



Ray's Desk



A boy told his father, "Dad, if three frogs were sitting on a limb that hung over a pool, and one frog decided to jump off into the pool, how many frogs would be left on the limb?"

The dad replied, "Two."

"No," the son replied. "There's three frogs and one decides to jump, how many are left?"

The dad said, "Oh, I get it, if one decides to jump, the others would too. So there are none left."

The boy said, "No dad, the answer is three. The frog only DECIDED to jump."

Everyday you and I have tons of choices to make in life. Some will greatly effect our future and others may have no effect at all on our lives. However, those choices that will have the most effect are those choices that God gives to you and I concerning life now and after we die, eternity.

Henry Blackaby once said, "Your life is the sum of the responses you have made toward God. Once God makes himself known to you, what you do next is your decision. Your reaction reflects what you believe about Him"

In Joshua 24:14-15 we read where Joshua called together all the tribes of Israel together and challenged them as to what choice they were going to make about who they were going to serve. Either choose you this day whom ye will serve. Whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Every time we pick up the Bible and read in the Old Testament, we find the children of Israel in yet another quandary. Slavery, lost in the wilderness, hungry, thirsty, trapped, in battles against armies with stronger force....in each trial they were eventually blessed with a victory, but each victory was short lived and quickly forgotten by the thankless lot as indicated by their choices.

Mumbling and grumbling instead of thankfulness. Whining and complaining instead of faithfulness. Looking everywhere and elsewhere for help instead of waiting on their helper. Worshipping gods made by hand instead of leaning on the one who had all power in his hands. Repeatedly in the scriptures we find that they didn't need much persuasion to choose anything and everything but to God! Much like many people today.

We find Joshua calling the children of Israel together to talk about their wavering convictions and commitment to God. Reprimanding just as Elijah did on Mount Carmel and Hosea prophesied about Ephraim. Angered by the level of the ungrateful attitude of this group of people who had the hand of God upon them but chose to look to bronze and silver idols to worship. Joshua's level of anger is evident when he tells the Israelites to choose whom they are going to serve....one or the other! Then reinforcing his level of faith in God, he let's them know that he and his household will serve the Lord!

Choices! We live in a free country. One of the incredible freedoms we have in our nation is to be able to make choices. We have choices each day. We choose rather or not we will get out of bed or lay in all day. We choose rather or not we will shower and dress or not each day. We choose outfits from our wardrobe. Shoes from our closets. We choose what to eat. Choices. We chose the vehicles we drive. The neighborhood's in which we reside. Soon we will have to make a choice for who we want to be our government.. Choices!

We can make choices in every area of our lives, including in our Christian spiritual lives. Making choices about how we will abide in God's will or attempt it our way. We choose whether or not to be cordial or petulant. We choose to be loving or hateful. We choose to be charitable or selfish. Choices. We choose to do right or do wrong. We choose to serve God or not serve God. We choose to be humble or filled with pumped up pride. We choose to worship and praise God or not. We choose to pray or not to pray. We choose to gather together to worship God or stay home and watch television. Choices.

God has given each of us the freedom to choose. But Joshua wanted the people of Israel and us to understand there is a reaction to our actions or what is known as cause and effect! In our choices, the right way is not always the easy way. But to live a life that is Holy, one must try to choose the direction of God.

We must understand, how we function in life is determined by our choices. If we chose to ignore a bill that is due, then we must pay the penalty or late fees that are applied. If we chose to let our laundry pile up, then we must deal with no clean items to wear. If we chose not to go to the grocery store, then we must deal with bare cabinets. Same thing goes for serving God. If we chose to worship political parties, or sportspeople instead of God, then when they fall short our expectations are dashed. In order for our lives to be full, we must choose the will of God. To do this, one must pray and be in communication with God. Asking for direction in all decisions so that your choices will be fruitful and not fretful. Choices!

