



Issue 16
17 August

Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Clayfield Uniting Church. Pray for Rev Chris Holden and the congregation as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in the Sporting Industry.

Presbytery Notices and Events

Healthy Ministry Agents' Lunch: Spring Picnic!!

Wednesday 7 September
@ the Presbytery Office
12 – 2pm

[Flyer](#)
[RSVP](#)

Safe Ministry with Children: Annual Congregational Audit

Please note that all congregations have been asked to complete the documents for the audit and return them to the Presbytery Office (office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or PO Box 193, Ashgrove Q 4060) by no later than **Friday 9 September**.

Please contact the office for information or assistance (3366 0236)

Presbytery Ministry Agents' Retreat

Monday 31 October – Wednesday 2 November 2016

Check in from 10am. Retreat commences with lunch at midday.

RSVP and payment due by Friday 23rd September 2016.

[Flyer](#)
[Registration](#)

Do you have an event you would like others to know about?

To share any items for the MRP Newsletter, please [click here](#)

This is the preferred method of communicating events/notices for the newsletter.

Fair Trade Resource

Rev John Martin attended the recent Presbytery Meeting and shared his passion for Fair Trade. John is more than happy to visit congregations to encourage shopping with a discerning nature and to consider becoming a Fair Trade Faith Group. If you are interested in having [John](#) visit please feel free to contact him.

[Website Resource](#)

Minister Appreciation Pack for Congregations

Uploaded to our website is a [Minister Appreciation pack](#) for Congregations to start thinking about Minister/Pastor Appreciation day on **Sunday 9th October**.

Contact: Kathy/Kerry (3366 0236 or office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

Youth & Children

Growing Youth Ministry Training Days

Next Training Day – Thursday 18 August 2016, 9.30 am

Venue: Mango Hill Coffee Club, Cnr Halpine Dr & Anzac Avenue, Mango Hill

To grow 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.

[Click here for more information flyer and online registration](#) (right click)

For further information contact Jill Bow at adminsUPPORT@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or Ph: 3366 0236

September Camp – Registrations are now open!



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

Registrations close: 12 Sept

Easter Madness 2017

It's on again!!

7-10 April, 2017

[Details](#)

[Register](#)



Educating & Equipping

Worship & Preaching Day

Saturday 19th November 2016, Pine Rivers Uniting Church

“Community Engagement in Worship”



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

Learning for Living, 2nd Semester 2016 (cont'd)



North Lakes course: "Talking about God (1)"

Faith & Reason, Creation & Trinity

9.00 am – 5.00 pm over three Saturdays: 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 26 Nov

Pine Rivers UC, 30 Narangba Road, Kallangur

Talking about God (1) explores the areas: how we think and talk about God; understanding the Trinity; practical implications of God as Creator, such as why people suffer and how we understand the environment.

Cost: \$125 including required text book. \$100 without textbook (eg if you can borrow from a previous participant). Discounts for multiple people attending from the same congregation, faith community or agency.

[For brochure and enrolment form click here \(right click\)](#)

Professional Development Opportunity: Paediatric Palliative Care Service Workshop

Single Day Workshop

Lady Cilento Children's Hospital

16 September

[Flyer](#)

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Course

Wednesday 5 October – Friday 7 October 2016, Brisbane

Course is now full (wait list available)

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.

This course is now full. If you wish to go on a wait list please contact Jill Bow at adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or Ph: (07) 3366 0236.

There will also be another FTM course in Brisbane next year (29 – 31 March 2017). If you are interested in this course please contact Jill Bow as per above details.

President's National Ministry Conferences 2017

Please mark your 2017 calendars for Assembly President Stuart McMillan's two National Ministerial Conferences. The Conferences will be held in **Darwin 29 June - 2 July** and on the **Gold Coast 29 August - 1 September**. Previous President's three-yearly conferences have been incredibly effective as times of renewal of call and strengthening ministers' sense of connection to colleagues and the UCA as a whole. More details soon but please save those dates!

