



Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan

“Sacrificial Giving”

We are in the season of celebrating heroes – Easter, ANZAC Day and Mothers’ Day coming soon – occasions for remembering sacrificial giving in the past. I would like to honour sacrificial giving in our Glasshouse Country and Maleny area recently and encourage others to follow their examples.

Until last week, Deb and Judy brought to our church car park the left-over goods from Buck’s bakery in Landsborough every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. These were distributed to the children who gathered after school as well as aged pensioners and some single parent families of the area. No money changed hands and these two women paid for their own fuel and bags to hand the goodies to the children who waited eagerly for some special afternoon tea snacks. A couple of our church members would assist with setting up a table for the display of the bakery items and the hygienic selection of the bread and rolls by adults, but this was really the ministry of these two women and Buck’s bakery generosity. Whatever was left over would go to other community centre outlets the next day. It was a wonderful use of resources and saved landfill waste. These generous people did it not for reward – they probably will be most embarrassed that I have named them – but because of love for their community and those less fortunate.

In previous ministry appointments, my congregations have offered a weekly free lunch or a monthly evening meal for the community, and household goods for recent refugees or displaced flood/bushfire victims.



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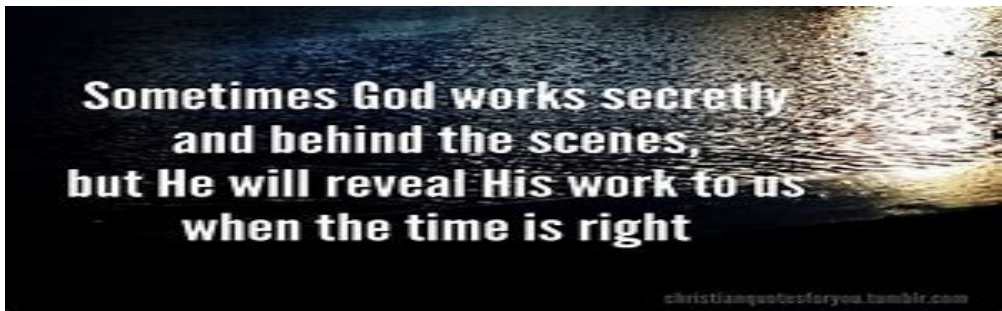
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We are too small a congregation here to be able to offer meals, but collect each week non-perishable food and hygiene goods for distribution through the Neighbourhood Centres at Glasshouse Mountains and Landsborough. We do it because we are trying to obey Jesus' commandments for us to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13: 34) echoing the Hebrew commandment "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." (Deuteronomy 24: 17-22 and Matthew 10:18-19, Luke 19:27.)

Developing a 'Community Spirit' of sharing and caring for others takes a deliberate choice and willingness to do 'sacrificial giving' to others. As the ancestors to the people of Israel were advised by God through the prophet Moses over 4000 years ago, the health of a community depends on caring for others – strangers as well as family and friends. In our 2024 global community, we need to recover this spirit of generosity and compassion recalling how integral it was in times of hardship and war as we celebrate our ANZAC heroes and mothers. May you be inspired by God's generosity and love for you this week, shown through the sacrificial giving of our heroes and neighbours.

God Bless,

*Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan
Glasshouse Country UC*



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Drop in for a cuppa

*Except - SC & PRC face to face meeting days - see page 3

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Graham's Diary

May

Graham will be on sick leave for May

Graham is available and willing to come and visit, and/or preach Contact Graham at presmin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Due to Graham's illness, we will advise when he will again be available to preach or visit.

Presbytery Meeting Dates 2024

July 20 - Gayndah UC
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

[Bundaberg](#) - YouTube

[Cooroy/Pomona](#) - Facebook

[Hervey Bay](#) - YouTube

[Nambour](#) - YouTube

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](#).

[Buderim](#) - YouTube

[Caloundra](#) - Facebook

[Gympie Uniting Church](#) - YouTube

[Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook

Standing Committee and PRC

2024 Meetings

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

Face 2 Face

* 13 June

* 8 Aug

* 10 Oct

* 5 Dec

Zoom

8 May

10 Jul

11 Sept

13 Nov

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

ANZAC service at Glasshouse Views on 23rd April 2024

Residents at Glasshouse Views, Beerwah gathered outside near the flagpole for an ANZAC Day service of Remembrance led by Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan, UCA and Mr Peter Bowles, RSL. Residents sang the hymn "Abide with me" as well as the National Anthem while Margaret Faulkner read the ANZAC Requiem and Steve read the poem "Simpson and his donkey" by David Smith White. Elizabeth led prayers and gave the message based on the gospel of John 15: 12-13 with the importance of LOVE for one another which can overcome fear and hatred. She reminded us that psychologists tell us that 'GIVING love is more important for our well-being as humans than just receiving love.' Mutual care and compassion for others can transform our world, not just in war times, but in everyday life.

Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan



Jesus knows me, this I love!

Presbytery committees members

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

We welcome:

[Presmin:](#) Graham Huth

[Chairperson:](#) Russell Morris

[Secretary:](#) Naomi Cavalli

[Treasurer:](#) Johan Frank

[Admin:](#) Kylie Aalbers

[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

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

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.

G'day

Hoping that you were able to fully enter the story of Easter and that you are inspired to act with courage in loving others.

Church buildings can be community assets hidden in plain sight. With collaboration between a congregation and the broader community, church buildings can be assets for the community that facilitate relationships. A unique ability of inclusive Christian communities (which is what most UCA congregations are) is the capacity to facilitate relational spaces, where a sense of belonging and acceptance is fostered, and friendship and support is offered. These can be spaces that address the epidemic of loneliness and social isolation that is gripping our communities. Which is now even further exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis. Highlighted recently in an article by the ABC:- [No family visits, weekend barbecues or non-essential travel. Australians reveal cost-of-living isolation - ABC News](#)

However, in desiring to collaborate with the broader community, congregations need to take a few things into consideration about how the space is equipped and decorated. This has such an impact upon how a space makes people feel.

The space you are inviting people into must be comfortable and welcoming. It should be disarming, putting people at ease. There should not be symbols within the welcoming area that put people on edge or make people feel as though it is not a space for them – as though they don't belong. People have to feel as though they can relax and be themselves within the space.

There are 2 things a church building should not be:-

Not a museum. Unfortunately, some church buildings remain a museum to the halcyon days of the congregation. One church hall I have visited had a mural covering an entire wall that was done by the Youth Group in the 1950's. Museums are great places to visit, to be nostalgic, to learn, but not many people tend to socialise in museums. To facilitate a true relational space, people need to do some 'living' there naturally.

Not a storage room for clutter that no-one wants to make the call to throw out. Yet, to have flexibility, to be homely and comfortable, to be relaxing and disarming is important.

If the only space a congregation has beneficial use of is the worship space, can this be used for the community throughout the week? I believe so! It requires some thought and action, but without a doubt communities need spaces in which friendships can be fostered, especially now that the cost-of-living-crisis is leading to social isolation.

Maybe if there is space that is not fully utilised throughout the week, your congregation has a community asset hidden in full sight.

For Further thinking here is a video from a couple of years ago with Emma Hanna - the Community Development Worker at Manningham Uniting Church. Emma shares some of the thinking about making a Welcoming Space.

<https://youtu.be/Pt3mHPbrRyE?si=RRkVhf9GQbctv7iw>

Rev Mat Harry
New and Renewing Communities Catalyst,
Synod of Victoria and Tasmania

And remember that God is always waiting on people faithful enough to be optimistic and bold enough to take the next steps.

2024 140 years of Worship @ Howard Uniting Church

Howard Church was built in 1884 with it being dedicated to the Glory of God in June of that year as a Primitive Methodist Church. Records showed that the first Sunday School was opened May 13 1884 prior to the commissioning of the building.

The cost of the building at the time was £307.15.7 and was opened with a seating capacity of 200 which would have created a sense of togetherness. What joy to see 200 in all of our congregations regularly.

The Howard UC Hall was once the Horton Church which was built in 1886 and was moved to its current location in the 1950's.

The Howard church has had a rich and interesting past. It has been part in a circuit with Childers, then with Maryborough then back with Childers and now in the Hervey Bay cluster.

Through out the year we will have tit-bits about the Howard church.

We have just had new cushions made for the pews making sitting more comfortable.

Louise Crittenden
Hervey Bay UC

(Celebrations plans are underway, watch this space.



20th April—Induction Rev Neil Storey—Noosa Coastal

This was a joyous occasion for Noosa Coastal who have been searching for a minister for 4 years! Rev Graham Johnson provided a charge to Rev Neil in his new role and moving message with Rev Russell Morris conducting the formal proceedings.