In Mark's gospel chapter 8, Jesus asks his disciples who do they say he is. Peter's response was that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God". Who do we say that Jesus is when we make our choices about how we react, or what we say when things are going wrong? How is our life any different to those who have no faith? In other words, what difference does Jesus make in our lives? How do our choices reflect our faith and trust in God? Do we just say and do the right things while others are around or is our Christian faith a whole way of life.

If we read Luke 15:11-13, we find a portion of the story of the prodigal son, where the younger son decides that he wants all his inheritance now so that he may have some enjoyment. Living high and mighty, had a whole lot of friends while he had some cash. Squandering all that he had living wild - loose - and free. We have this going on today from the house on the corner to the Parliament. Teaching "if it feels good, do it" How can we expect to be faithful to God, whom we have not seen, if we cannot be faithful to those whom we see day after day after day. Choices.

Talking about Choices! As I grew up, I was always told that actions speak louder than words. While this may be true in some circumstances, one of the down sides is that we never speak out and share our faith. Yes others may see our actions, but when we ask how come we do certain things, or not do them, what do we say? Do we share that we have a faith in God or do we just say that's how we are?

As individuals, congregations, as a Presbytery, as a church, who are we saying that Jesus is in our daily living and in the choices that we make whenever we meet together?

Joshua challenged the people as to whom they were going to serve, who was to be the ruling force in their lives. Joshua went on to affirm them that regardless of their answer, he wanted them to know that as for me and my house! I chose to serve the Lord!

Choices! Who are you going to serve. Choices. What reaction do you want from your action. Choices.....

May God help us to choose His way in all that we do and say.

Grace and Peace

Ray Nutley

Acting Presbytery Minister.

Ray's Diary

October

10 Standing Committee & PRC - Gympie UC

16 PSI

17 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.

Is God calling you to serve on Presbytery Standing Committee and/or Pastoral Relations Committee?

Mary Burnett Online Services

[Blackall Range](#) - Website

[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.

Standing Committee and PRC

2024 Meetings

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

Face 2 Face

Zoom

10 Oct

13 Nov

*** 5 Dec**

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

Prayer

*Holy Creator God, you gave us your son Jesus,
so that through Him, we might welcome and know your love for us*

*You teach us to love one another, as we do ourselves
and to act with compassion for others*

*We witness the injustices across our nation, and yet we continue to fail in our efforts to
change the hearts and minds of those who hold decision making power*

We pray for our children who live in fear, and we pray for healing of families

*We call on you to use our outrage to strengthen our bravery and perseverance, so
that we may keep the fires of righteous justice burning*

*We humbly ask that you make known to us, your way forward into us being a reconciling
peoples, who seek justice for those we do not know personally,
but know are loved by you*

*Help us to act as Jesus would, so that your healing and restorative justice may be
known by*

First Peoples who have cared faithfully for your creation for generations

Amen

(source Uniting News 10/9/24)