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'

<http://transformingworship.com.au/>

Other Events

Clayfield Theatrical Society

Everybody welcome to come along to an adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice* "Darcy & Eliza" happening this coming Sunday 21st August 2016 at 2pm at Clayfield Uniting Church.

\$15 per head including afternoon tea.
Contact: Chris Holden (0410 835 320)

St Paul's Uniting Church Stafford Trivia Night

You are invited to a night of fun at the St Paul's Uniting Church Stafford Trivia Night "A Night at the Movies" on Saturday 27 August 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost \$15 which includes table nibbles. Dress up as your favourite movie character and decorate your table as there is a prize for the best dressed person and best decorated table. You can purchase drinks on the night and bring gold coins for games.

www.stpaulsstafford.org.au
[Flyer](#)

Lockyer Valley Quilt and Craft Expo at Laidley

The Quilt and Craft Expo is an activity of the Laidley and Hatton Vale Uniting Churches and will have displays of Quilts, Craft, Patchwork, Stitch work, Needlework and Fine Arts. Demonstrations of various crafts are a valued feature. Outside displays will include vintage trucks, tractors, cars and engines. Refreshments are available all day in the Courtyard Café.

Opening hours: 9am to 4.30pm Thursday and Friday, 9am to 3pm Saturday.

Contact details: Rhonda Heathwood [telephone 07 54657659 mobile 0428850100]

This is a wonderful opportunity for our city cousins to "ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY" for a day.

Visit <http://www.luvyalockyer.com.au/events> for more information.

2016 Expo will be held on **8th, 9th, & 10th September**.

The **venue** is the Uniting Church Complex at 45 Patrick Street Laidley in the Lockyer Valley.

Admission Charges: Adults - \$5.00, Children 50 cents.

Common Dream Conference

COME TO COMMON DREAMS CONFERENCE to hear DR VAL WEBB, 7:45 pm Friday 16th September at Somerville House Girls School. Val is an Australian author, speaker and teacher of religious studies and world religions at universities in USA and Australia. She will speak on the topic *Always Progressing and Evolving: but from where and how and why?* For more information about registering for the whole conference or for just the evening lecture, go to www.commondreams.org.au. Register for this single event at the website - Cost \$33.

[Flyer](#)

Bible & Ecology: Reading Scripture through Theological Eyes – 19 September 2016

Biblical scholars have been working to move beyond human-focused perspectives and read the Bible with a deliberate sympathy for the wider Earth community. In this full-day webinar, we will hear from scholars around the country about reading the Bible through "ecological eyes", and will practise applying such lenses to scripture.

National multi-centre live online event. Gather at Trinity College 10.30-5.30 as a face-to-face "hub" for this event. More information:

<http://unitingearthweb.org.au/events/159-bible-ecology.html>

Celebration of the life of Rev John Flynn

The Uniting Church Foundation cordially invites you to celebrate the life of Rev John Flynn and the launch of the book "The Man on the \$20 Notes" by Everal Compton.

21 September 2016

5:30pm – 7pm

@ Uniting Church Centre Chapel

[Details](#)

If you are unable to attend but are keen to purchase Everal's book, *The Man on the \$20 Notes*, The cost is \$25 and \$10 from every sale goes to the Uniting Church Foundation's \$10 for 10 Appeal. The cost of delivery is \$5 per book or \$8 for two or more books. Payment can be done via cheque/EFT/credit card over the phone.

[Details](#)

Retreat Opportunity: Centering Prayer

Encountering the silent loving God through the practice of centering prayer.

