



encouraging and equipping God's people for God's mission



**Moreton Rivers
Presbytery**

Newsletter

3 May 2017

WELCOME

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. It's full of what's happening around the Moreton Rivers Presbytery and beyond.

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WHAT'S on:

-  **5 MAY**
MRP Code of Ethics
@Kenani 9-12:30/1-4
-  **6 MAY**
Bribie Island UC 8-12
Trash and Treasure Stalls
-  **12 MAY**
Talent Night
Chermside Kedron
-  **13 MAY**
Redcliffe UC Free
Parenting Breakfast
-  **14th MAY**
Watoto Children's choir
Chermside Kedron
-  **29-31 MAY**
Ministry Agents Retreat
-  **3 JUNE**
MSM Southport
-  **27-30 JUNE**
Day Camp CCC Campsite

PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the congregation of the **North Lakes Uniting Church**, for Rev Mark Cornford and the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for **Chaplains** ministering to those in the defence forces and their families

Commissioning Service

Wednesday 17th May, 2017 9.30 am

Mr Paula Hukehuke will be commissioned as a Chaplain, Blue Care at Pilgram Aged Care Service, 40 Narangba St, Kallangur. **For catering purposes please rsvp by Monday 15th May 2017 to k.bittner@bluecare.org.au or phone (07) 32534229.**

Code of Ethics Training - If you cannot attend the MRP Code of Ethics on Friday 5 May

South Moreton Presbytery: 18th July 2017

9:00am – 12:30pm followed by lunch

RSVP: smpresmin@gmail.com Location: to be advised

Bremer Brisbane Presbytery: 23rd June 9:00am – 12:30pm

Where: Goodna UC, 13 William St, Goodna QLD 4300, Australia

Code of Ethics will be immediately followed by SMC Ministers Component (compulsory every year)

Please RSVP by contacting the appropriate Presbytery Office

2017 Presbytery Ministry Agents' Retreat

29-31 May, Woodlands of Marburg 174 Seminary Rd, Marburg

Slowing down to catch up to God

At our 2016 Synod we were reminded of the importance of the 'contemplative disciplines' in the life and ministry of a 'Christ-centred disciple', e.g., silence, stillness, solitude, listening and contemplative prayer and living. Our 2017 Presbytery retreat will give us the opportunity to learn and use some of these contemplative skills, practices and disciplines. It will also provide us with space and time to slow down to keep pace with and be present with God.



Join us for a time of enrichment and refreshment at the beautiful Woodlands Estate.

Our retreat facilitators are Johanna and Jeff Lawrence, who have both trained as spiritual directors and both facilitate reflection days and retreats. Johanna is actively involved in the Christian Meditation Community, she leads the team teaching others to meditate and lead meditation groups, she also co-facilitates a 'renewal retreat group'. Johanna has a BA and Masters in Gestalt Therapy. Jeff is a Biblical storyteller, pastor, spiritual director, 'pastors renewal retreat group facilitator', mentor in a pastors Professional and Personal Development program, men's group facilitator, a leader of a men's contemplative bushwalking retreat.

Register online at the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Website or by [clicking here](#). Price is \$295 per person including meals and accommodation. Registration is now open and should be completed by Monday the 8th of May. Payments may be made by direct debit or cheque (see registration link for details)

PRESBYTERY NEWS: *Continued*

Vacancies - Presbytery Ministers, Central Qld and South Moreton Presbyteries.

The Presbyteries of Central Queensland and South Moreton invite expressions of interests for the role of Presbytery Minister within their individual Presbyteries. These significant placements within the life of the Uniting Church in Qld are seeking to call individuals with vision, energy and a strong team commitment who will provide strategic leadership, pastoral oversight, missional direction and support across the Presbytery.

Email placements@ucaqld.com.au for a PD. Expression of Interest to: Central Qld Presbytery Minister or South Moreton Presbytery Minister JNC, c/- Secretary of Placements, Uniting Church (Qld Synod) GPO Box 674 Brisbane QLD 4001, or email placements@ucaqld.com.au Deadline: COB 15 May 2017.