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

[Chairperson](#): Peter Coombes

[Secretary](#): Naomi Cavalli

[Treasurer](#): Johan Frank

[Admin](#): Kylie Aalbers

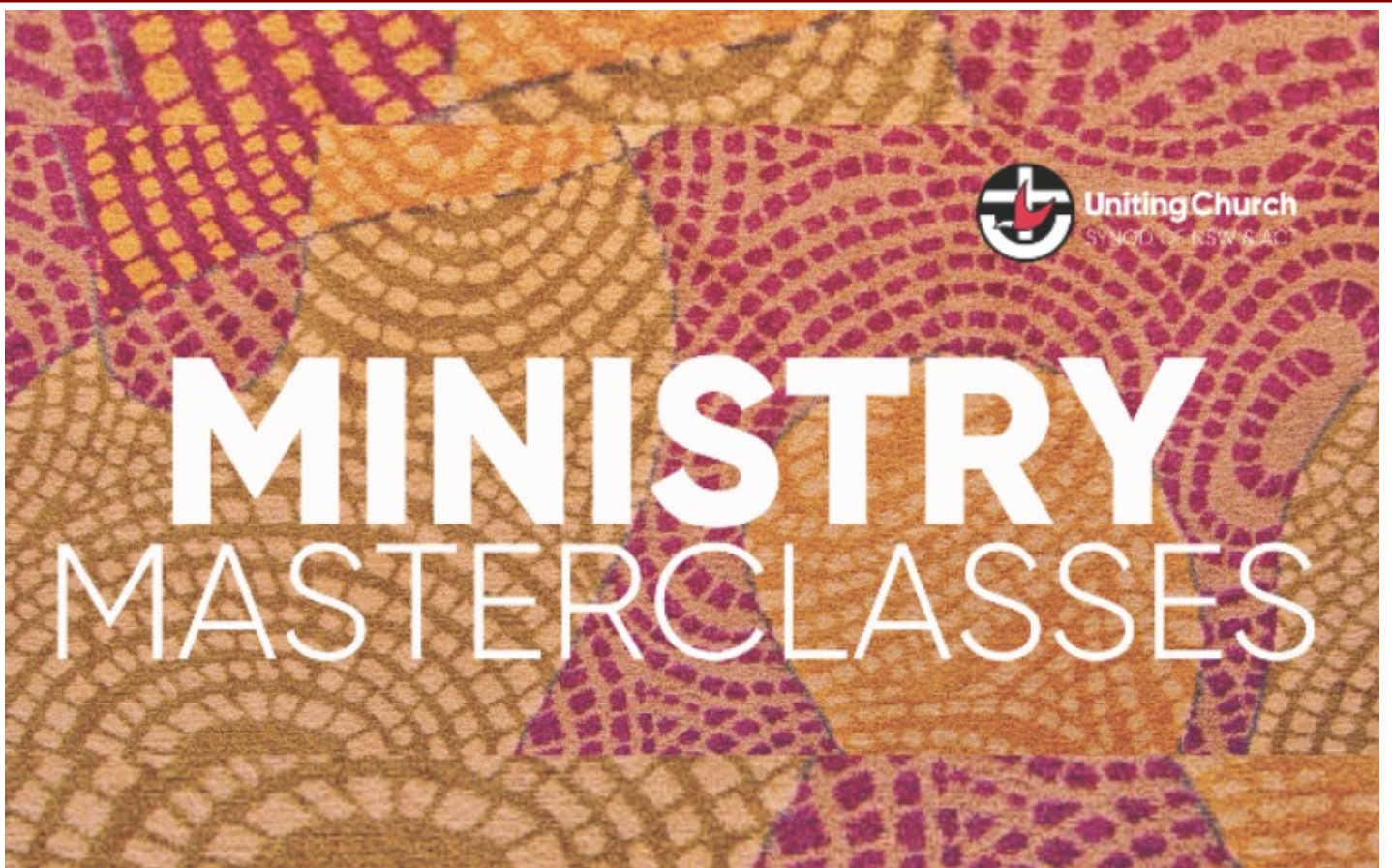
[Mission Engagement Officer](#): Phil Smith

[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

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.



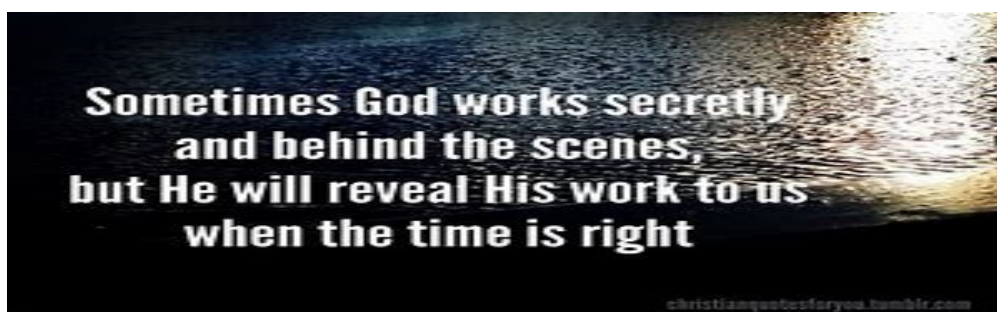
Ministry Masterclasses is a free online monthly forum designed to support active ministry leaders by exploring contemporary perspectives and fostering networks of support and collaboration.

