigate the grant application process and prepare high-quality applications that address the questions from the funder. We work with business, sporting and community groups to prepare the necessary grant application components and ensure work is completed prior to funding deadlines.

Anna has bachelor and masters level tertiary qualifications and has worked extensively in the health and agricultural industries. Her interest in grant writing developed through assisting regional not-for-profit community groups prepare successful funding applications to allow completion of vital projects. Anna has completed a Master Grant Writing Course and further developed her skills to prepare high quality grant applications. She has prepared successful submissions for industry, sporting, and community organisations and been involved with small projects valued at a few thousand dollars through to large, multi-million-dollar projects.

Follow the registration process below to get your **FREE** ticket.

When: Thursday, March 16, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: Online event - Webinar

[Click here](#) to register

2023

LEARNING FOR LIVING

COURSE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO EXPLORE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THEIR FAITH - GENERAL INTEREST, ACCREDITED LAY PREACHERS COURSE



SEMESTER 1 2023

Understanding Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)

Textbook & Reference Books

Textbook: R Burnette-Bletsch "Studying the Old Testament (inc CD of resources)"
Other resources will be on OneDrive

Contact: Mia on 3366 0236 or adminsupport@mpres.org.au

Register: bit.ly/Learning4Living2023

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

CLASSES ON ZOOM THURS 7PM - 9.15PM

The classes will be structured to provide an opportunity for participants to engage in exploration of the scriptures including contextual analysis interpretation & application.

There are breaks for the Easter / School Holiday periods to allow time for further reading/ reflection and preparation of assessment. This is a general interest course suitable for all those wanting to explore their faith further as well as for those wishing to undertake Lay Preacher accreditation or considering a Period of Discernment. Facilitated by Dr. Shirley Coulson, Rev Lyn Burden and other qualified guest presenters.

Dates	
FEB: 16 & 23	MAY: 4
MAR: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	JUN: 1, 8, 15, 22
APR: 20, 27	

Learning For Living Course. It is open to everyone who would like to explore the foundation of their faith.

Learning for Living is also an accredited lay preachers course and through the support of participants congregations they can become recognised and accredited within the Uniting Church. It is offered online and a link will be sent to those who register. It is run on **Thursday evenings from 7pm - 9.15pm**, starting on the **16 February**.

Registrations are now open - <https://bit.ly/Learning4Living2023>

Blue Care 70th Birthday



Blue Care 70th Anniversary

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be their local champion for anniversary celebrations.

Planning is already underway for the festivities throughout the year.

If you would like to put your name forward to be your local champion, please contact Sheri Holland.

Sheri.holland@ucareqld.com.au for further information and support.

Please pray for our chaplains

- † Ps Barbara Betts (Kingaroy)
- † Narelle Cramb (Sunshine Coast North)
- † Rev Anna Ashby (Buderim)
- † Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim)
- † Rev Tanya Richards (SCUH)
- † Pastor Peter Pearson (Bundaberg)
- † Rev James Stevenson (Buderim)

- † Rev Keren Seto (St Stephens Hervey Bay)
- † Ps Merisa Holland (Caloundra)
- † Rev Craig Allan (Hervey Bay)
- † Ps Susan Cameron (Caloundra/Maleny)



Grants and funding - The following grants and funding opportunities are available for your congregation.

2023 NAIDOC Local Grants

This grant opportunity provides funding to organisations to contribute to the cost of activities held during NAIDOC Week 2023 (2 - 9 July) that celebrate First Nations' histories, cultures, achievements and continuing contributions to our country and society. Activities should align with the 2023 National NAIDOC Week Theme *For our Elders*. [Click here](#) for more information.

Green care and community garden projects

The Community Sustainability Action grants provide grant funding to eligible community groups and individuals for innovative projects which seek to address climate change, conserve Queensland's natural and built environment and protect our unique wildlife. [Click here](#) for more information.

See page 8 for info on a free grant writing webinar!

Course (online) - introduction to Australia's national charity regulator

As the national regulator, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) has specific functions within the charity sector. Gain a better understanding of the charity sector through this course. You'll learn precisely what falls inside and outside the ACNC's area of regulatory responsibility and what kind of support it can offer Australian charities.

For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

New resource for Church Councils not offering children's activities

Some congregations do not have young families, children, or young people attending and may not offer child-related activities or programs.