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS:



Learning for Living – Exploring the Old Testament

Learning for Living is a course in spirituality, focussing on enrichment of self, mission to the world ministry to the church. Doing the whole course equips people in their ministries as lay preachers, Bible study leaders, chaplains, etc. You can also do single subjects for your own interest. Our next subjects is Exploring the Old Testament, **North Lakes starts on Saturday, 20 May** running for three Saturdays (20/5; 10/6; 22/7). Come along to grow your ministry or to deepen your own faith and knowledge. Register now! For more information and registration please [click here](#).

Mission Shaped Ministry

You are invited to share a learning journey in a supportive community to be equipped for a lifetime of good practice and learning in growing fresh expressions of church. Whether you want to start a new fresh expression of church, or find a missional edge for your congregation, mission shaped ministry will encourage, equip and inspire.

- **Saturday 3 June (MSM—Leading Missional Communities)**
 - *Southport Church of Christ. 9.00 am—4.00 pm*
- **Saturday 26 August (MSM—Young Adult Mission)**
 - *Queensland Synod. 9.00 am—4.00 pm*
- **Saturday 25 November (MSM—Discipleship & Spirituality in Missional Communities)**
 - *Highfields Cultural Centre. 9.00 am—4.00 pm*



For more information and online registration [click here](#).

For further information please contact Jill Bow: adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

Study Tour to Israel & Jordan

8-27 April, 2018

Our experienced tour leader, Biblical scholar and educator, Rob McFarlane, is leading a group to Israel & Jordan. The tour will focus on Biblical studies, Byzantine Christianity, as well as Islam, Judaism and Christianity. A full brochure with itinerary and costings for this tour is available.

Information evening 7.00 pm, Fri 14 July, Presbytery office. For the brochure and booking form, [click here](#).

Footsteps of Paul - Greece Study Tour

Sun 17th Sep - Sun 1st Oct 2017

This tour begins in the place Paul and his companions landed after his vision of being called to Macedonia, and then follows his ministry throughout Greece. Spend several days exploring unique and incredible sites, all with amazing historical, cultural and religious significance, both for the ancient world, and for the church today. Join us for two weeks of learning and laughter, as we encounter the world of the New Testament, and rediscover what it means to be people of mission.

Contact Rev. Rod Fisher ASAP for more information - rfisher@thegapuca.org.au or [click here](#).

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

National Church Life Survey (NCLS) results

Congregations who participated in last year's NCLS will be receiving their packages in the coming week. There are some great new resources, including a workbook to help you do some creative mission planning. The workbook includes short session options as well as extended processes. Rob McFarlane will organise a gathering of **congregational leaders** with Scott Guyatt (Synod Mission Engagement) to explore the best ways to use this fabulous missional resource. Congregations who didn't participate: GREAT NEWS! You can still do the survey and get the resources to help engage with your community and transform your congregations.

For more information: <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/> or contact Rob McFarlane edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

National Conference of Lay Preachers

7-10 July 2017, Melbourne

The National Conference of Lay Preachers provides a meeting place for Lay Preachers, Candidates, Worship Leaders and other interested people to share a few days of fellowship, mutual support and encouragement as we engage with our calling to lead God's people in worship. One of the highlights is always meeting friends from other Synods and sharing with them. For more information and registration form – please visit the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Education page: [MRP Education - Lay Preacher's conference](#)

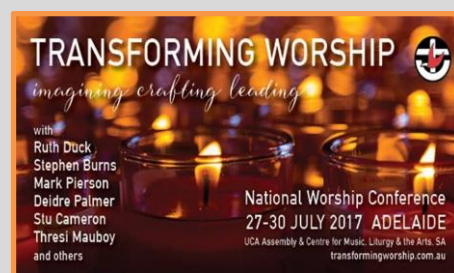
Transforming Worship:

A national conference on worship in the UCA

27-30 July, 2017, Burnside City UC, Adelaide SA

- Worship as transformation and formation in the presence of God
- Interplay between worship, learning & mission
- Shaping intergenerational worship
- Worship in multicultural communities
- Preaching: making Gospel sense
- Crafting music and imagery for worship
- Worship 'outside the box'

For more information please visit <http://transformingworship.com.au/>



President's National Ministry Conferences 2017

Assembly President Stuart McMillan's two National Ministerial Conferences will be held in **Darwin 29 June - 2 July** and **Adelaide 22-25 August**. The Darwin conference theme is "Honouring First Peoples as Sovereign". The Adelaide conference is combined with the UL17 Conference "Growing Leaders to Grow the Church". For more information please [click here](#).

