



Moreton Rivers Presbytery

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Please remember in your prayers....

- Please pray for West End Uniting Church. Pray for Rev Susan Pickering and the congregation as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains working in tertiary education institutions.

Presbytery notices and events....

• Presbytery Meeting

Please note the details for the upcoming Presbytery Meeting:

Wednesday 9 March, 2016
4:30pm - 9:30pm

RSVP Closes: Wednesday 2 March

@ Evan and Mary Thompson Auditorium, The Wesley Hospital, 30 Chasley St,
Auchenflower

PLEASE NOTE: For FREE PARKING you MUST let us know your VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER by the RSVP Closing Date (Wednesday 2 March) so it can be pre-entered into the system.

If you do not let us know by Wednesday 2 March you will be required to PAY for parking.

Dinner: Meals can be purchased from The Gown and Glove Restaurant (\$10 - \$15). Please note that there will be no Meal Ticket purchases.

[To RSVP please right click here](#)

Furthermore if there are any changes to be made to the Presbytery Roll (ie change of Lay Rep), please contact the Presbytery Office (3366 0236 or office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) to let us know.

Educating & Equipping....

- **Learning for Living, 1st semester 2016**

North Lakes mid-year 2016 course will be “Exploring the New Testament”

9.00-5.00, on three Saturdays at The Lakes College, 2 College St, North Lakes:

11 June: Jesus and the Gospels

16 July: Paul’s Life & Letters

13 August: The Finished Product and Beyond



The text is W Loader “The New Testament with Imagination” (Eerdmans, 2007).

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.

[Brochure, poster & enrolment form downloadable from the Education section of the Presbytery website.](#)

- **Worship & Preaching Day – Holy Week & Easter**
9.00 – 3.30 Saturday, 12 March 2016
Venue: Chermside Kedron Community Church

Morning sessions on:

- The Theology & Spirituality of Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, led by Rev Dr Rob McFarlane
- The Theology & Spirituality of Good Friday and Easter Day, led by Rev Mel Perkins
- Visible Signs of Grace: Water & The Banquet Table (Understanding Sacraments for Lay Preacher candidates), led by Rev Lyn Burden



Afternoon sessions on:

- Contemporary music, led by Rev Yvonne McRostie, Mrs Kerry Riley & Mrs Tricia Menso
- Design Essentials for PowerPoint, led by Rev Paul Clark

Special afternoon tea for current Lay Preachers.

For more information, see the flyer (attached) or go to our Worship & Preaching Day link:

<http://www.moretonriverspresbytery.org.au/worship-preaching-day/>

Registrations online at:

https://docs.google.com/a/moretonriverspresbytery.org.au/forms/d/1deG2WxeCDQzTjcEgJI1FGpVNGM4zNskMSY1ogt-3Og/viewform?edit_requested=true

• Mission Shaped Ministry 2016

Please register now for this year's Mission Shaped Ministry course, especially the Mission Shaped Intro on 18-19 March.

Course content includes:

The mission of God
Understanding your mission context
Worship and sacraments
Evangelism
Leadership
Children and young people
Gospel and culture
Lessons from failure
Starting something new



MSM Intro Intensive: 18-19 March (6pm Friday to 4.30pm Saturday).
Venue: St David's 855 Logan Road, Holland Park

Three short blocks, each including a series of Wednesday evenings (7-9pm) plus one Saturday field trip (8.30-4.30)

Block one: Wed 13 April to Saturday 7 May

Block two: Wed 1 June to Saturday 18 June

Block three: Wed 13 July to Saturday 6 August

Registration options:

Intro, with optional extension for the full course (\$95 + \$200)

Full course rego (\$295)

Group discount policy for multiple registrations from same congregation/community

Special offer: Job share! It can be hard to find people able to attend all sessions of the course. Talk to us about having several people "job-sharing" single places in the course. Contact Jill on 3366 0236 (Wed-Fri) or adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

For more information, go to: msmqld.com or [facebook.com/msmqld](https://www.facebook.com/msmqld)

Registrations are now open!

Please click here to register:

<http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/BcCq04LX1QI1jR9P>

Youth and Children's Focus....

• Safe Ministry with Children

Thank you to all the congregations who responded to the 2015 Child Safe Church audit. Across the state, around two-thirds of congregations are conducting some form of activities with children. Your feedback has been heard, and the Synod Standing Committee has approved Safe Ministry with Children the 2016 policy. A new suite of resources which is more straightforward will be launched in March 2016 to support the great work you are doing. This is a positive improvement in the quality of what is offered to congregations.

