



**Moreton Rivers
Presbytery
Newsletter**

28 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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Resourcing Com. Meeting
-  4th July 2017
PRC Com. Meeting
-  8th July 2017
Kids Day Out (NLUC)
-  8th July 2017
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-  11th July 2017
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-  13th July 2017
EEC Com. Meeting
-  15th July 2017
Safe Ministry with Children – Indooroopilly Uniting Church

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PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the congregation of Samford Valley Community Church and for their newly inducted minister Rev Jim Haak, Pastor Nicole O'Sullivan and the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains working in prison facilities; for their ministry to inmates and their families and prison staff.

Presbytery Induction Services July

The Presbytery, would like to invite you all to the following induction service:

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, the induction and staying for lunch please rsvp here:

[Pres meeting, induction service and Lunch.](#)

For those who are just attending for the Induction Service and lunch – please rsvp via this link:

[rsvp induction and lunch only](#)

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

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 10th 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 12th July 2017

Submissions due: Monday 10th 2017

Trinity College: Trinity Unplugged

The Challenges We Face: Scientists reflect on why they believe

Friday 7-9 pm, 28th 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

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 15th July – 9am – 12 noon at Indooroopilly UC

Please RSVP to Melloney Braithwaite: 0413 667 671 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 online [click here](#) or Jill Bow: 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 focused 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!

Greek Geek Group: For preachers who want to work from the Greek text

A lot of people have done a little bit of Greek and would like to use it more. If that's you, a new group is starting which will meet monthly to look at Greek Gospel passages coming up in the lectionary, with a focus on interpretation for preaching. We will also explore tools for using the Greek we have for ministry and encourage one another to use our Greek more.

First passage: Matthew 14:13-21 The Feeding of the 5,000 (lectionary for Sunday, 6 August)

Where: Café, ground floor at Synod

When: 10.00-11.30 am

Tuesdays 25 July, 29 August & 26 September

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Rob McFarlane:

edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or 3366 0236

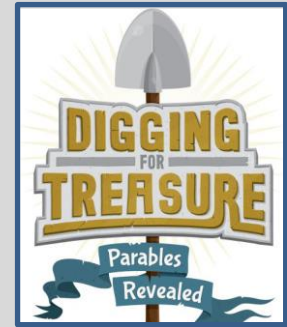


YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

Day Camp Reunion Services 2017

Go along to your reunion service to relive the fun and share the good times of Day Camp 2017!

Click [here](#) for the information flyer.



Grow Your Ministry (GYM) Training Day – Date Claimer Thursday 31st 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:

Cultural Fundraising Event Gala

Saturday 1st 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 8th July, 8.30 am – 3.30 pm, Pine Rivers Uniting Church,
30 Narangba Road, Kallangur***

[Link to flyer](#)

For more information contact Mark Cornford: mark@northlakesunitingchurch.org.au

Norman Park Uniting Church – Celebrating 100 years

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

The 100th 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 20th 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.

Norman Park Uniting Church – Celebrating 100 years

Call for Information – Stories/Photographs

The 100th 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 or calling at 0733981792.

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Mental Health Pastoral Care Orientation Day

Wednesday 26th 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 26th 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 Hurry, because numbers are limited

[Link to Flyer](#)

Emu Music one day Music Ministry Conference: Word in Song

9th 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.

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](#)

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Worker, Sandgate Uniting Church

Sandgate Uniting Church is seeking a person passionate about helping youth and young adults grow in their Christian faith. This position will initially be on a casual basis for four hours per week, mostly on weekends.

To obtain a copy of the position description or to enquire further, please contact Reverend Anne Hulbert on 0407 584 208, or the Sandgate Church Office via email, office@sandgateuc.org.au

Applications close 31 July.

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Aspley Uniting Church Forum: Voluntary Euthanasia

Saturday 8th July 8:30am-10am

Professor Ben White, Director of the Australian Centre for Health Law Research at QUT will lead the Forum at Aspley Uniting Church, 748 Robinson Road, Aspley. A light breakfast will be served from 8-8:30am followed by the forum from 8:30-10am. Gold Coin Donation. The Victorian Parliament will be voting on its Assisted Dying Bill in October, so the subject is important for everyone. Questions and Comments will be invited.

[link to flyer](#)

St Andrew's Uniting Church – Conspirito Free Concert

Friday 28th July 12:30pm

Conspirito Concerts run on the 4th Friday of every month between March and October 2017
299 Ann Street, City (corner of Creek and Ann Sts)
No RSVPs required.

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