



# Moreton Rivers Presbytery News

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## Services in 2017

All are welcome to attend the upcoming services in 2017:

### **Commissioning:**

Mr Danny Nugent will be commissioned as Pastor at Dayboro Uniting Church (William St, Dayboro) on Sunday 12 February, 8:30am.

### **Ordination**

Ms Beatriz Skippen and Mr Aaron Moad will be ordained at Albert St Uniting Church on Saturday the 11th of February at 2pm.

### **Induction**

Ms Beatriz Skippen will be inducted as a Deacon at Bulimba Uniting Church on Sunday the 12th of February at 2pm.

### **Induction**

Mr Aaron Moad will be inducted as a Minister of the Word at Graceville Uniting Church on Sunday the 12th of February at 1pm

### **Commissioning**

Mr Neil Storey will be commissioned as a pastor at Moreton Faith Community (Strathpine State School) Wirraway St, Strathpine, Sunday 26 February at 5pm

## Presbytery Meeting

The next Presbytery meeting will be on Wednesday the 8th of March at Wesley Mission Queensland Wheller on the Park at 25 The Boulevard, Chermside.

Worship will commence at 4.30pm

The Presbytery Meeting will conclude with a closure of ministry liturgy for Rev. Alison Cox.

Dinner will be catered at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

Please RSVP by clicking [here](#) or visiting the Moreton Rivers Presbytery website.

## Position Vacant

### **Church Administrator - Albert Street Uniting Church**

Three days per week. Applicants should apply through the Wesley Mission Queensland website. More information is available from Rev Lyn Burden or Rosemary Hiley on 3031 3030

# **2017 Presbytery Ministry Agents' Retreat**

**29-31 May  
Woodlands of Marburg  
174 Seminary Rd  
Marburg**



## **Slowing down to catch up to God**

At our 2016 Synod we were reminded of the importance of the 'contemplative disciples' in the life and ministry of a 'Christ-centred disciple', e.g., silence, stillness, solitude, listening and contemplative prayer and living. Our 2017 Presbytery retreat will give us the opportunity to learn and use some of these contemplative skills, practices and disciplines.

**Join us for a time of enrichment and refreshment  
at the beautiful Woodlands Estate.**

Our retreat facilitators are Johanna and Jeff Lawrence, who have both trained as spiritual directors and both facilitate reflection days and retreats. Johanna is actively involved in the Christian Meditation Community, she leads the team teaching others to meditate and lead meditation groups, she also co-facilitates a 'renewal retreat group'. Johanna has a BA and Masters in Gestalt Therapy. Jeff is a Biblical storyteller, pastor, spiritual director, 'pastors renewal retreat group facilitator', mentor in a pastors Professional and Personal Development program, men's group facilitator, a leader of a men's contemplative

**Register online at the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Website or by clicking [here](#). Price is \$295 per person including meals and accommodation. Registration is now open and should be completed by Monday the 8th of May**



# Youth and Children

## Renovators Dinner 2017

Moreton Rivers Presbytery would like to invite you to the 2017 Renovators Dinner at the Presbytery (22 Ashgrove Avenue, Ashgrove) on Saturday 25th February 2017, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm. Come along for a free meal and opportunity to connect with other Youth Leaders and share how your ministry is going. For RSVP [click here](#)



## Growing Youth Ministry Training Days 2017

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.

For all information [click here](#)

For registration [click here](#)



## IGNITE

### Children's Ministry Conference and Expo Saturday March 4

This is the best opportunity to connect with other Children's Ministry leaders and gain training, resources a fantastic start to the year.

For info and to register go to <http://igniteexpo.org.au/>



## Easter Madness 2017

It's on again!!

7-10 April, 2017



One week before Easter we'll break open the life-changing story and uncover the **TRUE** meaning of Easter! Young people (high school to 25yrs) across Queensland will have the chance to come together and explore what '*real world faith*' means.

**Easter Madness 2017** is going to be filled with lots of fun activities, worship and much more

[For more information and registration please visit eastermadness.com.au](http://eastermadness.com.au)

## Beach Volleyball and Futsal Night

Moreton Rivers combined Youth Event.

Friday 10 March, 7pm

Beach Volleyball Mania—72 Pickering St, Enoggera.