So... Getting your ducks in a row:

This is the time when many congregations are preparing to commence their children's ministry for the year. We've listened to your feedback, and revamped the policy, process and tools, so that they better meet your needs. The new Safe Ministry with Children Policy is now on the website (http://ucaqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/SafeMinistryWithChildren_Policy.pdf). The process documents and tools will be out in March.

Kind regards
Lynette Drew
Qld Synod
Safe Ministry (Children) Administrator

- **Safe Ministry with Children Training
(Child Safe Church Training)**

Child safety is vital in the life of each and every congregation. Please see the following opportunities for Safe Ministry with Children (Child Safe Church) Training:

Team Member Training: Wednesday 24th February 2016
 (Kenani Uniting Church, 7pm – 9:30pm)
 Saturday 7th May 2016
 (Moreton Rivers Presbytery), 8am – 10:30am)

***Coordinator/Leader Training: No separate training required if
Leader/Coordinator attends Member training.***

[Click here for information flyer](#)

[To register click here](#)

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

- **Growing Ministry Training Days**

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 flyer](#)

[Click here for registration](#)

For further information please contact Jill Bow :
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- **Combined Youth Group: BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

*Friday 4th March, 7-9pm
\$5 Each
Beach Volleyball Mania
72 Pickering St, Enoggera
RSVP to Rev Fa by Friday 26 February
RevFa@ckcc.org.au or 0401 611 273
[For Flyer click here!](#)*

- **Renovators: Discipleship Training – Building Leaders**

Renovators is a great training and mentoring opportunity for youth leaders. This six month course running from February to July is a journey of leadership development. It includes input from a range of topics, practical experience and intentional reflections with a mentor. Please consider who you can support through this program. The course kicks off with a weekend at Samford Valley Community Church 27th – 28th February 2016. A flyer with more detail is attached.

- **IGNITE Date Claimer**

*Children's Ministry Training Day and Expo
Saturday 5th March 2016
Mueller Christian College, Rothwell
\$55 per leader
www.igniteexpo.org.au*

- **EASTER MADNESS: The Main Event (Date Claimer)**

Make sure your young people don't miss this amazing opportunity for Uniting Church young people from across Queensland to experience a life-changing journey through the Easter story. Easter Madness will include two streams covering high schoolers, and young adults up to 25 years of age.

To be held in the breathtaking rainforest setting of the QCCC Mapleton Centre in the Blackall Range. **Easter 2016: Good Friday 25 March to Monday 28 March.**

More exciting news to come.

Website <http://eastermadness.com.au/>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MadnessAu?fref=ts>

- **Easter Madness Appeal**

HELP YOUNG PEOPLE IN RURAL QLD GROW IN FAITH!



Give young adults like Katelyn (14 years) from Chinchilla UC and Nick (12 years) from Emerald Fernlees UC the same opportunities as their friends in the South East corner, to benefit from a life-changing experience to walk through the Easter journey. Every donation will subsidise registration and accommodation fees (\$340 per attendee) for young people from rural and remote Queensland to attend the 2016 Easter Madness camp and carry on the baton of the Christian faith in the Uniting Church. Donate online at missionpossible.ucaqld.com.au or give by cheque/money order or over the phone with your credit card on (07) 3377 9777. Thank you for your support!

- **YAG**



RSVP to : youthworker@moretonrivers-presbytery.org.au

Other events....

- **World Day of Prayer**

Pine Rivers Uniting Church will be hosting the World Day of Prayer (for Cuba) at the church complex at 30 Narangba Rd Kallangur at 7.00 pm on Friday 4 March 2016. The Order of Service has been prepared by Christian women in Cuba.

- **Seminar: Testing Tradition and Liberating Theology Practising Theological Hospitality**

Prominent Australian Theologian Dr Val Webb (originally from Brisbane) will visit Brisbane and Sunshine Coast, hosted by the Progressive Spirituality Network and Common Dreams on the Road. Please right click the [flyer](#) and [Registration](#) for a one day seminar led by Dr Val Webb on *Saturday 5th March* at the *Merthyr Road*

Uniting Church Centre. We would appreciate it if you could circulate this information in your church. Val is internationally popular as a teacher, presenter and author. She has written 9 books and will speak about her latest book *Testing Tradition and Liberating Theology*.

- **Lay Preacher & Pastors' Gathering (Downs Presbytery)**

Bob Brownley & the Downs Presbytery eagerly invite those to attend the **Lay Preacher & Pastors Gathering** a valuable chance to meet, gather information, network & exchange ideas.

Saturday 12 March at St Stephen's Uniting Church, Neil St, Toowoomba. 9AM – 3.30PM.