7 – 9 October, 2016

Santa Theresa Spirituality Centre

[Details](#)

Notices

Position Vacant: CO-ORDINATOR, PRISON MINISTRY AND FIRST PEOPLES' PRISON CHAPLAINCY SERVICE, Queensland Synod

UnitingCare Queensland is seeking to fill the full-time placement of Co-ordinator to oversee the provision of the Uniting Church and First Peoples' prison chaplaincy services in Queensland. The role includes the selection, appropriate training and oversight of the part-time (mostly) volunteer chaplains who provide pastoral care across fourteen correctional centres in Queensland. The successful candidate will have demonstrated experience, understanding, and skills in pastoral ministry, preferably chaplaincy in an institutional setting. He or she will have the capacity to reflect theologically on the nature and practice of prison chaplaincy and the ability and understanding to work constructively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Both Blue and Yellow Cards checks will be essential.

For further information please contact Rev Jenny Tymms, Director of Mission, UnitingCare Community. Email address: jenny.tymms@ucommunity.org.au

Applicants are to address their applications to
Co-ordinator, Prison Ministry and First Peoples' Prison Chaplaincy Service JNC
C/- Secretary of Synod Placements Committee
Uniting Church in Australia (Qld Synod)
GPO Box 674
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Closing Date for applications: **31 August.**

Position Vacant: PROJECT OFFICER: NEXT-GEN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Applications are invited for a new Project Officer position to develop leadership networks and strategies among UCA young adults from multicultural backgrounds.

The person will establish and coordinate a Synod-wide Next Generation CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) Leaders Network, providing encouragement, networking and training so that emerging CALD leaders might move into appropriate roles of influence and leadership and offer

their gifts and skills to enrich the mission and ministry of the Uniting Church in Congregations, Presbyteries, Synod and Assembly.

The role works closely with the Synod's Multi Cross Cultural Reference Group and reports to the Associate General Secretary. This is a part-time position (approx. 1 day/week), initially to run September 2016-June 2017. Remuneration and conditions will be linked to those recommended for Pastor A.

For the Position Description and selection criteria, and other information, contact David Busch, 0438 646 559, davidbusch@bigpond.com. Applications close Monday, August 22, and should be sent to: Ana Mila, Synod Office, GPO Box 674, Brisbane 4001, or ana.mila@ucaqld.com.au.

Applicants must address the selection criteria and give names and contact details for two referees, one of whom is to be a UCA minister.

Chaplain at Lady Cilento Hospital

Please note that a Uniting Church Chaplain is currently serving at the Lady Cilento Hospital.

Responding to the impact of terror....

Food for thought: Article courtesy of the Catholic Voices website on [Pope Francis's six-fold response to jihadist terror](#) might prove helpful in your consideration of responses to the impact of terror on people's thinking and lives.

Interfaith September

Interfaith September is an opportunity to build understanding and friendship with people of other faiths.

As Christians, we believe diversity is a part of God's creation. Our faith in Christ calls us to live together in peace and love and to engage in genuine dialogue with people of other faiths.

In Australia today, there is much work to do healing divisions caused by ignorance and fear. But by reaching out to people of other faiths, we can make a difference.

On behalf of the Assembly Relations with Other Faiths Working Group, I extend a personal invitation to your congregation to take part in Interfaith September this year. You can participate in any way that suits you. You may follow the worship resource each week, theme a sermon, use a suggested hymn or host an event. You may choose another time of year that is more suitable. It is up to you.

This year we have produced four resources

- **Lectionary Guide** A week-by-week reflection on the gospels contained in the Lectionary for September with four different interfaith themes.
- **Worship Resource** Alongside the Lectionary Guide, the worship resource includes sermon starters, links to other resources, an Order of Service and other ideas.
 - **Videos** Six videos sharing stories of interfaith friendship. These are matched with the four weekly themes of the Lectionary Guide and could be shared during worship or community gatherings.
 - **Interfaith Action** Ideas and tips for how you can reach out to people of other faiths and build on understanding and friendship

They can be downloaded now at <https://assembly.uca.org.au/interfaithseptember2016/> to help you and your congregation prepare for September.

Please get in touch and tell us how you plan to participate on email rof@nat.uca.org.au.

Rev Michael Barnes

Calendar

August

25 – Educating & Equipping

September

5 – Resourcing Committee

6 – PRC