

Mission Engagement Bloke!



The steady work of discipleship.

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything, to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages....

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

As the frenetic pace of the Paris Games continues, that's a big slow-down about growing in Christ from French Jesuit, Catholic priest, scientist, paleontologist, theologian and philosopher, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

Walk, hand in hand with God, because the Bible nowhere mentions running or rushing with God; only walking. Adam walked in the cool of the evening. Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. The disciples walked with Jesus.

Japanese theologian Kasuke Koyama wrote about the Three Mile an Hour God; One whose love and grace grows and is experienced at walking pace.

Our biggest problem might not be rushing, but wandering aimlessly!

Jesus walked thousands of kilometres, forming His disciples. We talk (a lot) in the Uniting Church about 'formation' and 'discipleship'. So, here's a question: "Does your congregation have a shared definition of a 'disciple'?" Could you answer if someone asked at Sunday cuppa, "What is a disciple?"

Jesus spoke often about forming disciples, the work of disciples, the life of discipleship and commissioned His disciples to go and form others in that way.

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witnessing the love and transformation of Jesus

Mary Burnett

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If we don't have clarity around being a disciple, it will be no surprise that our churches don't form/make many more disciples, even though Jesus co-missions us to that specific task. Our common liturgy (the work of God's people) shows formation as head knowledge; sermon and bible-study based learning.

What if discipleship was more like apprenticeship; 1st years watching and learning, 2nd and 3rd years practicing skills, 4th years honing their trade and encouraging beginners, with tradies mentoring, coaching, supervising?

Peter and Paul both use a better metaphor, that of families growing into maturity. If our churches are not growing (in numbers), could it be because we individual Christ followers are not growing? Are we still "mere infants in Christ, consuming milk, not solid food, for we are still not ready for it?"

Jeff Vanderstelt says churches that "make disciples", who in turn go on to raise more disciples, mature their members like a truly multi-generational family.

- Yet to be born, newcomers are welcomed into the world, invited into spiritual life by acts of hospitality, listening, sharing and being served. (We're all doing OK so far.)
- Infants are established in the basics of faith. Given a name at baptism, nurtured and have a seat/high chair at the meal table of communion. (There's that spiritual milk.)
- Children are 'trained up the way they should go', learning the 'One-Another' behaviours of the epistles, learning to feed themselves and taking on the chores and simple tasks of family household. (It's not getting too hard yet, unless we are spoilt, without family responsibilities)
- Young Adults have been mentored, have learned about resilience and self-care. They can prepare the family meal and are preparing to leave home and establish households of their own. (This is where we pause – people moving on? Establishing new spiritual generations?)
- Spiritual Adult Parents have been nurtured, encouraged and equipped, co-missioned and sent to establish new communities/families of faith; bringing others into life, nurturing, teaching and leading newcomers into The Way of Jesus and the family of God's people.
- Spiritual Grandparents are true Elders. To reclaim the Uniting Church's original understanding, they "share in the spiritual oversight of the congregation". They bring wisdom and discernment, equipping and releasing adult Christians to 'start the next generation of the family'.

Do our churches have room and pathways to create new spiritual parents, or will we be always children, depending on a Ministry Agent to feed us each week?

Will we be like big families, or orphanages?

Walking with God may not be fast, but it has a direction and Jesus has directed us to Go into the world and.....

Pastor Phil Smith
Mission Engagement Officer

Graham's Diary

September

7 Howard UC 140 Years celebration
11 Standing Committee & PRC - Zoom
17 Meeting at Synod
18 PSI
19 Placements



Presbytery Meeting Dates 2024

November 8 - 10 Camp Pialba Live in
Corinthians 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

[Blackall Range](#) - Website

[Buderim](#) - YouTube

[Bundaberg](#) - YouTube

[Caloundra](#) - Facebook

[Cooroy/Pomona](#) - Facebook

[Gympie Uniting Church](#) - YouTube

[Hervey Bay](#) - YouTube

[Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook

[Nambour](#) - YouTube

Apologies if I've missed anyone.