Several Presbytery representatives were present along with some ecumenical colleagues.

There was a lovely afternoon tea following the service.



Tiaro Closure Service

On Saturday the 6th April, Rev Russell Morris led a closure service for the Tiaro Uniting Church Hall. There was a good turnout to say farewell to the site and building, and a lovely service held outside, followed by a beautiful afternoon tea.

In 2018 the church was literally blown off it's stumps and had to be demolished. Since then the small congregation continued worship in the hall. The hall last year, was closed on the advice of structural engineers.





Ecumenical Seminar

21st to 23rd June 2024

at St Ursula's College

1 Warra Street, Newtown, Toowoomba

"Let God recharge your batteries"

Speaker

Rev Bruce Johnson

Retired Uniting Church Minister

Former Queensland Moderator of Uniting Church

Former Chair of Queensland Churches Together

Seminar Cost including accommodation and meals is;

\$180 per person

\$80 per person - No accommodation

\$40 per person - Per day

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Prayer

Dear Lord,

With profound humility, I bow before Your eternal grace, yearning for the rekindling of my faith. Strengthen the very core of my belief in Your divine plan and purpose. When the tempest of doubt assails me, may my faith stand unwavering, rooted in the soil of Your infinite wisdom and boundless love. For Your unswerving presence, I am profoundly thankful.

Amen

Smile

I used to play piano by ear.
Now I use my hands.

Don't trust atoms - they make up everything!



For God has great
Plans for you!

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 Susan Cameron (Caloundra/Maleny)
- * Ps Jim Hall (Bli Bli/Gympie)



Bible Fun Trivia!

1. How many people were aboard Noah's ark?
2. How many plagues did God send to Egypt?
3. Who wrote the first 5 books of the Old Testament?
4. What does the word Israel mean?



1. 8
2. 10
3. Moses
4. Prevails with God

Ministry Agent Face2Face Child Safe Training

With Sue Mulcahy

Thursday 4th July - 9.30am - Maroochydore Uniting Church
6 Millwell Rd, Maroochydore

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

Newsletter deadline is 25th of the month.

*Articles are subject to approval.



Uniting in Prayer - Save the Date 19 May - 22 June

Led by the Act2 Project, Uniting in Prayer is a national Uniting Church prayer event to take place between Pentecost and the 47th Uniting Church Anniversary (19 May – 22 June 2024). As discernment continues about future directions for the Uniting Church, this is a time to come together in thanksgiving and hope, in openness to the Holy Spirit.

[Sign up now](#)

For 35 days we'll share in daily prayers from across our Church, gather for prayer and worship and pray for each other through a national prayer chain which will connect every Uniting Church community to others.

In 2024, the daily prayers will have an emphasis on creativity and include written prayers, videos, images, songs, poetry and art. There is an open call for prayer submissions, with creatives particularly encouraged to contribute. Prayers are due 31 March 2024.

A range of prayer and worship resources will be available in mid-April.

Save the date now in your personal and church calendars and sign up on the website to receive the resources, daily prayers and updates straight to your inbox.

(source National Update 31/1/24)

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 18th May - We often think of the activity of the Holy Spirit as surprising and coming without warning. However the Disciples were told to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit had come. There the Disciples waited upon God. They prepared themselves for what God wanted to do.

Heather and Bruce Johnson invite you to come to their home at Witta and share in a day of waiting on Saturday 18 May from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Make this day a time of prayerful preparation for the Day of Pentecost. What does God want to do in and through you?

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.

Other retreats—7 Sept, 30 Nov

Montville Reflection Gallery

Wendy Jarrott Smith's "Nourish and Flourish" artworks has been installed in the Reflection Gallery. The previous display was there throughout March and featured Dr Gregg Nowell's Stations of the Cross series.

Wendy writes "*Standard apple and pear trees can easily flourish for over 50 years, but their longevity is hugely dependent upon their nourishment and nurture. Good soil; attention to indicators of disease; fertiliser; rain and appropriate pruning methods will add to the health and vigour of the tree.*"

The health of our souls, bodies and spirits requires much the same conditions. Physical, emotional and spiritual disease needs to be dealt with...nutrition needs to be provided.... and sometimes things need to be 'pruned' from our lives in order for new life to flourish.

In John 15 : 1-3 in the Bible, it says.....