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

Bridge the Gap: Zimbabwe

Following fantastic Bridge the Gap treks to North India, East Timor and Sri Lanka over the past few years, Bridge the Gap - Zimbabwe is now taking shape. The opportunity to 'trek for change' in some of the most amazing parts of the earth is happening again and if previous trips are anything to go by then it promises to be a very rewarding time.

Over the past few years, we have raised money to help support students in North India, people with disabilities in Sri Lanka, and health clinics in East Timor, while at the same time trekking the Himalayas, through central Sri Lanka, and up Mt Ramelau in East Timor. All of these trips have taken place using the model of partnerships, project awareness, and trekking.

For more information contact **Rev John Ruhle** at presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

Gospel Yarning

15-19 May 2017, Sydney, Australia

Gospel Yarning is a cross-cultural gathering on evangelism in the Uniting Church. A great strength of the Uniting Church is our cultural diversity, so we will hear and build up one another in new wisdom for faith-sharing in many different ways. We seek to establish the Uniting Church as a servant of the Gospel for our next forty years. Click on the flyer for more information. To register please visit: ume.nswact.uca.org.au

[Link to Flyer](#)



Rev Bruce Johnson, at St Andrew's Uniting Church, leading worship at The Heart Foundation's Memorial Service on Sunday 30th April. This service kicks off National Heart Week and Bruce's moving homily was a reminder that in times of grief *and* in times of rejoicing, we can find things to be grateful for.

www.heartfoundation.org.au for more information on heart week.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

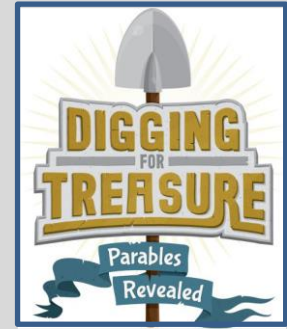
Day Camp 2017

Tuesday 27 June - Friday 30 June, Triple C Campgrounds, Cedar Creek

Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed

For all information and online registration please [click here](#)

Registrations are now open!



Talent Night – Youth Combine Event

Fundraiser for September Camp!

Friday 12 May, Emmanuel Uniting Church, 7.00

For all information and to register your act online please [click here](#)

Messy Church Training

Beth Nicholls from South Moreton Presbytery is a regional coordinator of Messy Church across Brisbane. She has generously offered to conduct Messy Church training with any congregations who are interested in exploring this significant ministry opportunity.

For further information contact Beth Nicholls at: bethnicholls@bigpond.com

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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Bribie Island Uniting Church: Gigantic Trash & Treasure

Saturday 6th May 8am til 12 midday

Enjoy a stroll through fantastic stalls full of interesting treasures. Event will be held on the grounds of the Bribie Island Uniting Church, 86 Webster St Bongaree.

Redcliffe Uniting Church: Free Parenting Breakfast

Saturday 13th May 8am

Enjoy a FREE breakfast and hear author and lecturer Mark Grecko speak about Communication in Marriage and Parenting. For men and woman. Contact Becky Clarke for more information: redcliffeuc@dovenetq.net.au

Timor Children's Foundation Annual Luncheon

Saturday 13th May 2017, 12 noon-2pm, Indooroopilly Uniting Church, 74 Station Road, Indooroopilly

Tickets cost \$25 at the door. All proceeds will be donated to the Scholarships Project and to support the Samaria Children's Home. For catering purposes **please RSVP to Ruth Grieve on mobile ph: 0429474383 or email: admin@timorchildren.com by Wed 10th May.**

Signs & Wonders – Watoto Children's Choir

Free Concert !

Sunday 14th May, 9.00 am

Come and join in this vibrant worship experience led by the choir of children from Uganda.