Standing Committee and PRC

2024 Meetings

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

Face 2 Face

Zoom

10 Oct

11 Sept

*** 5 Dec**

13 Nov

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

Prayer

Gracious God,

Your strength is sufficient for all that I need. And you know I need so, so much. You know every weakness I am weathering now and all my moments to come.

Lord, I want desperately to be refreshed and renewed with your strength and power so that I can personally handle the hard things in my life I am walking through.

But sometimes that isn't your plan.

Sometimes, your strength comes from others. Or in forms I least expect. Like a surprise encouragement, gift, beautiful blessings, or scenes surrounding me.

Help me to keep leaning on you in my weak moments.

Help me to keep lifting my eyes to you over and over.

And help me to see you. God, you are my strength. You supply all that I need. You have carried me here, and I know you will not stop. You will not fail. I praise you for that.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our savior

Amen.

For God has great Plans for you!

Presbytery committees members

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

We welcome:

[Presmin](#): Graham Huth

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[Mission Engagement Officer](#): Phil Smith

[Property Committee](#): Wendy Jensen, Kylie Aalbers

[Standing Committee](#): Stuart Bosch; Elizabeth Nolan, David Ellis, MEO, Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary; Pres Treasurer, Property Committee, Pres Admin

[Pastoral Relations Committee](#): Stuart Bosch, David Ellis, Elizabeth Nolan, Neil Storey, Margaret Gilbert, Wendy Jensen, Presmin, Pres Chair, Pres Secretary, Pres Admin

I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered for all those in authority, so that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity.

Maryborough UC

Tuesday 3rd September, 6pm, The Australian Romantic and Classical Orchestra.
'The Sunrise' tour.



Featuring pieces from Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Crusell. They will have special guests the Maryborough State High School String Orchestra.

To book go to arco.org.au



2024 | AUSTRALIAN ROMANTIC & CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA
RONARD GIBLIN | FOUNDING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

TUESDAY
3rd SEPTEMBER
6pm

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Luminescent quartets for historic clarinet & strings

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Queensland Government

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YOU BET!!

Ok, so if you know what I'm talking about just from that, then you were most likely part of Day Camp for 2024.

What. A. Camp!



This year we had 102 children join us for a week of fun, and what a time we had. This year's theme was "Cave Quest. Following Jesus the light of the world" which of course meant that we sang the song "this little light of mine" plus many others.

We of course did all of our normal activities, God Time, craft, damper making, fort building, sport, games, cup cake decorating, canoeing, abseiling, bush walking and definitely having an abundance of fun. This year saw us use our wet weather plan for the first time in 15 years and while we rallied together and had a blast, I'm thankful that we have the opportunity to run camp out at Wyper Park. Otherwise we would need a bigger complex for our church!



Once again a huge thank you goes to the Day Camp committee for giving up such a huge amount of your time just in preparation for camp. In fact, I think Bev has the craft planned for next year already!

My next thank you goes to our church. You guys are amazing in your support for this amazing community outreach. To all of the leaders, helpers, site staff and bus monitors, we seriously couldn't do this camp without you. I posted on Facebook that this camp takes a village and I'm so thankful that you are all part of that village. It goes to show, the church isn't a building. It's the people. And lastly, thank you to the parents of our campers. I would say that roughly 70% of the children at camp do not have an affiliation with our church except for camp and for those parents to put their trust in us is something that I don't take for granted. I am so grateful to everyone who makes up the camp experience and I pray that this ministry for the community continues.



Until next year!

Alyce Sutton

Bundaberg Uniting Church Day Camp Director





Volunteers CARE

Lend a hand ... become a pastoral care volunteer.

Do you want to become equipped with the skills to provide pastoral care and support to people in a variety of contexts.

