



**Moreton Rivers  
Presbytery**

**Newsletter**

14 June 2017

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

## 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:

-  **18 June 12.30pm**  
Induction Rev. Alison Cox  
Wesley House
-  **25 JUNE 2pm**  
40<sup>th</sup> Celebrations  
Albert St UC
-  **25 JUNE 2PM**  
Induction Rev. Jim Haak  
Samford Valley CC
-  **27 -30 JUNE**  
Day Camp

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## PRESBYTERY NEWS:

### ***Prayer and Pastoral Concerns***

Please pray for the congregation of Redcliffe Peninsula Uniting Church and Rev Paul Clark, Pastor Donna Hamill and Rebecca Clark and the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains working in Tertiary and other higher education facilities.

Please pray for our upcoming Day Camp, for the Directors, Leaders and Day Camp participants.

### ***Induction Services June/July***

The Presbytery, along with the congregations of Emmanuel Uniting Church and Samford Valley Community Church we would like to invite you all to the following induction services:

#### **Rev Jim Haak @ Samford Valley Community Church**

Sunday 25th June 2pm followed by afternoon tea

Please contact Tricia, Robyn or Nicky (Office Admin) 3289 2832 or [samfordchurch@gmail.com](mailto:samfordchurch@gmail.com) to RSVP (by 20th June).

44 Mt Glorious Rd Samford

#### **Rev Fa Matangi @ Merthyr Rd Uniting Church - July Presbytery Meeting venue**

Saturday 29th July approx. 12:30pm followed by 40th Anniversary Celebrations lunch (all welcome).

Those attending the Presbytery Meeting will have the rsvp included in the Presbytery Meeting registration form that will be emailed out in the coming weeks.

**Please contact Kathy at the Presbytery Office 3366 0236 or [office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) to RSVP (by 20th July)**

52 Merthyr Rd New Farm

#### **Rev Alison Cox – Project Officer – Disability Inclusion Innovation, Wesley Mission Qld @Wesley House (Top Floor, 140 Ann St, Brisbane)**

Sunday 18th June approx. 12:30pm

**Lunch will be catered for by Wesley Mission Qld so please contact Kathy at the Presbytery Office 3366 0236 or [office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) to RSVP for catering purposes and dietary needs by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2107 2pm.**

### ***Standing Committee Lay Representative: Call for Nominations***

There are currently two Lay Representative positions available on the Presbytery Standing Committee. If you are interested in nominating for one of these positions or you have someone in mind – please fill out a nomination form (see link below) and return it to the Presbytery Secretary by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

[Nomination Form](#)

## MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- 3 July        Resourcing Committee
- 4 July        Pastoral Relations Committee
- 11 July      Standing Committee
- 13 July      Educating and Equipping Committee

**Next Newsletter:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Submissions due:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### ***Trinity College: Trinity Unplugged***

***The Challenges we Face: Scientists reflect on why they believe***

***Friday 7-9 pm, 28<sup>th</sup> July***

***Trinity College Queensland, Level 1, 60 Bayliss St, Auchenflower QLD***

***Cost: \$10***

This session will suit all ages but especially high school children, university students and Christian people who struggle with questions that arise from science.

<https://www.trinity.qld.edu.au/challenges-face-scientists-reflect-believe/>

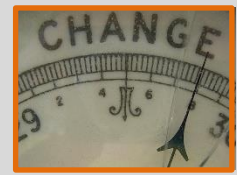
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## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS:

### ***Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Course*** ***4-6 September 2017, Brisbane***

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry is a three day program designed to give participants an introduction to the key concepts and practices of ministering with congregations and agencies in times of transition.

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



### ***Learning for Living – Exploring New Testament (North Lakes) & Talking about God(2) (Ashgrove)***

Learning for Living is a course in spirituality, focussing on enrichment of self, mission to the world and 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 subject at **North Lakes (Exploring the New Testament)** is planned for three Saturdays (30 Sept, 14 Oct & 18 Nov).

Our next subject at **Ashgrove (Talking about God 2)** commences 20 July 2017 (runs Thursday nights from July – Oct 2017).

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 26 August: MSM—Young Adult Mission, including Digital Discipleship, Ministry with “Next Gen”, and Understanding Generational Differences.**
  - *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](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

### ***Study Tour to Israel & Jordan: 8-27 April, 2018***

#### ***INFORMATION NIGHT: 7.00 PM, Friday, 14 July***

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. The full brochure/itinerary and booking form are on our website: [click here](#).

This trip is filling fast! RSVP for the info night by Friday, 7 July.

**Information evening** 7.00 pm, Fri 14 July, Presbytery office.

### ***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".

Contact Rob McFarlane if you want to coordinate travel and accommodation for Adelaide.

