



**Moreton Rivers  
Presbytery**

**Newsletter**

1<sup>st</sup> November  
2017

*encouraging and equipping God's people for God's mission*

## WELCOME

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. It's full of what's happening around the Moreton Rivers Presbytery and beyond.

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## WHAT'S on:

-  **6 November**  
Resourcing Com Mtg
-  **7 November**  
Pastoral Relations  
Committee Meeting
-  **10 November 7-9 pm**  
Trinity Unplugged
-  **22 November**  
Presbytery Meeting,  
North Lakes UC
-  **7 December**  
EEC Meeting
-  **12 December**  
Pastoral Relations  
Committee Meeting
-  **12 December**  
Standing Com Mtg

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## PRESBYTERY NEWS:

### ***Prayer and Pastoral Concerns***

Please pray for Windsor Uniting Church, for Pastor Terry Stanyer and the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains who are working in prison facilities, for their ministry to inmates and their families and prison staff.

### ***Ordination Service – Pastor Matt Smith***

***Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 2.00pm The Gap Uniting Church***

***Waterworks Rd, The Gap***

All are welcome to attend with Afternoon Tea afterwards.

### ***Induction Service – Brenton Prigge***

***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 2.00 pm Chermside Kedron Community Church,***

***590 Gympie Rd, Chermside***

All are welcome to attend with Afternoon Tea afterwards.

### ***Service of Dedication to the North Lakes Uniting Church Chapel***

***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 9.30 am – 10.30 am, 2 College Street, Northlakes***

All are welcome to attend, with Morning Tea afterwards.

### ***Safe Ministry with Children Annual Audit for 2017 – Outstanding documents***

We are still waiting on some congregations to submit their copy of Church Council minute adopting the Safe Ministry with Children Policy and a copy of their congregation Register of Workers. Please email these documents to Kathy Wright at [office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) **urgently** as Synod deadline for these documents was end of September. We appreciate your assistance.

### ***Nominations for Presbytery Resourcing Committee Members***

The Resourcing Committee is currently looking for members!

If you could like to nominate to be part of the Resourcing Committee please [click here](#)

## **PRESBYTERY NEWS:** *Continued*

### **MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

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| <b>6 November</b>  | Resourcing Committee Meeting   |
| <b>7 November</b>  | Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting   |
| <b>22 November</b> | Presbytery Meeting: North Lakes Uniting Church   |
| <b>7 December</b>  | Educating and Equipping Committee Meeting  |
| <b>12 December</b> | Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting (morning)<br>Standing Committee Meeting (afternoon) |

**Next Newsletter:** Wednesday 15 November 2017

**Submissions due:** Monday 13th November 2017

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## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS:

### ***Nominations for Educating and Equipping Committee Members***

The EEC is currently looking for members!

If you could like to nominate to be part of the EEC please [click here](#).

### ***Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry & Interim Ministry Courses 2018 Registrations now open !***



Moreton Rivers Presbytery offers internationally accredited training in transitional ministry and intentional interim ministry. Our training is backed by the US-based Interim Ministry Network:

<https://imnedu.org/>

“**Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader**” (FTML) 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. (Isn't that all of them nowadays?)

While FTML is a stand-alone program, it is also the first stage of training that leads to being qualified as an Intentional Interim Minister. Thus, it is useful in itself for anyone in lay or ordained ministry, and also for those exploring whether they are called to Intentional Interim Ministry.

#### “**Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Congregation**” (FTMC)

For people in ministry wishing to go beyond FTML, Moreton Rivers Presbytery with partners in other Synods conducts specialist IIM training in three stages:

**Stage 1:** FTML (see above)

**Stage 2:** A five-day program, “Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Congregation” (FTMC) for people who satisfy entry requirements to train as IIM specialists.

**Stage 3:** A supervised project, which may be taken for academic credit, by negotiation.

An application and a recommendation from your presbytery, diocese or equivalent are essential to undertake stages 2 and 3.

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

### ***2018 Learning for Living Courses Registration now open!***

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



### ***2018 First Aid Training Registration now open!***

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



## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

### ***Greek Geek Group: For preachers who want to work from the Greek text***

A lot of people have done a little bit of Greek and would like to use it more. If that's you, Greek Geeks meet monthly to look at Greek Gospel and Epistle passages coming up in the lectionary, with a focus on interpretation for preaching. We also explore tools for using the Greek we have for ministry and encourage one another to use our Greek more.