The **Volunteers CARE Essentials Course** is a basic introduction to Christian pastoral care where you will learn the foundational skills needed to get started on your pastoral care volunteer journey.

Venue	Bli Bli Uniting Church 10 Lefoes Rd, Bli Bli
Dates	Tuesday 24 Sept & Monday 30 September 2024
Time	9am - 4pm each day
Contact	Ps. Jim Hall E: j.hall1@bluecare.org.au M: 0447 139 747
Cost	FREE for <u>UnitingCare</u> Volunteers Use Promo Code: UCQVOL Proudly sponsored by <u>UnitingCare</u> QLD

Register now

ucaqld.com.au/volunteers-care



GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY

28th September 2024

21 Sussex St Maryborough QLD

7:00am – 12:30pm



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Caloundra UC

Thanks to great community partnerships, we are fully operational despite the lockdown of our premises.

Worship continues in the Unity College Chapel which has facilities to continue our morning tea after worship and Messy Church relocated next door to the church in Queen St to the Caloundra Community Centre this month.



We had a full house and enjoyed activities inside and outside – plenty of loud music, noise and excitement as we explored the new facilities. Huge effort by the Kitchen crew meant we didn't miss out on sharing great food together!

Uniting Community Breakfasts has also moved next door and serves those in need of a cooked breakfast every Monday from the Community Centre.



'Mainly Music' has settled in to the Guide hall and many other activities are in local community facilities or in people's homes. Alternative sites for activities are indicated in church notices each week.



Our new tear drop flags are helping to guide people to where we are. Change can be refreshing – there's a spirit of excitement in the air. Keep the prayers coming as we move through this exciting phase.

Judy Morrison,
Caloundra UC

Jesus knows me, this I love!

Let me know what your congregation is up to - admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Childers Uniting Church & YWAM

Our team of 6, from YWAM Brisbane, spent 2 weeks in Childers at the end of July. We were hosted at the Uniting church where we painted a mural on the front wall inspired by Psalm 23. We had great opportunities in the surrounding areas of Childers to go into 6 different schools and facilitate puppet shows encompassing the school values, run team building activities and work alongside the students in gardening. We also helped run some church services and worship times, and finished off our time there by volunteering with the Childers festival. We were encouraged by the relationships we made within the community and how welcomed we felt in our time there.

Grace Giffin
YWAM



Smile

Why do your heart, liver and lungs all fit
in your body?
Because they are well organised.



Please pray for our chaplains

- * Mrs Wendy Keeble (Kingaroy)
- * Rev Anna Ashby (Buderim)
- * Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim)
- * 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 Jim Hall (Bli Bli/Gympie)



Bible Fun Trivia!

1. What did Jesus do at the Last Supper, to his disciples?
2. How many lepers did Jesus heal?
3. How many times did David spare Saul's life?
4. What was Matthew before he followed Jesus?



1. Washed their feet
2. 10
3. 2
4. A tax collector

Ministry Agent Face2Face Child Safe Training

With Sue Mulcahy

Friday 8th November - Hervey Bay UC Time TBC

Please RSVP to Kylie to ensure Sue has enough course materials.



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**

CELEBRATING
**140 YEARS
OF COMMUNITY**

EVENT DAY - HOWARD



JOIN US FROM 10AM
SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2024

TO CELEBRATE 140 YEARS OF COMMUNITY WITH
THE HOWARD UNITING CHURCH & VANCOOTENS

HOWARD UNITING CHURCH
28 Coal Street, Howard

Learn about the history of the church via historic displays, recreate your wedding photo on the front steps or come for a delicious devonshire tea.

VANCOOTENS
80 Steley Street, Howard

Official opening with cake cutting at 10am. Great customer specials and giveaways, sausage sizzle, historic displays and celebration merchandise available.

PLUS MORE!

Visit the Howard CWA to celebrate their 75th anniversary. Find the CWA cake stall plus other great market stalls here. Plus don't forget to visit the famous Howard Country Markets.