Chermside/Kedron Community Church, cnr Gympie & Ride Rds, Chermside

For further information contact Chermside Kedron on 3350 4302. [Click to view flyer](#)

Car Boot Sale and Car Wash – Stalls \$10

Saturday 20th May, 7.00 am – 12 noon

The Chermside/Kedron Community Church, cnr Gympie & Rode Rds, Chermside

Contact: (07) 3350 4302 or office@ckcc.org.au

Dayboro Uniting Church – Dayboro Day Festival

Sunday 28th May from 8am

Dayboro Day Festival is in its 26th year and Dayboro Uniting Church is proud to be involved in the day. DUC start the day with a Combined Gospel Service at 8am, from 9am we have a Café operating from our hall, book stall, bric a brac stall and street stall selling craft items and yummy cakes biscuits and slices. We hope we can make it to Dayboro on Sunday 28th May and please call in and say *HELLO* to us at Dayboro Uniting Church. [Click to view flyer](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Faith Works Uniting Community – Community Speaker's Program

25th May, 7pm Norman Park Campus

Faith Works Uniting Community will host the second talk in its community Speaker's Program on May 25 with a talk by internationally renowned oncologist and clinical immunologist Professor Riccardo Dolcetti on the latest developments in cancer research. In his talk - *Diagnosis:Cancer* - Riccardo will outline just what a diagnosis of cancer means in 2017 and the medical breakthroughs that are changing the way cancer is being treated. The talk, to be held at Faith Works' Norman Park campus (177 Bennetts Rd), will start at 7:00pm. So if you would like to find out more on the latest methods being used to combat this insidious disease please come along. Entry is by gold coin donation with all monies raised going to charity. [Click to view flyer](#)

Merthyr Rd Uniting Church – Book keeper wanted

Merthyr Rd Uniting Church are looking for a **Senior Book-keeper**. If you are interested, please contact Debbie at the Merthyr Rd Uniting Church office on 3358 6945. Debbie is in the office Mon – Wed and Fridays between 9:30am and 2:30pm.

Baldwin Studio II Organ – Giveaway !

St Paul's Uniting Church Stafford, Stafford have a well-loved Baldwin Studio II Organ to give away to a good home. It is still in good condition and would be nice for a church or chapel.

Please phone the church office on (07) 33569465 (Tues-Thurs 9 am -2pm) if you are interested.



Uniting World – Syrian Children Project

You may have heard that UnitingWorld has launched a campaign to support Syrian refugee children in Lebanon to be able to access school. UnitingWorld National Director Rob Floyd has written about the situation in Lebanon after a recent trip to connect with churches there. Currently, an estimated 350,000 Syrian kids in Lebanon do not attend school due to the costs and the strain on schools to cater to the

sudden massive population growth. Working through ACT Alliance members in the region, including the Middle East Council of Churches, and local churches in Lebanon, UnitingWorld will work to improve access to education for children whose families have been impacted by the conflict. It's a great opportunity to use our networks in the Middle East help prevent a growing 'lost generation' of Syrian kids who are missing out on an education.

We're crowdfunding to make it a reality. If you would like to know more visit our Chuffed page to read more about the campaign: <https://chuffed.org/project/syriakids>

Multicultural Development Australia – Women's Event

Saturday 13th May, 12-4pm Zillmere PCYC

A celebration of women, by women! Women around Brisbane are invited to celebrate women and mothers with dance, laughter, fun and friendship. Young, old, those born here or newly arrived - all women are welcome! Please bring a friend and a plate of food to share. If you have music from your cultural background, please supply in .mp3 format to Grace prior to the event. We look forward to seeing you there! See flyer for further information. [Click to view flyer](#)

Frontier Services – Serving Remote Australia

The **Frontier Services 2017 Order of Service** is available now for churches and community groups to celebrate the work of Frontier Services and uphold the work in prayer. The 2017 Order of Service, '**With the People**', is available to download now as a PDF as a PowerPoint file. In addition Frontier Services has **printed copies** of the Order of Service available **free of charge**. To request your copies today, please contact the National Office on 1300 787 247 or reply to this email (advising your congregation/fellowship name and postal address). **Please allow a minimum of two weeks for delivery.*

May is Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month:

Not now, Not ever

Given that one in six women experience Domestic and Family Violence, it is important that congregations are aware of these issues are able to support women and families in need. The QLD government has a campaign running for the month of May (Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month) – *Not now, Not ever* - <https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/not-now-not-ever>. There are some excellent FREE resources available to order - <https://netxpress.biz/?user=dcq-familychild&pass=familychild>. Display the posters, get leaflets and stickers to hand out.

MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS: April-May

16 May Standing Committee
6 June Pastoral Relations Committee

Next Newsletter: Wednesday 17th May 2017

Submissions due: Monday 15th May 2017