



Issue 6
23 March 2016

Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Albany Creek Uniting Church and Rev Harlee Cooper as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering in aged-care facilities.
- Please pray for EasterMadness – for the young people and leaders as the Easter story is experienced.

May the Easter story impact each of our lives.

Presbytery Notices and Events

Upcoming Services

All are welcome to attend the following service:

Induction Service: Rev Rod Fisher will be inducted as a Minister of the Word at The Gap Uniting Church on Sunday 3 April, 3pm

Ellie's Pantry Closure

Due to changes of distribution avenues, Ellie's pantry is now closed. A big thank you to all people and congregations who have supported this ministry over the years.

Code of Ethics/Safe Ministry with Children (for Ministry Agents)

Code of Ethics – Friday 6 May 2016
9:00am – 12:30pm followed by lunch
Kenani Community Church Banyo
425 Earnshaw Rd Banyo

Safe Ministry with Children Training:
Friday 6th May 1:15pm -4:30pm
Kenani Community Church
425 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo

This training session for Ministerial Agents to introduce them to the new Safe Ministry with Children information

Click [here](#) to register
RSVP by Friday 29 April

Nominations for Presbytery Chair & Presbytery Secretary

Nominations are now open for the roles of Presbytery Chair and Presbytery Secretary. Nomination forms are now available on the [website](#). Please note that nominations close 30 June, 2016.

Ministry Agent Retreat: CHANGE OF DATE

Please note the change of dates for the Ministry Agents Retreat: **31 October – 2 November**

Venue: TBC
Previous dates: 29 – 31 August

Property Reminder: Change batteries in smoke alarms (1 April Reminder!)

Just a reminder to congregations to please change the batteries in all church property (including churches, halls, manses).

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.

Holiday Office Hours

Please note that office hours for the Easter School Holidays will be 9am – 12pm.

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](#)

Mission Shaped Ministry 2016

URGENT: Please register now for this year’s Mission Shaped Ministry course, even if you missed 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



Venue for first block:

Wednesday evenings – Broadwater Rd Uniting Church (481 Broadwater Road Mansfield, Queensland)

Saturday field day – BELLS (near Caloundra)

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)

Remaining 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: www.msmqld.com

Registrations :

Please click here to register: <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/BcCq04LX1Ql1jR9P>

Worship & Preaching Day – advance notice

Saturday, 22 October

Focus on Community Engagement in Worship.

- How do we bring worship to the wider community in public events, such as ANZAC Day, times of major disasters, Christmas?
- How can we engage the wider community in our Sunday gatherings?

We will also have further experiences of **contemporary music**, by popular demand after our last W&PD. Other workshops may include **story-telling in worship**.

Lay Preacher candidates will have a special stream, focusing on the worship elements of intercessory prayer and sending out.

Mark the date!

Contact Rob McFarlane with **suggestions for workshops** you would like on the day. Feel free to suggest presenters or to volunteer!

Youth & Children



**September Camp 2016 Fundraiser
(Combined Youth Group Event Term 2)**

All ages are welcome to participate or come and support your local act.

Click [here](#) for more info

[Click here to register](#)

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: 177 Bennetts Road, Norman Park
8am – 11.00am

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
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 or Ph: 3366 0236

Other Events

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](#)

Family Breakfast: Sandgate UC

Enjoy great food and great company

7.30 am

Sat 16 April, 2016

Cost: \$9 per Adult with 1 Child Free
or \$20.00 per family



Guest Speaker
School Chaplains

Sandgate Uniting Church,
116 Board Street, Deagon

RSVP: Wednesday 14 April, 2016, 3869 0277, 8:30am – 12:30pm

Autumn Fair: The Gap UC

The Gap Uniting Church is having its Autumn Fair (previously the April Fair) on **Saturday April 16th**, 10am till 3pm at the Church (1050 Waterworks Road). Come along and join in the fun. There will be Face Painting, a Jumping Castle, 2nd Hand Toys and Games for the kids. For adults we have 2nd Hand Clothes, Books, Puzzles, Gifts and Fantastic Plants! Don't forget to grab one of the famous hamburgers or some of the home made cakes, pies, sweets and biscuits.

For more info contact The Gap UC Office on 3300 2712 or check the website – www.thegapuca.org.au
[Flyer](#)

The Ageing World of 2020 Forum

Michael O'Neill the Chief Executive of National Seniors Australia will be the speaker and lead "The Ageing World of 2020" forum. Topics include retirement incomes, mature age employment, health, housing and technology. This forum will be held on Saturday April 16 at 8 am at Aspley Uniting Church, 438 Robinson Road, Aspley 4034. A light breakfast will be served from 8 am-8.30 am followed by the forum.

For more information contact: Rev Sandra Jebb (439289673; minister@aspleyuc.org.au)
[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 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](#).

Right click to view the [brochure](#).

Notices

Lent Event... 'Rest Up' and put the Sabbath into practice!

As Palm Sunday heralds the closing days of Lent, set aside time to rest and reflect on your Lenten journey. Sabbath rest is not just about personal renewal but also includes time for renewal for all of creation. A world embracing [Sabbath rest](#) will then be a place where humanity lives as good and wise stewards of God’s creation and where consideration for all that lives and all who work on this Earth is central. In this week’s [video](#), learn about the hopes and dreams that our church partners hold for a bright future. On behalf of the people and communities of our overseas church partners, thank you for standing with us to [help create meaningful change](#)! May your celebration of Easter be filled with love and peace.

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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Calendar

March

31 – Educating & Equipping

April

11- Resourcing

12 – PRC

May

3 - PRC

6 – Code of Ethics/Safe Ministry with Children (Ministry Agents)

17 – Standing Committee

20 – 25 Synod