The first in an ongoing series of Ministry Masterclasses will be hosted by Uniting Church Studies and focus on Salvation, Discipleship and Evangelism.

Registration is free. You are warmly invited to register for as many sessions as you'd like to attend.

[Registrations are now open.](#)

(Source - National Update 11/09/24)





ADULT FELLOWSHIP ZONE GATHERING

You may have heard of the formal closing down of the national committee of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship at the recent national Assembly but locally Adult Fellowship groups are still alive and well.

Noosa Coastal Uniting Church was excited to host the zone gathering of the adult fellowship at Tewantin on September 16 with approximately 30 people (including five men) attending from Caloundra, Kawana and of course Noosa Coastal.

The program was a combination of worship and sharing, "book-ended" by a generous morning tea and a BYO lunch.

The focus of the day's message was the goodness of God, God's good gifts, and God's call to us to demonstrate goodness.

Small groups made up of people from the different fellowship groups explored questions like:

- When you say, "God is good," what do you mean?
- What does "being good" look like?
- How does God want us to be good?



An opportunity was given for each group to share a good news story and Hazel Bachler told of the formal closing down of the national committee of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship at the recent National Assembly. She reported on the collection of used stamps as a fundraiser for Frontier Services and Uniting World.

The group agreed to meet again next year in September as a cluster at Kawana Uniting Church.

Rev Neil Storey
Noosa Coastal UC.



ST STEPHEN'S
HOSPITAL

10 years in Hervey Bay, decades in the region



St Stephen's Uniting Church Maryborough Service

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER | 9AM-11AM

25 Sussex St, Maryborough Qld

From our origins in Maryborough in 1905 to our present-day location in Hervey Bay, St Stephen's Hospital has grown into an innovative hospital providing holistic care for patients and their families from across the Wide Bay region and beyond.

Come along to a special service celebrating St Stephen's Hospital.



Morning tea will be held at Wesley Auditorium, 21 Sussex Street, after service.



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COOLUM Community Church

10.30am - Coffee
11am - Worship Service
12.00 - Community Lunch

Coolum Beach Uniting Church
22 Elizabeth Street,
Coolum Beach



Coolum Uniting Church

Culture and Community Church Service

Some years ago, Uncle Ken Jones and Gurri Ties were invited to use our shed to set up a local food service to help people struggling with housing and financial pressures. Ken is a member of our church and the Save Our Streets Foodbank and our church has been very supportive of locals doing it tough in this community, often offering a cuppa and a prayer and a welcoming environment.

Then a couple of years ago, Ken and a few of our members, with the blessing of Uncle Tias, started a First Nations focus group on a Sunday afternoon once a month with worship and prayer and guest speakers discussing their experiences as members of the Stolen Generation or homelessness or Christianity through Indigenous eyes. People frequenting the food service were invited to come along and we had an afternoon tea and lots of fellowship. It was a time of great spiritual growth.

This year in June the group has morphed into a second service every second Sunday followed by lunch. It has been well supported by our new pastor Dongwoo Oh and his wife, Joy, who makes wonderful platters of sandwiches and sausage rolls as well as introducing great new songs and a bit more tech e.g. PowerPoint scriptures and songs. Adelle their daughter helps with the PowerPoint and is a calm problem solver. And son Jed, only 15 yrs old, plays piano and leads worship together with Sam on guitar and we all participate with various instruments and drums making a loud and joyful noise to our Lord. Sam Jones, an emerging elder, usually leads the message from the heart and we get a chance to share our thoughts and scriptures. And of course, lunch is well enjoyed by all.