A new resource has been developed for congregations to outline their obligations. A copy of this resource is located [here](#). For more information, contact Lynde Davy at safeministrywithchidlren@ucagld.com.au or 07 3377 9833.



JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

9TH – 20TH SEPT 2023

WITH EXPERIENCED
LEADERS DR SCHALK &
MARLENE PIENAAR

13 DAYS

FULLY ESCORTED

*Price is based on minimum of 25 paying participants.
Subject to change. Conditions apply.



Visiting Holy sites in Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Special moments of a swim in the Mediterranean Sea, Holy Communion on the Sea of Galilee, floating on the Dead Sea, Cable car to the top of Masada and many more. We hope to finalise the details of the tour by September 2022, we want to give you the opportunity to express your interest with Schalk or Olive Tree Travel by [clicking here](#) The approximate price will be \$6300-\$6500 per person.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Emirates return economy class airfares
- Current airport and departure taxes
- 11 night's hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Breakfast & dinner daily, from dinner on first day to breakfast on last. All meals at hotels unless otherwise specified.
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach.
- All guiding and entrance fees as per itinerary.
- Sightseeing as per our itinerary.
- Portage fee at hotels.
- 1 small bottle of mineral water per person per day on the bus.
- Headsets (in Israel only)
- Tips and gratuities



NEXT STEPS

- STEP 1: Register your interest with Olive Tree Travel or Schalk Pienaar
STEP 2: To secure your place, a deposit is required by 1 March 2023 (unless sold out prior)
STEP 3: Subsequent deposits maybe be required (will advise with advance notice)
STEP 4: Full payment will be required by mid July 2023.

REV DR SCHALK PIENAAR
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Ph. 1300 550 830 or 03 8488 9696

info@olivetreetravel.com.au
www.olivetreetravel.com.au

103A Gardenvale Road, Gardenvale Victoria 3185

Journey to the Holy Land - To register your interest please [click here](#)

Accommodation on the Sunshine Coast - Urgent

1. Does anyone have any accommodation options to rent (e.g. granny flat, etc) that is available for someone who is either in placement or will be entering a placement. We are urgently seeking possible accommodation options.
2. Do you know someone who is female and over 50, who might be interested in renting a room in a house.

Contact Kylie at

admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

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Resources for digital ministry

Resources for digital ministry are available on the Synod's coronavirus [web-site](#) including:

- [Copyright fact sheet](#)
- [Church social media 101 fact sheet](#)
- [Facebook for church fact sheet](#)
- [Facebook live fact sheet](#)
- [Audio of the social media discussion](#) hosted by the Presbytery of The Downs (video coming soon).

Please submit your congregations' activities to:

admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

What is happening in your church?
Let me know & I can celebrate it in the
Presbytery Newsletter?

- ⇒ Events
- ⇒ Book or Film Reviews
- ⇒ Relevant interesting items
- ⇒ Photo's

Newsletter deadline is 25th of the month.

*Articles are subject to approval.

Do you have someone in your congregation to celebrate?

Tell me about it.....

Dates for your Diary

2023 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

† 18 March - Maryborough

† 22 July - Glasshouse Mountains

Start time: 9.00am

2023 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

† 13 April - Barter St, Gympie

† 8 June

Start time: 9.30am

Submissions accepted for consideration 1 week before meeting.

2023 ZONE MEETINGS

Inland Zone Meeting (Not scheduled)

Northern Zone Meeting (Not scheduled)

MANDATORY REPORTING TRAINING (Ministry Agents)

Ministry Agents – Initial training – Module 1 online,
Module 2 face to face,
Module 3 Online. – Begin cycle again

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING

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† 10 Nov 2023 - Camp Pialba, Hervey Bay - Ministry

Ephesians 4:2

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love.

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

[Online version available here](#) To be completed with 2 or more people together. Then send completed certificates to

admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

† 10 Nov 2023 - Camp Pialba, Hervey Bay

RETREAT (TBC)

INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

† 24 March

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

† 21-24 October 2023



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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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Jesus knows me, this I
love!

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Mr Peter Mortimer (Treasurer)
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Rev Tanya Richards

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DEAR GOD, PLEASE GIVE ME PATIENCE ...
AND I NEED IT RIGHT NOW!!!

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WORK DAYS

Grahams day off is Monday, Phil's day off is Saturday. Liena's is Friday

Whilst Graham, Phil & Liena may check messages and respond to urgent requests, please leave non-urgent matters for their work days. Thank you.