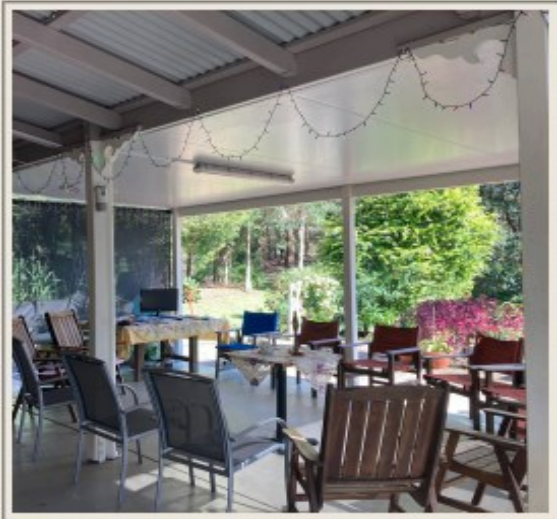
For more information and updates visit vancootens.com



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If you know any of the history of Howard Uniting Church, or have any memorabilia, please email the secretary of Hervey Bay UC - Louise E: Secretarycc@hbuc.org.au

REST, RESTORE, RECREATE



“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me— watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. (Matt. 11: 28-29)



A PLACE OF TRANSFORMATION



Living on an acre of land in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland we love sharing our quiet hideaway with others.

There is plenty of space to sit quietly and contemplate, or walk the local streets and renew both body and mind.

Since settling here scores of people have come, experienced our hospitality and left renewed and ready to live out their life in Christ.

REST, RESTORE, RECREATE
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2024 Retreat days Your Journey - 7 Sept, 30 Nov

There will be times of sharing in a group as well as significant periods when you can spend time in personal conversation with God. Bruce will offer some input and resources and Heather will provide morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. While there is no requirement to pay, for those who want to contribute to the costs, we suggest \$60. If you are interested please email them on b_hjohnson@me.com. They will send you further information and instructions how to find their home.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate Season of Creation.

The theme for Season of Creation this year is "To hope and act with creation" and the symbol "The first fruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

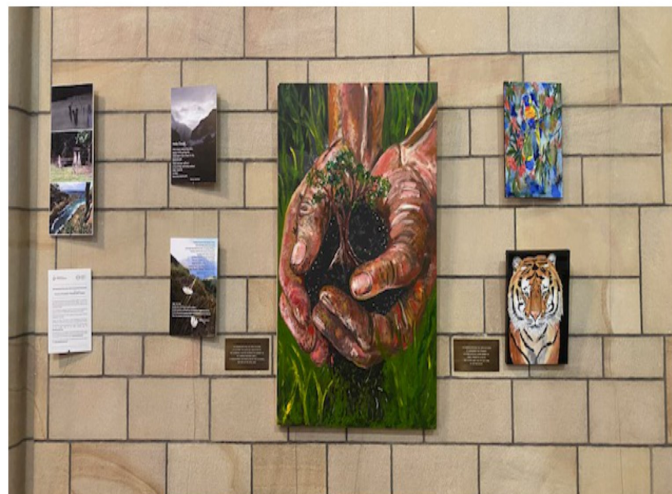
A celebration guide, with ideas for congregations to mark the season and a sample ecumenical prayer service, are now available on the Season of Creation website
<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Upload your creations on with this link [fb.com/qcenvnet](https://www.facebook.com/qcenvnet) or email to admin@qct.org.au

Open Call for

Photographers, Writers and Artists

2024 Season of Creation Art and Photography Exhibition



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

7 DAYS WITHOUT PRAYER MAKES ONE WEAK



Stand with **PACIFIC WOMEN**

Pacific women are building a movement for dignity and equality

For more than a decade now, we've been supporting Pacific women to build a movement for gender equality across our region. Christian women leaders and changemakers have begun to break down the barriers that prevented them from becoming decision makers in their churches, schools, governments and communities.