Ken and his shop volunteers who are able to spend time with locals doing it tough offer invites and give leaflets and flyers advertising the community church and Ken posts on his Facebook page each fortnight. People often respond best to personal invites.

Its been a real joy to meet and share with new people, many of whom find the group a way to engage with a church in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere that encourages cultural and spiritual expression in the context of our challenging economic environment.

Glenna Kirk
Coolum Beach UC

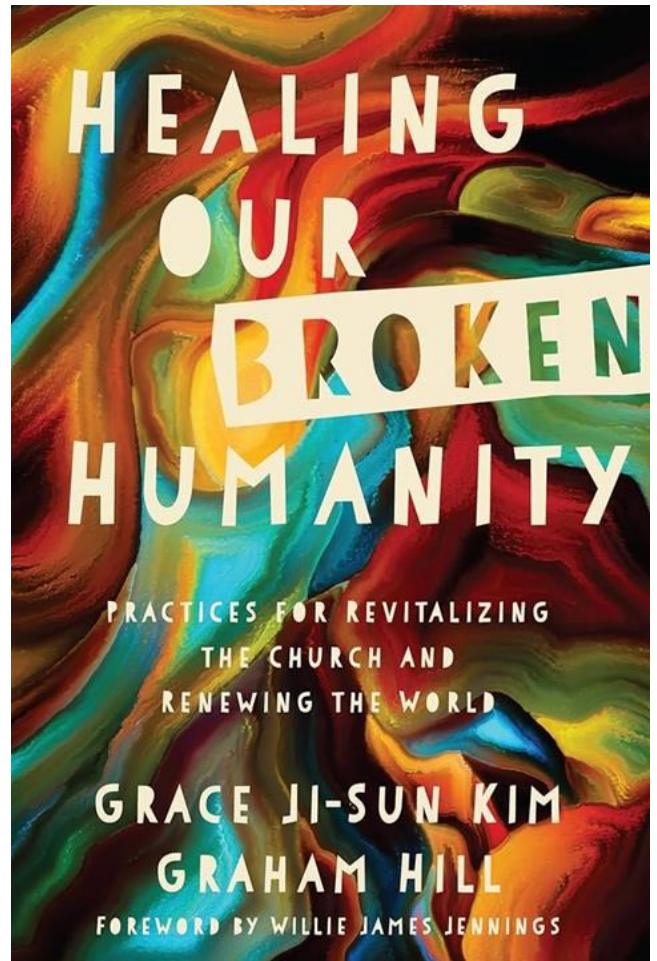
Online Discipleship Bookclub

"Healing our Broken Humanity - Practices for revitalising the church and renewing the world" by Grace Ji-Sun Kim and Graham Hill is this month's read for the Online Discipleship Bookclub.

In inviting the church to reimagine who God has called it to be, a foretaste of the new humanity embodying the life and way of Jesus, this book delivers on its claim to share practices that will both revitalise the church and renew the world. However, it should come with a warning, that while what it suggests is simple in theory, to actually implement and embody the practices outlined requires us to be truly transformed into the image of Jesus in our actions as individuals and as communities of faith.

The book has been designed for both individuals and small groups to use to explore the 9 practices outlined, with reflection questions and suggested activities to undertake.

There is one free copy of this book available to anyone brave enough to read and review it! If you would like to take on that challenge, contact Paul at paul.wetzig@ucaqld.com.au with your name and address and we'll get a copy to you as soon as possible.



The Bookclub will meet 7-8pm on Wednesday 16 October to discuss the book and its implications for our lives and the life of our communities of faith. This gathering is open to anyone to join, regardless of whether you've read the book or not as we explore its content.

To join the Bookclub, please contact Paul Wetzig at the above email.