Next passage on 21 November: Mark 13:24-37 the conclusion to "The Destruction of the Temple" and "The Lesson of the Fig Tree / The Unknown Hour" (lectionary for Sunday, 3 December, Advent 1)

Where: Café Manna, ground floor at Synod

When: 10.30 am to 12 noon

Tuesday 21 November (final meeting for 2017)

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Rob McFarlane:

edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or 3366 0236

### ***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.

- Saturday 25 November, 9.00 am – 4 pm: MSM—Discipleship & Spirituality in Missional Communities
- We will also hear and reflect on the story of the BELLS community, three years after its founding as A Fresh Expression: <http://www.bells.org.au/>
- Caloundra Uniting Church Hall, 56c Queen Street, Caloundra



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

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

### ***End of year: A time of ministry transitions***

As the end of the year draws closer many ministers will be moving in the new year or are seeking to move. Entering a new placement is major time of transition. Here is a simple article on "transplant shock" with some things to think about now or down the track:

<https://www.vanderbloemen.com/blog/how-to-avoid-transplant-shock-in-ministry>

### ***Continuing Education for Ministry (CEM) e-lists***

People in ministry are often looking for learning opportunities focussed around their own needs and priorities for ministry. Rob McFarlane runs e-lists focussed on 36 different areas of ministry. Sign up for one, some or all, using the form on this link. Rob is also keen to receive suggestions about events, courses and resources that he can promote on his lists.

<https://www.moretonriverspresbytery.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Continuing-education-e-list-sign-up1.pdf>

## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

### Check out **ACTIVATE**

Trinity College Queensland's exciting new gap-year program. The program will allow school leavers, new grads and the "vocationally confused" to complete a very practically-based Diploma of Ministry offering purposeful learning and spiritual growth in a genuinely enjoyable context of vibrant Christian community. In addition to academic study, participants will also complete a barista qualification, do a mental health first aid course, learn to cook for crowds, go on an overseas mission trip, service in local programs for disadvantaged people and so much more.

For the first year only (2018), all program costs will be included in the cost of the academic program, *all of which can be covered using fee-help!* So, yes, the whole program can be enjoyed for a \$0 upfront cost. Options are also available to audit the academic component of the course.

Please join us in promoting the program within and around Queensland churches. If you know any young people who might be interested, you can direct them to: [www.activate.trinity.qld.edu.au](http://www.activate.trinity.qld.edu.au) or search **activatetrinity** on Facebook.

If you require any further information on 0417703728 or [simon.gomersall@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:simon.gomersall@trinity.qld.edu.au). Simon is also available to come and promote the program personally in any contexts relevant to your responsibilities.



### **2018 Mission Education Date Claimers**

Here are some dates for your 2018 diaries to help you be equipped for mission, ministry and service. Details to follow:

- Thursday, 22 February: Learning for Living "Exploring the OT" commences at Ashgrove (10 Thursday evenings)
- Saturday, 3 March: Worship & Preaching Day
- Monday 5 to Wednesday to Wednesday 7 March: The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry (The Work of the Leader) – intro course
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April : Sacraments Training Day, equipping Lay Presiders TBC
- Monday 8 to Friday 27 April: Study Tour to Jordan and Israel (Tour full – talk to Rob McFarlane about going on the waiting list)
- Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 May: National Pioneer Ministers gathering (for people leading Fresh Expressions of church)
- Saturdays 2 June, 7 July and 4 August: Learning for Living "Talking about God (1): Faith & Reason, Creation & Trinity" at North Lakes
- Monday 25 to Friday 29 June: The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry (The Work of the Congregation) – advanced Intentional Interim Ministry course

## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

### ***National Church Life Survey Results for Moreton Rivers Presbytery:***

Following the release of your summary profile and result to local churches, I am pleased to release the full Church Life Profile of the 2016 National Church Life Survey for the Uniting Church Presbytery of Moreton Rivers. Please use this link to access your Church Life Profile for the Uniting Church Presbytery of Moreton Rivers: <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/profile-number/select-profile?pn=N4Z9YT>

To view the full profile, click on "View Our Church Life Profile – available now".

After it has loaded you can save the profile by clicking on **Download** – *profile as pdf*.

The full *Church Life Profile* contents will include a summary as well as more detail:

- **Summary Profile:** the summary of results about the people, what they value and prioritise, their gifts and skills, how they relate to God, each other, and the wider community, as well as vision, innovation and leadership culture.
- **The People of this Church:** Demographics, patterns of attendance, involvement in church life.
- **Church Vitality – Core Qualities of Church Life:** A detailed look at each of the nine core qualities that shape church vitality.
- **Church Survey Results** (for churches who ran the Child Survey): Experiences and thoughts about church life and faith from children aged 8 to 14 years.'
- **Denominational Survey Results** (for those who commissioned extra survey questions): Responses to questions commissioned by your denomination.