It's vital work. In a region that has some of the highest rates of violence against women and children, and lowest levels of political representation of women in the world, access to leadership opportunities and seats at the tables of power ensures women's voices are heard and acted on. But there's a long way to go.

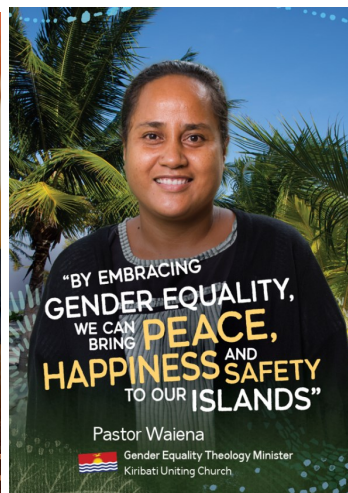
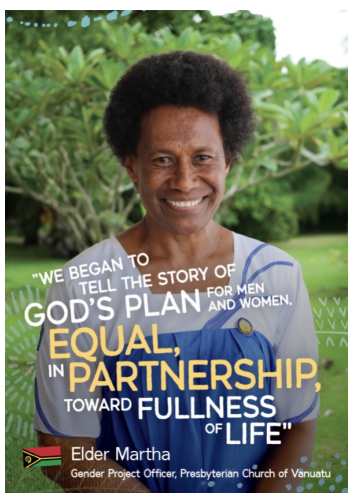
The slow progress on gender equality in the Pacific tells us that we can't just sit back and wait for change to happen. We need to resource and empower women leaders and changemakers now. [Meet some of the Pacific women making change with your support.](#)

Now more than ever we need to stand with Pacific women and help resource their movement. Through this appeal we aim to raise \$90,000 to support our partners faithfully progressing gender equality through church networks in Fiji, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Tuvalu.

Your support will go a long way through the love and determination of Pacific women leaders making powerful change.

Please give generously and [support UnitingWorld's Spring Campaign here.](#)

Jenny Guyatt
Donor Relations Co-ordinator (QLD based)
UnitingWorld





You're invited to our **September OPEN DAYS**, where you can immerse yourself in our learning community by spending a "Day in the Life of" a Trinity student. (Or half a day - whatever suits you!)

Join us **on campus or online** in one or more of our classes on **Tuesday 10 or Wednesday 11 September**.

You can choose from a variety of lectures, join us for chapel, enjoy lunch with us, meet the lecturers, and interact with the community. We'll see you there!

[Register for Free](#)

Multi-Cultural Intensive Short Course: Feb - March 2025

Stepping into cross-cultural ministry can be daunting. This unit will help you understand culture and develop strategies for overcoming cultural barriers. We'll explore how to empower churches to become dynamic multicultural communities.

This will be offered across 4 Saturdays in Feb and March. To learn more or to enrol, contact ask@trinity.qld.edu.au.



Dates for your Diary

2024 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS Start time: 9.00am

- * 8 - 10 November - Camp Pialba
- Business meeting Saturday 9am

2024 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

- * 10 October

- * 5 December

Start time: 9.30am

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING (Ministry Agents)

Ministry Agents – Module 1 online,
Module 2 & 3 face to face, every year.

- *8th November - Ministers Hervey Bay - Time TBC

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING

***CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING**

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MINISTERS RETREAT

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INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

- * 27 Sept

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

- * 16–20 May 2025

ASSEMBLY

- * July 2027

Galatians 2.20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



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Please email changes to admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

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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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God's love knows
no bounds

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.
Phil's day off is Saturday. Whilst Phil may check messages and respond to urgent requests, please leave non-urgent matters for work days. Thank you.

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Pastor Phil Smith
Mrs Naomi Cavalli (Secretary)
Rev David Ellis
Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan
Johan Frank (Presbytery Treasurer)
Mrs Wendy Jensen (Property)
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SERIOUSLY, DAVID ... WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE HARPING ON ME

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