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140 years of Howard UC

140 years is just a drop in the ocean of human experience. Our story does not start with the building 140 years ago, but a journey that started with creation. It is the relationship that we have with God, the hope we find in Jesus and the following of Jesus' teachings and examples, that make us the church. To worship God for one's whole life is such a privilege but even if we have strayed from the teaching we are not lost forever. Our story is of a broken relationship with God and of God working to bring us back to him, time and time again.



140 years of worship and praise has been happening at Howard Uniting Church. We praise God for the faithful people who have worshipped at Howard Uniting Church, for those who have preached, those who taught Sunday School, the musicians over the years, those who have been stewards, elders, church councilors and on many boards and committees, the people who have cleaned and maintained the building and the people who have tirelessly worked to raise money for the church and many charitable organisations who they have supported. There has been such change in the community since 1884 when the church was dedicated as a Primitive Methodist Church. It has been a church that has continued to serve the community the only time it did not hold services was during the recent Covid pandemic but as soon as it was possible to hold services they started again. In 1977 with the coming together in God, of, The Congregational, Methodist and the Presbyterian Churches the Uniting Church in Australia was formed and so Howard Methodist Church became Howard Uniting Church.

Howard Uniting Church story is of, faithful, imperfect people who work hard to build a personal relationship with God, and of the gift of eternal life. In all our disobedience God is there and when we repent and follow Jesus as Lord and saviour, we can regain the relationship that has been lost. Together we praise and worship. We welcome all with open arms of love and hospitality to share the gifts and joy that we have. You are welcome to join us for worship at 9:30am on Sundays followed by morning tea. Come as you are!

Howard UC

(source Howard UC Celebrating 140 years worship booklet)

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)
- * Rev Craig Allan (Hervey Bay)
- * Ps Jim Hall (Bli Bli/Gympie)



Bible Fun Trivia!

1. True or False: David wrote the entire book of Psalms?
2. What did God use to speak to Moses in the desert?
3. Who was the first son Abram had?



1. False: The Psalms are a collection by many writers, but David contributed the most.
2. A burning bush
3. Ishmael



Lay Preachers training

Last month the Rev Drs Anita Monro and Elizabeth Nolan, had a great morning with the Hervey Bay lay preaching team, facilitating some training on the Old and New Testaments, and other lectionary resources, and providing insights to key UCA documents like the basis of union, the preamble to the constitution as well as preparing for a service for the Lord's Day.

Louise, Chris, Norma, Paddy and Ray, with Rev Dr Anita Monro and Rev Willem Smit. (Ray has begun Accredited Lay Preacher training)
Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan.



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**

GROWING PEACE

Like many of you, as I hear or watch the news of the terrible destruction and human costs of wars in Israel, Gaza and Lebanon, I feel horrified, helpless and then frustrated – what can be done to stop such deliberate human devastation? Each side out to destroy completely the other – to use power to control or annihilate them and take over their territory.

Watching from our comfortable position in Australia, we can see the faults of both sides: the escalation of injustices, the inherited trauma of past wars and invasion of territory. The retelling of what past enemies have done just reinforces the blinding hatred from one generation to the next and no one is willing to acknowledge their shared humanity or offer apologies and forgiveness. Forgiveness and love belong to their group alone. Injury and insults are gathered like loot to fuel their own next assault. Preserving their own life and possessions is the excuse for using military power to destroy the same desires of the other side. No one seems willing to acknowledge the futility of the abuse of human power and name it as evil and wrong.

Contrast this with what happened this week at Glasshouse Country Uniting church as we gathered for Cuppa & Chat (every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month). The topic for discussion was “Unexpected help” and we heard stories of a brother who turned up unannounced from interstate with a sturdy ute to replace a tiny car because he was worried about his sister’s safety. Another told of how their family had been stranded with a broken-down car on a lonely road interstate when a sports car with some young men stopped and then transported the father to the nearest town to bring help. That story reminded another of how her very elderly parents were ‘rear-ended’ while driving to a medical appointment. A witness came to take them to their appointment and then drove them home to their country town. Two months ago, a senior couple were holidaying with friends on an outback trip when a tyre burst and their car and caravan overturned and were destroyed. The friends collected the scattered belongings and made room for them in their vehicles. At the nearest town, in the hotel bar next day, local strangers offered the use of their vehicles to take the husband to medical attention. All at no cost, for no reward, just goodness and kindness and love for strangers in need.