For more information please [click here](#).

### ***Safe Ministry with Children Training – Bremer Brisbane Presbytery***

Please note the upcoming SMC (Safe Ministry with Children) Training date and venue:

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 9am – 12 noon at Indooroopilly UC**

Please RSVP to Melloney Braithwaite: 0413 667 671 [admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au](mailto:admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au) if you would like to attend.

## ***NCLS results – workshops on mission planning***

Congregations now have access to their full National Church Life Survey (NCLS) profiles on-line. Have a look at yours and explore the resources available to help you use these insights into your congregation and community to be more intentional in your missional engagement.

<http://www.2016ncls.org.au/>

To help you use your material to the full, we are holding two workshops:

### **Introductory NCLS profiles and resources workshop**

7.00-8.30 pm

Tuesday, 8 August

MRP Training Room, 22 Ashgrove Ave, Ashgrove

Leaders: Scott Guyatt and Rob McFarlane

An introduction to reading and interpreting your congregation's NCLS profile, as well the new tools that NCLS is providing to help you use these insights. A great workshop for ministry agents and 1-2 key leaders from congregations and faith communities,



### **NCLS Mission Planning workshop**

9.00 am - 12.30 pm (including morning tea)

Saturday, 16 September

MRP Training Room, 22 Ashgrove Ave, Ashgrove

Leaders: Rob McFarlane and Scott Guyatt (tbc)

Read and interpret your congregation's NCLS profile and engage in some active mission planning for your congregation or faith community. The first 90 minutes will focus on interpreting your result to understand yourself and your context. The second 90 minutes will focus on how practical ways to enhance your missional engagement with your community. Ideal for whole leadership teams to attend.

RSVP to Jill Bow: [adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

## ***Worship & Preaching Day – Fresh Expressions and Inclusion – Sat, 19 August***

Our next Worship & Preaching Day will have the theme of Fresh Expressions & Inclusion. Learn about starting new things, engaging with your community, and including people who normally feel excluded from worship.

There will also be a strand for Lay Preacher candidates focussed around the call to worship and confession.

The day will conclude with a gathering for current Lay Preachers.

9.00 am – 3.30 (followed by the Lay Preacher gathering)

Faith Works Uniting Community – Norman Park, 177 Bennetts Rd, Norman Park

More details on program and registration available soon. Meanwhile, hold the date!

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## YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

### ***Day Camp 2017***

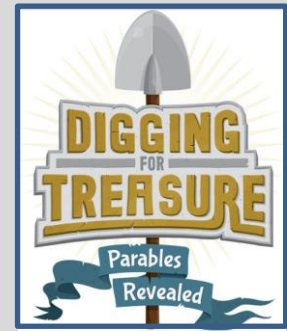
***27 June – 30 June 2017, Triple C Campgrounds, Cedar Creek***

**Registrations are now closed.**

**Baked Goods – Morning tea and afternoon for Day Camp**

Looking for all the keen bakers out there !

If you would like to donate some baked goods for morning tea and afternoon for Day Camp please contact your congregation's Day Camp contact. **(No nuts please)**



### ***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](mailto:bethnicholls@bigpond.com)

### ***Grow Your Ministry (GYM) Training Day – Date Claimer Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 , Venue and Theme TBA***

GYM training days are to assist in growing the ministry with Children and Young People in the Moreton Rivers Presbytery through leadership-existing ministry staff development, encouraging and equipping next generation of ministry staff.

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

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

### ***Preparing for 40 Days of Prayer. All of this is us.***

President Stuart McMillan is calling the Uniting Church in Australia to prayer for 40 days, starting on **14 May** to our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary date on 22 June. The Assembly will share prayers for different areas of work in the life of the Church every day during this time.

For more information [click here](#)



### ***40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations – Albert St & St Andrew’s Uniting Churches Sunday 25 June 2017, 2pm @ Albert St Uniting Church***

Join them for a celebration in word and song, featuring the St Andrew’s Choir, hymns from our past and present, and reflections of our journey. The service will be followed by Afternoon Tea.