Please could you help us advertise this amazing event within your communities. Details of which are enclosed in the invitation, also on the presbytery website www.downspresbytery.org.au & the Facebook Group "UCA – Presbytery of the Downs".

RSVP. Tuesday 1 March via online link <http://goo.gl/forms/u8SkAucbrp>

For further information or query, please contact Bob Brownley directly on tdpresb.lay@gmail.com or 4010 707 468.

- **Looking for a camping option for Easter?**

Then check this out...

<http://www.easterfamilycamp.org.au>

- **Journey to the Cross....**

Redcliffe Uniting is hosting award winning artist Judy Kennedy's 'Stations of the Cross' - Ten hand crafted crosses to inspire in the lead up to Easter. Journey through the exhibition then enjoy morning tea.

Entry Free. Morning Tea \$3

Thursday 24 March, 9am. 1 Richens St, Redcliffe.

- **Planning for Retirement and Beyond Seminar**

Tuesday 19 April 9.30am – 11.30am

Beenleigh Region UC, 32-50 Mt Warren Blvd., Mt Warren Park

South Moreton Presbytery have invited David Loy, Principal Client Service Manager with Mercer, and others, to conduct this seminar, which will offer information and answer your questions.

"Journey" (February 2016) article "Not so super: Retirement income slashed" refers to the changes in the tax treatment of defined benefit super schemes that are seriously disadvantaging retired UCA ministers. Bruce Binnie, Chair of the

Assembly's Employer Committee is coordinating the church response. Bruce will answer questions and give an update on developments.

Come for the seminar and stay for lunch: 12.00 – 2.00pm. (Cost \$10) Following lunch, Rev Dr Dennis Robinson and panel will discuss the topic: "Exercising your calling in a congregation after retirement - Pastorally caring for the retired ministers in your congregation".

RSVP: smpres@gmail.com or 07-3807 7421

- **Journey to Greece (17 Sept – 1 Oct, 2016)**

Come along on an unforgettable journey in the footsteps of St. Paul, as we travel through some of the most significant historical and religious sites in Greece, from ancient empires, to the early church, and through to modern times. Whatever your particular interest, there will be lots to see and do, plenty of 'bucket list' items to tick, and enough time to rest in-between.

Rev. Rod Fisher is a Minister in the Uniting Church and lives with his wife and two sons in Brisbane. He is passionate about teaching and learning, having fun, and meeting new people. He is eager to share his insights gained during his recent tour of Greece in 2015. This journey will be enjoyed by both student and tourist alike, regardless of educational or religious background. Be prepared to learn, to laugh, and to join in the adventure!

Please right click to check out the [Brochure](#).
Right click to view the [booking form](#).

- **National Church Life Survey**

At the Synod/Presbytery Interface meeting on 17 September last year it was decided that the Queensland Synod would participate in the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) 2016 <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/> . So on 23rd October this year 2016 we are encouraging congregations of all sizes, in urban, rural and remote Queensland to take part in the NCLS. At this important time in our church's life the NCLS will provide a time of reflection that can assist congregations, presbyteries and the synod to discern directions and next steps.

Notices....

- **Lent Event.... a call to live simply**

You may be surprised to discover that some of the happiest people in the world live in poorer communities. These are the communities who are always willing to give, even if it means they have very little. '[Give Up](#)' is our **Lent Event** theme this week – [a call to live simply](#) whilst we reflect on those communities that Lent Event supports. In Sri Lanka we're working with the Methodist Church to help make the most of every child's potential, especially in the north where conflict has destroyed schools and increased the number of people with disabilities. Learn about the lives of children like Ananjan in this week's [video](#)

• CHRISTIAN MEDITATION THROUGH YOGA

(A Holistic Approach: Body, Mind and Spirit)

Benefits of the course:

- Learning and practising simple yoga exercises for vitality, strength and healing.____
- Experiencing, relaxation, peace and wholeness (shalom).
- Learning the art of meditation, based on Christian Spirituality.

Date & Time: *Each Wednesday 10 – 11.15 am, starting on 3 February 2016.*

Place: *Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Bracken St/Pellinore Rd., Bracken Ridge.*

Note: The classes are suitable for all ages and fitness level. There will be 7 sessions. A donation of \$5 per session is welcome towards the Church Ministries.

For Details Contact: Rev. Dr. Amos Manoharan. Phone: 0407254126 or 3269073

Calendar....

MARCH

8th – PRC

9th – Presbytery Meeting

15th – Standing Committee

31st – Educating & Equipping

APRIL

11th - Resourcing

12th – PRC