We marveled at the miracles of love and God’s grace. Hope and inner peace grew in us as we focused on goodness and love. We ended by praying for the problems caused by selfishness and pride but also gave thanks for the power of love to transform fears into hope. Join in sharing times of goodness and love to grow your peace and strengthen your love for others.

Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan



Nambour Tongan Cultural Day 28 September 2024



Rev Maile, along with the peoples of the Tonga community, organised the festivities for the Tongan Cultural Day which was held at Nambour Uniting Church.

We gathered together as Christians, sharing the gifts of God among our community. Thank you to all the wonderful people that afforded their time, effort and energy for a great day of communion in our Church.



Love was shared amongst all who attended and also to those who weren't able to be there, our prayers of thanksgiving are sent to everyone. God is love, and love is God, praise God's name for the gifts we shared.

Thanks go to Rev Maile and Lavinia who put all this day together, with Lavinia being the Master of Ceremonies.



There were singers, musicians, dancers for the occasion.

Our Church made especially welcome, Rex Eggmoss who told the story of his grandfather and family being abducted from Vanuatu, a heartfelt story indeed. Rex played his guitar and sang so well.

The local Tongan fruit pickers came along and sang and danced for us all, they even brought along the boss farmer.

Thanks go to Nola who played the organ so lovingly for us. There were guitars and ukelele's, great singing voices of the Tongans, great entertainment all-round.

The Tongan community are a wonderful people, a spiritual people, loving God with all their heart. The Cultural event was offered with great food, great entertainment, great people, with more than 70 people turning up to enjoy the Tongan culture. Praise the Lord!!



Ian Woodward
Nambour UC





Raising funds to assist 2nd Maryborough Girls'
Brigade Company --- a Christian Youth Group for
girls aged Prep to Year 12



MONSTER CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024

UNITING CHURCH HALL - WESLEY AUDITORIUM



21 SUSSEX STREET MARYBOROUGH

Doors open at 11.30am First Call at 1pm



**Snacks, Light Lunch & drinks from
11.30am**



**Lots of prizes - Christmas Goodies, Crafts, Cookery, Plants,
Groceries, Novelties, Patchwork Crafts, Toiletries,
Homewares, Toys and much more.**

Raffles & Lucky Door Prizes - Afternoon Tea provided.

For more information phone Nalda Brett 0407628072

REJOICE PRAISE SING


November Noel

featuring the *Melville Memorial Organ & Maryborough Brass*

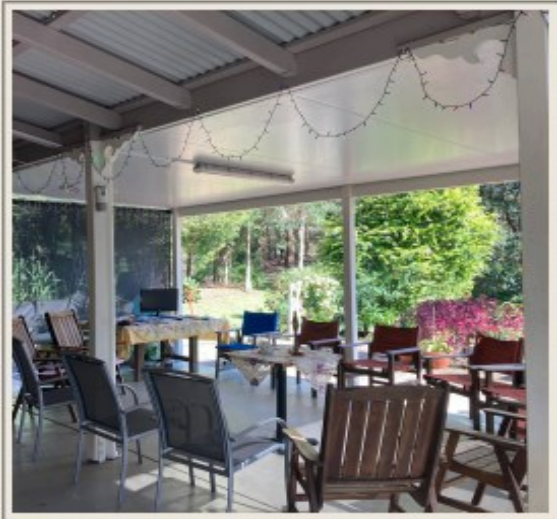
SATURDAY
SAVE THE DATE

30TH NOVEMBER 2024
6PM



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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 - 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.