RSVP [albertstreet@wmq.org.au](mailto:albertstreet@wmq.org.au)

[Link to Flyer](#)

### ***Cultural Fundraising Event Gala***

### ***Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 6-9pm, St David’s Uniting Church Cooper’s Plains***

*Can you help our Young South Sudanese attend their national conference?*

Having hosted the very successful South Sudanese UCA National Conference in 2015, the Nuer Faith Community at Coopers Plains are keen to attend this year’s National Conference, being held in Melbourne in September. They are especially keen for their young people to be able to attend. But travel costs are high, and they need our help. So the community is holding a Gala Fund-raising Evening of Sudanese food, fashion, music and dancing at St David’s on Saturday, July 1, from 6:00 pm. Entry is free, with an encouragement for people to donate during the evening. All proceeds will help pay for travel and conference costs for their young people. [Link to flyer](#)

### ***Kids Day Out (Grades 1-6)***

### ***Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 8.30 am – 3.30 pm, Pine Rivers Uniting Church, 30 Narangba Road, Kallangar***

For more information contact Mark Cornford: [mark@northlakesunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:mark@northlakesunitingchurch.org.au)

### ***Norman Park Uniting Church – Celebrating 100 years***

### ***Saturday 29 July 3 -5pm, Faith Works Uniting Church Norman Park***

The 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Norman Park Uniting Church is approaching and set to be a joyous day celebrating the rich history of the Norman Park church. Join us Saturday, 29 July from 3-5pm at Faith Works Uniting Church Norman Park for a very special High Tea. Ticket sales will be commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and will include refreshments, a photographic exhibition and chance to immerse yourself in one hundred years of history. So, mark your calendars and get ready to journey through time.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### ***Norman Park Uniting Church – Celebrating 100 years Call for Information – Stories/Photographs***

The 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Norman Park Uniting Church is approaching. While the building is newly renovated, the history of the church community at Norman Park is rich and dates back to the early days of settlement when Norman Park was transitioning from a rural hamlet to an outer Brisbane suburb. The Norman Park Uniting Church has played a key role in the Norman Park community since 1917 when it was established and that commitment to engage the community continues. In keeping with the spirit of community, to celebrate this milestone, the church is calling upon the local community to help the church document the area's history by tapping into the collective memories of the residents. Through stories and photographs, the church will endeavour to capture this history and present it at the centennial celebration this July. If you fancy sharing your stories or showing off your photos of the Norman Park Uniting Church from the years of 1965 to present day, please contact Faith Works UC, by either emailing, with the subject "100", to [100@faithworks-uc.com.au](mailto:100@faithworks-uc.com.au) or calling at 0733981792.

### ***Mental Health Pastoral Care Orientation Day Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, Chermside Kedron Uniting Church***

Have you ever wondered what you could do to help support a friend or family member who is struggling with a mental illness? Or wondered what you could do to support their carer? If so, the Mental Health Pastoral Care Orientation Day is probably for you.

The date for this year's event is **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at Chermside Kedron Uniting Church**, where you will be able to hear keynote speaker Peter Janetski, and participate in a workshop of your choice. This year the workshops are "Are addictions a substitute for love – Mental health for optimal health from a relational and holistic framework," "Luke 14 – training churches to be inclusive," "Responding to people who are suicidal in our communities," "Supporting children of parents with mental illness," and "Some practice principles for pastoral care in mental health."

The cost for this day are very minimal: \$50 standard fee; \$40 concession. More information and a registration form can be found at [www.aplacetobelong.org.au](http://www.aplacetobelong.org.au) Hurry, because numbers are limited

[Link to Flyer](#)

### ***Emu Music one day Music Ministry Conference: Word in Song 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Gold Coast (venue yet to be announced)***

Do you hunger for gatherings that express the truths of the Word of God with passion, excellence and integrity? Do you long for the music in your church to live up to its promise of uniting the congregation, as one voice, in declaring the praises of God? Do you want to learn practical skills in music and song leading so that you can serve your local church effectively? What does the bible tell us about our worship and singing? And how do we best lead our churches in singing praise of Jesus? Join us for this great one day music ministry conference – a change to grow in your understanding and the practical skills for a Biblical music ministry in your church? **Registrations open late June.**

Emu Word In Song Conferences (formerly TWIST), have been delivering training and encouragement in music ministry for churches throughout Australia, Africa, Asia and the UK since 2003.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### ***Emu Music one day Music Ministry Conference: Word in Song (continued)*** ***9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Gold Coast*** (venue yet to be announced)

Speakers have included Vaughan Roberts, Stuart Townend, Bob Kauflin, Mike Raiter, Michael Jensen, John Dickson, Bryson Smith and Ray Galea.

For more information visit the [Emu Music website](#)

### ***Little Concert & Big Scone Fundraiser*** ***Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017, West End Uniting Church, 10.00am***

West End Uniting Church invites you to an organ, flute and vocal concert, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 10.00 am. Come and enjoy a delicious concert and an even more delicious morning tea.

Tickets \$10 each. RSVP by email: [littleconcertandbigscone@gmail.com](mailto:littleconcertandbigscone@gmail.com) or phone 3844 3557 by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017.

[Link to flyer](#)

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