



Issue 5  
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## Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Windsor Uniting Church as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering in prison facilities.

If you know of any pastoral/prayer points (joys and sorrows) that you wish to share with the wider Presbytery, please email them to the office ([office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)). Please note that permission is required if you are informing the Presbytery on behalf of another person.

## Presbytery Notices and Events

### **Upcoming Services**

All are welcome to attend the following services:

- 1) Pastor A Commissionings: Rebecca Clark and Donna Hammil will be commissioned as Lay Pastors at Redcliffe Uniting Church on Sunday 13 March, 9am
- 2) Induction Service: Rev Rod Fisher will be inducted as a Minister of the Word at The Gap Uniting Church on Sunday 3 April, 3pm

### **Letter from the Moderator: Rev David Baker**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you're no doubt aware, cyclone Winston has wreaked devastating havoc on substantial parts of Fiji; many people are in distress due to the loss of homes and infrastructure.

On Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, at Broadwater Road Uniting Church, 481 Broadwater Road, Mt. Gravatt, at 7:00pm, there will be a Service of Solidarity with the people of Fiji.

In order to encourage the Fijian community here, you are very welcome to attend.

An offering will be collected for processing through the Uniting World Appeal.

It would also be greatly encouraging for the Fijian community to see how the UCA has responded to this disaster.

If your congregation, school, or agency has already responded, could you please let me know some details of that response via email at [moderator@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:moderator@ucaqld.com.au), so that I can share this news with the community that gathers at the Service.

Yours faithfully,

**Rev David Baker**  
Moderator

## 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.

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

## Worship & Preaching Day – Holy Week & Easter

9.00 – 3.30 Saturday

12 March 2016

Chermside Kedron Community Church

Registrations extended to midnight tonight (Wednesday!)

Note that the venue is Chermside Kedron UC, **NOT** the Ashgrove presbytery centre.

For more information go to our Worship & Preaching Day link:

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

Registrations online at:

[Worship & Preaching Day Registrations](#)

## Mission Shaped Ministry 2016

**URGENT: 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 <mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au>

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

Registrations :

Please click here to register: <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/BcCq04LX1Q1jR9P>

## Youth & Children

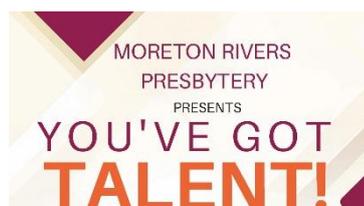
### **EASTER MADNESS: The Main Event**

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.**

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



### **September Camp 2016 Fundraiser**

Click [here](#) for more info

### **National Young Adult Leaders Conference**

July  
Gold Coast

*Please encourage the ministers or lay leadership teams in your presbytery to get behind their young adults and encourage their participation. Some Synods and Presbyteries have agreed to support through financial assistance which is wonderful.*

<https://vimeo.com/156872288>

### **Safe Ministry with Children Training** (Previously 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: **Saturday 7 May 2016**  
**Venue: TBA**  
**8am – 10:30am**

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

[Register here](#)

For further information contact Jill Bow at [adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

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 \(right click\)](#)

[Click here to register](#)

For further information contact Jill Bow at [adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) or Ph: 3366 0236

## **Other Events**

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

Then check this out...

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

### **Car Boot Sale: CKCC**

Saturday 19 March

7am to 12 noon

Chermside Kedron Community Church (corner Gympie and Rode Roads, Chermside

car spaces : \$10 ea

For booking or info contact 3350 4302

[Flyer](#)

### **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.

### **Adrian Plass: Redcliffe UC**

Adrian Plass is coming to Redcliffe Uniting Church for one Night only! Probably the last chance to see him in Australia!

Adrian is author of the best selling book - 'The Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass aged 37 3/4', which sold over a million of copies world wide. Adrian is known for his humour and deadly honesty about Christianity and the Church!

Adrian & Bridget are performing some of their best loved skits, poems, and comedy on SATURDAY 9th April 7pm.

Tickets \$20 full, \$15 Concession/Pension.

[Flyer](#)

## **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](mailto:smpres@gmail.com) or 07-3807 7421

## **Christian Feminism Conference**

Women’s Theology Conference

27 June – 1 July 2016

Grace College

Click [here](#) for more details...

## **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!

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... it’s time to Speak Up!**

This week, we hope you’ll enjoy hearing about the work [our partners are doing in their own communities](#) to speak up for justice and peace in places where it’s desperately needed. Throughout Asia, Africa and the Pacific these communities are passionate, well equipped and vocal about their own

needs and how they can bring about solutions to their own problems. Watch this week's [video](#) about committed young women in South Sudan as they train to become midwives in their war torn nation. And read about the creative work of people who've been [equipped to speak up for the poor](#). You too can give voice to those who need help, learn how [here](#) and at [www.lentevent.com](http://www.lentevent.com)

### **Cyclone Winston Appeal**

Winston has hit widely and its route is something “new” compared to previous cyclones. It is noted that Winston is one of the strongest cyclones ever recorded and has caused severe devastation on its pathway.

The strength of the wind was 270 to 315 Kph. Some of the bigger villages with 60 to 90 houses, only 2 are left standing. Everyone's belongings are destroyed and people are left with nothing. The death toll is 42, and, 45,000 people are effected. In the Rakiraki District, that I come from over 1000 homes are destroyed. Health Centres, hospitals, Schools, Community Centres and Churches are either totally or partially destroyed. Some small villages and settlements are left with nothing.

What is needed: Clothing, bedding, cooking utensils, kitchen mats, small stoves, gardening tools and all toiletries. Many of these things the Government cannot provide. We would also appreciate donations to cover the cost of a container.

**Please phone me (Saimoni Davui) 0474 523 944. Donation of goods can be taken to either: the Church Hall, 385 Zillmere Road, Zillmere; or, to the Manse 4 Karen Street, Aspley.**

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POSITION VACANT**

PART-TIME ROLE

@ Samford Valley Community Church  
[www.samfordcommunitychurch.com](http://www.samfordcommunitychurch.com)

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For more Info & a Position Description  
contact Peter Armstrong  
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### **Multiculturalism Matters**

[Brochure](#)

## **Calendar**

### **March**

- 9 – Presbytery Meeting
- 15 – Standing Committee
- 31 – Educating & Equipping

### **April**

- 11- Resourcing
- 12 – PRC