NOOSA COASTAL NEW GRIEF AND LOSS FACILITORS

WOW what an experience but I am excited to say that Noosa Coastal Congregation now have 7 that's right 7 people trained from in the Blue Care Grief and Loss, and Grief, Loss and Dementia Programs.

Led by the facilitators Barbara and Jen from Blue Care they educated the group (which also included a Blue Care Chaplain) on what people go through when they experience the loss of a loved one.



Having armed the group with lots of information Barb and Jen tutored us as we presented the eight-week course to the rest of the group in just two days.



During these presentations the group experienced as facilitators what the participants would experience. I can tell you the experience was amazing to see the skills of those who were learning to present the course and to hear the stories that were shared.

Having completed the two days on Grief and Loss of a loved, the group reconvened two weeks later to explore what it means when a loved one is going through dementia and how those caring for the person experience grief and loss as

part of that journey.

Noosa Coastal anticipates running both courses Grief and Loss of a Loved One and Grief, Loss and Dementia in February 2025.

Rev Neil Storey
Noosa Coastal UC



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

Smile

When everything is coming your way,
you're in the wrong lane!



Glasshouse Country UC News

Pastoral Carers in-service training

Rev Lynne Gibson leading the third session of our Pastoral Carers in-service training on 24th August on the topic of Dementia. 3 members from Blackall Range congregation have been joining us for these sessions.

Great Outback BBQ

The Glasshouse Country Uniting Church held a Great Outback BBQ to raise funds for the work of Frontier services in outback Australia on 8th September. This work was started by Rev John Flynn (see our \$20 note) who also started the Aerial Ambulance services (now the Royal Flying Doctor) for inland Australia over a century ago. Today, most of the workers in rural bush nursing centres or Bush Chaplains or Outback Links volunteers helping remote property owners when they are ill or have a disaster like flood or drought, travel by 4wheel drive vehicles. The rural folk say that Frontier Services helps to bring them hope and to remind them they are not alone. This work continues Rev John Flynn's vision of providing 'a mantle of safety' for remote Australians. We raised \$318 at the BBQ but church members also contributed privately at the worship service celebrating Frontier Services the previous week.

Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan
Glasshouse UC



Ministry Agent Safe Church - 9.30am
And Code of Ethics Training - 1pm

Friday 8th November

Hervey Bay UC
56 Exeter St, Torquay

to register; Contact Sue Mulcahy - sue@qmp.net.au
Or Kylie Aalbers - admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Uniting World



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](#).

(Source Uniting World)

Free Seminar
Understanding Modern Islam with Bernie Power
Tuesday 15 October 1pm-2.30pm

[Dr Bernie Power](#) (Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations Lecturer at [Melbourne School of Theology](#)) and author of 'Storyteller' has spent four decades working with Muslims in Australia, Asia, and the Middle East. He has a deep heart to help Christians and Muslims understand more about each other and what they believe.

The number of Muslims in Brisbane has doubled in the past 15 years. In this ever-richer multicultural tapestry, there is a growing presence of Muslims involved in our society. A steady stream of immigrants, international students, and second-generation residents ensures this trend will continue well into the future. Increasingly, Islamic issues are in the headlines. Christians are also more likely than ever to encounter Muslims in work, study, or as our neighbours. **With this change, comes opportunity.**

[Bernie in Brisbane \(youtube.com\)](#)

- Venue: Trinity College Queensland, Level 1, 60 Bayliss Street, Auchenflower *Limited parking is available onsite as well as street parking (please get a parking pass from Trinity to display in your car if you park onsite).* Tea and coffee provided.

To book your free seat please RSVP: ask@trinity.qld.edu.au

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 - 9.30am

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING

***CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING**

- * 8th November - 1pm Hervey Bay UC

MINISTERS RETREAT

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INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

- * 24 October

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

- * 15–19 May 2025

ASSEMBLY

- * July 2027

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.



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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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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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