Cost is \$8

RSVP by Friday March 3 to AI - 0407375121 [youthworker@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:youthworker@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)



# Educating and Equipping

## Safe Ministry with Children Training

**Emmanuel Uniting Church**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 9am – 12 noon

**Caboolture Uniting Church**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 9am – 12 noon



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

## Worship & Preaching Day

The next Worship and Preaching Day is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Pine Rivers Uniting Church. The Theme will be “Community Engagement in Worship”



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

## Learning for Living Courses



Learning for Living is a course in spirituality, focussing on enrichment of self, mission to the world and ministry to the church. 2017 registrations are now open.

[For more information and registrations please click here.](#)

## 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**. Previous President's three-yearly conferences have been great times of renewal of call and strengthening ministers' sense of connection to colleagues and the UCA as a whole.

[For more information please click here.](#)

## Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Course 2017

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, Brisbane

Numbers limited to 20 participants. Registrations filling quickly!

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

## Exposure & Solidarity Tour to Bali & Java, CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to restructuring in UnitingWorld, including closing their InSolidarity and Experience tours, we have had to cancel this tour.

## Study Tour to Israel & Jordan, 8-27 April, 2018

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. A full brochure with itinerary and costings for this tour is available. [For the brochure and booking form, click here.](#)



# *Educating and Equipping*

## **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.

**10-11 March (MSM Introduction)**

**Saturday 3 June (MSM—Leading Missional Communities)**

**Saturday 26 August (MSM—Young Adult Mission)**

**Saturday 25 November (MSM—Discipleship & Spirituality in Missional Communities)**

For more information contact Jill Bow at Moreton Rivers Presbytery on (07) 33660236 or email: [adminsUPPORT@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsUPPORT@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

## **National Mission Pioneer Gathering – taking MSM further!**

25-27 May 2017, in Sydney. This gathering seeks to develop a community of innovators and experimenters with a passion for mission and birthing new forms of contextual church. It's especially useful as the next stage in MSM training.

## **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

## **Messy Church Training**

Beth Nicholls from South Moreton Presbytery is a regional coordinator of Messy Church across Brisbane. She has generously offered to conduct Messy Church training with any congregations who are interested in exploring this significant ministry opportunity. Please let me know if you are keen and we can organise this.

## **24**

Friday March 3 is a great day for all leaders of children's ministry leaders to gather together at Gateway Baptist for training, networking and encouragement. This truly is a day worth engaging in. Please see more details or register here: <http://igniteexpo.org.au/twenty4-retreat/>





# Educating and Equipping

## Biblical Storytelling Workshop & Biblical Storytelling Presentation

Presented by Jeff Lawrence

Saturday, 1st April 2017, 8.45 am for 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, Sandgate Uniting Church.

For more information please [click here](#)

## Lenten studies for 2017

Based on the lectionary readings

Great for helping the congregation to wrestle with Matthew's gospel!

Anyone can lead.

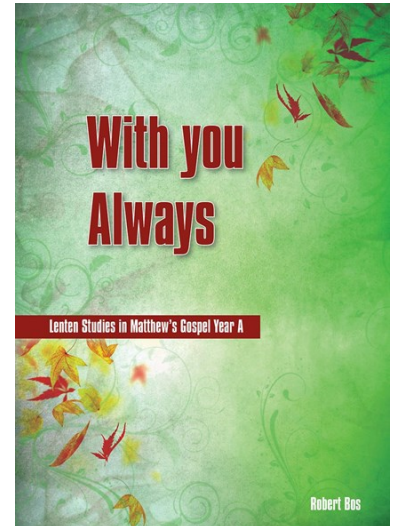
Includes, an introduction to the gospel plus six 90 minute sessions.

Prayers, contemporary stories, background to the passage, life related, thought and discussion provoking questions, further reading.

Order from Mediacom, 1800 811 311,

[admin@mediacom.org.au](mailto:admin@mediacom.org.au),

PO Box 610, Unley 5061, SA



## Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is a Brisbane venture creating an open community space for theological reflection on public affairs and life issues. Each month a speaker unpacks a key theological concept in light of its relevance to our lives and the issues of our time. Theology on Tap strives to be irenic, ecumenical, practical and explorative. Sessions are held at 4:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month at The Crown Hotel, 446 Lutwyche Road, Lutwyche.

The first event for 2017 is this Sunday, February 5, where Rev. Dr Charles Ringma will reflect on his life experiences under the theme, 'Migration and the Migrant God: Personal perspectives on dislocation and re-integration.' Live music provided by Glenda Whitted.