"He cuts off every branch that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, so that it will be even more fruitful."

About 7 years ago, an unexpected illness 'pruned back my life', but also gave me more time and 'creative space' in my world, to be able to commit to painting and writing more regularly. For me, it was a time to 'NOURISH and FLOURISH', and the name of my exhibit today!

***Is something being pruned from your life at the moment?
Perhaps a habit? A relationship? An unbelief?
Is this a chance for you to flourish in a new way?
'Pruning' can be painful, but it has great benefits for your life.***

May my paintings and reflections be an encouragement to you to 'nourish and flourish', wherever you are today, on the journey of life! Warmly."

Thank you, Wendy, for sharing your witness with us in this way.

The Visitors Book continues to give some indication of the worldwide reach of the gallery. The aim of providing a place for quiet reflection seems to be being realized.

Thank you for your support. Please continue to pray for the Gallery and its outreach, for the people that visit it, for Wendy, the artist whose work is now on display and for Gregg.

Grace and peace to you.

Ruth Potter and Barbara Willcocks



God's love knows no
bounds



Frontier Services

Standing with people in the bush

Frontier Services has launched its Autumn Appeal, fundraising in support of people like Wayne, Betty and Monty in Manna Hill, South Australia - a town with just six residents! For years they've faced overwhelming challenges from health struggles to isolation. But with the help of Frontier Services' Bush Chaplains and Outback Links volunteers, their lives are changing. Join Frontier Services in making a difference in rural and remote Australia and [donate today](#).

(source—UCA national update 20/3/24)



PACIFIC DAY OF PRAYER

3rd May, 2024.



This Friday 3 May is the 2024 Pacific Day of Prayer, organised each year by the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC). This year's worship liturgy has been prepared by the Etaretia Porotetani Maohi Protestant Church in French Polynesia/Tahiti. As a member church of the PCC, Uniting Church communities are invited to join in prayer with our siblings in Christ in the Pacific.

[Download the liturgy here](#)

(source—UCA national update 1/5/24)

Uniting World



He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
(Micah 6:8)

UnitingWorld Sunday is the opportunity to celebrate the Uniting Church's global church partners and learn about the work they are doing in their local communities.

2024's theme is Micah 6:8, 'to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God'. Resources are available including a video sermon and liturgy.

UnitingWorld Sunday takes place on 12 May but you can celebrate whenever it suits your church calendar.

Rev. Dr Kolimon will share a video sermon and Rev. Dr Apwee Ting has written a liturgy focusing on our partners in South East Asia.

Register now and we'll send them to you as soon as they are available!

In the meantime, you can check out the great range of resources already available, including a liturgy (2023), sermon video (2023), PowerPoint resources, colouring-in sheets, information about UnitingWorld, opportunities to give, and more!

[Check out the resources here](#)

(source UCA national update and UnitingWorld website)

Dates for your Diary

2024 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

- * 20 July - Gayndah
 - * 8 - 10 November - Camp Pialba
- Business meeting Saturday 9am
- Start time: 9.00am**

2024 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

- *13 June
 - *8 August
 - *10 October
 - *5 December
- Start time: 9.30am**

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

MANDATORY REPORTING TRAINING (Ministry Agents)

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

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING

- * 4th July Maroochydore UC - Ministers
- *8th November - Ministers Hervey Bay - Time TBC

***CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING**

Online versions on the [Presbytery website](#). To be

Isaiah 41:10

**Do not be afraid—I am with you!
I am your God—let nothing terrify you!
I will make you strong and help you;
I will protect you and save you.**

completed with 2 or more people together. Then send completed certificates to admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

MINISTERS RETREAT

- * 29 April—1 May—Alex Park Combined with Bremer Brisbane and Morton Rivers

INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

12 May - Commissioning of Jo Rogers - Uniting Life Mooloolaba Uniting Church 9am.

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

- * 24 May

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

- * 16—20 May 2025

ASSEMBLY

- * 11 - 16 July 2024



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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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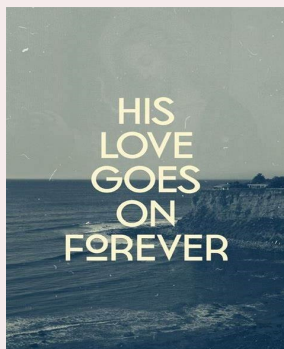
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WORK DAYS

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.

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.