For more information:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Theology-on-Tap-Brisbane-296409673708409/>

Web site: <https://theologyontapbrisbane.wordpress.com/>

Email: [theologyontapbrisbane@outlook.com](mailto:theologyontapbrisbane@outlook.com)

## Lent Event



With Lent just around the corner, UnitingWorld's Lent Event resources are now available. Visit the Lent Event website at [www.lentevent.com](http://www.lentevent.com) to see how you can engage with the Lent Event programs.



## Other Notices

### Aboriginal Recognition Plaques for Sale

The below plaques are for sale if your congregation would like to purchase them. They are \$9.50 (we have recently been informed by supplier they have increased in price) each plus postage and handling. The new plaques are made of different material which is a polyprop plastic with brass finish and different colour background.



For more information and for orders, please contact Jill Bow at [adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au).

**Orders close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

### Footsteps of Paul - Greece Study Tour

**Sun 17th Sep - Sun 1st Oct 2017.**

This tour begins in the place Paul and his companions landed after his vision of being called to Macedonia, and then follows his ministry throughout Greece. Spend several days exploring unique and incredible sites, all with amazing historical, cultural and religious significance, both for the ancient world, and for the church today. Join us for two weeks of learning and laughter, as we encounter the world of the New Testament, and rediscover what it means to be people of mission.

Contact Rev. Rod Fisher ASAP for more information - [rfisher@thegapuca.org.au](mailto:rfisher@thegapuca.org.au) or click [here](#).

Registration forms can be found [here](#).

### Garage Sale

The Gap Uniting Church is having its Annual Garage Sale on **Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 6am till midday** at the Church (1050 Waterworks Road). Kitchenware, Furniture, Electrical Items, Sporting Goods and Garden Tools are just some of the many items for sale. Come along for great finds and fantastic bargains.

Donations are being accepted at the Church from 9am to midday on Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. For more info contact The Gap UC Office on 3300 2712 or visit <http://thegapuca.org.au/activities-and-events/local->



## Other Notices

### Next Gen Arise Leadership Gathering

Next Gen Arise is Queensland Synod's initiative to support cross cultural young people to develop their leadership, connect with each other and corporately worship Jesus.

Our mission is to develop leaders who can inspire a movement of cross cultural young people to passionately follow Jesus, selflessly build each other up, faithfully take places of leadership in the church and beyond, and fearlessly change the world.

We would like to invite you to our first monthly leadership gathering where all cross cultural young leaders and emerging leaders of the Uniting Church and other denominations are welcome. The aim of this monthly leadership gathering is to support cross-cultural leaders and anyone who is interested in leadership to develop their leadership skills and build networks with each other. This month's workshop topic is "Developing self-confidence & healthy identity as young leader", and Rev. Fa Matangi will be our guest speaker.

The event will be held at Beenleigh Region Uniting Church (32-50 Mt Warren Boulevard, Mouth Warren) on Saturday 25th February 2-4 pm.

For more information, please click [here](#).

or contact Noah on [noah.kim@ucaqlld.com.au](mailto:noah.kim@ucaqlld.com.au)

or go to our Facebook webpage: <https://www.facebook.com/nextgenarise>.

### Free to a good home...

Merthyr Road Uniting Church have two spare offering bags they happy to pass on to another church that may have need of them. If your congregation could make use of this, please contact Merthyr Road UC.

(07) 3358 6945

[office@mruca.org.au](mailto:office@mruca.org.au)

[www.merthyrroaduca.com.au](http://www.merthyrroaduca.com.au)

### The "Sole to Soul" One Day Contemplative Bushwalking

**Saturday 18 March 2017, Thylogale Track from Jollys Lookout.** For more information contact:

Jeff Lawrence on Ph: 0421 337 431 or email: [jeffrlawrence@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jeffrlawrence@optusnet.com.au)





# *Prayer and Pastoral Concerns*

Please pray for the congregation of Kilcoy Uniting Church and for the lay ministry team as they seek to minister to their community.

Please pray for the Ministry of the Wesley Hospital and for the medical staff and chaplains who serve there.

## *Calendar*

### **February**

9 - Standing Committee

25 - Renovators Dinner

28 - Pastoral Relations Committee

### **March**

8 - Presbytery Meeting

21 - Resource Committee

23 - EEC meeting