These results can be shared with others by directing them to: <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/profile-number> and providing the profile number: **N4Z9YT**.

If you have any queries about your results please contact us at [info@ncls.org.au](mailto:info@ncls.org.au) or (02 9701 4479). We would welcome the opportunity to discuss your results with you at an appropriate time.

Thank you for your partnership in serving God's church.

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## YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

### ***Youth Combine Break Up Event for 2017***

***Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm***

***Chermside Kedron Community Church, 590 Gympie Rd, Chermside.***

For RSVP contact: Lysani Pallay on Ph: 0428607068 or email [lpallay8@gmail.com](mailto:lpallay8@gmail.com)

By Friday 17 November 2017.



### ***Safe Ministry with Children Training***

***Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm***

***Park Tongan Uniting Church, 21 Hampstead Rd, Highgate Hill***

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



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

### ***Night Church, The Gap Uniting Church, 1050 Waterworks Road, The Gap Launches Sunday October 29 at 6.00 pm***

A new generation of church for youth and young adults. Night church is a welcoming, fresh, interactive and open environment for older youth and young adults to connect with each other and God.

It is a worship space that explores faith in ways that are challenging and relevant to life.

For more information: [www.thegapnc.com](http://www.thegapnc.com)

### ***Bald Hills Uniting Church – Market Day***

***4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 8am to 1pm – Market at Bald Hills Uniting Church, 2131 Gympie Rd Bald Hills***

Car Boot Sale, General Market, Books, Plant stall, Cakes, Sausage Sizzle and some good Trash & Treasure.

Enquiries: Don at 3261 7891 or Margaret 3882 1677 or [www.baldhillsuc1@gmail.com](mailto:www.baldhillsuc1@gmail.com)

### ***Church and Community Development Entrepreneur***

If you have a heart for finding a place for the church in a huge new residential development on the outskirts of Brisbane, the South Moreton Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia would love to hear from you. We are seeking a suitably experienced and qualified Social Planning /Community Development Facilitator for the Yarrabilba residential development 20km south of Logan Central. This development will eventually provide approximately 20,000 dwellings to house a population of up to 50,000 people.

The successful applicant will be tasked with positioning the Uniting Church for effective missional engagement with the Yarrabilba community through the provision of educational facilities, community service and congregational life.

Contact Michele Cochrane [smpres@gmail.com](mailto:smpres@gmail.com) or call 07 3807 7421 for a copy of the Position Description and further information. This position is readvertised. Applications close 24 November 2017.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### ***Duelling Organs Concert" DUELLING ORGANS Albert Street Uniting Church, Corner Albert and Ann Streets, Brisbane, Sunday afternoon 5th November at 2.30pm.***

Albert Street Uniting Church organist Greg Hartay-Szabo and Saint Andrew's Uniting Church organist Steven Nisbet will be presenting a program of exciting organ music in a two-organ program, Duelling Organs. The two organs to be played are the Benson pipe organ and a virtual pipe organ featuring the Melbourne Town Hall Organ.

Tickets are \$25, with a concession price for seniors and tertiary students of \$20. School students and young children are free.

Proceeds go to Hummingbird House, Queensland's only children's hospice, located at Weller Gardens, Chermside.

You can purchase tickets at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) and search "Duelling Organs"

For more information: Ph Steven Nisbet (07)411-2811 or email: [rsnisbet@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rsnisbet@optusnet.com.au) or website: <https://www.wmq.org.au/services/albert-street-uniting-church>

### ***Trinity Unplugged Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7-9 pm \$10 (with refreshments)***

***Topic: Search for Truth: what does the Bible say?***

***Speaker: Leigh Trevaskis***

The Bible makes a whole lot of truth claims – but can we rely on these as true? Should a modern person give even scant attention to a narrative that claims a personal God created the world?

It would be great to see you there. For more details and rsvp call Trinity College: 3377 9950 or email: [ask@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:ask@trinity.qld.edu.au).

### ***Art Exhibition and Sale – Sarah Tucker Douglas Friday 10th November 2017, 6.30 pm, 2557 Mount Mee Rd, Ocean View.***

Please join us in enjoying a celebration night of Art, Wine, Views and Conversation. Q & A session on the impact of Prison Ministry and the workings of a Prison Chaplain.

For more information go to: [www.oceanviewstates.com.au/news-events/](http://www.oceanviewstates.com.au/news-events/) or [info@oceanviewstates.com.au](mailto:info@oceanviewstates.com.au) RSVP: 3425 3900

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### ***"Sing It Yourself Messiah"***

***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Albert Street Uniting Church, Brisbane***

We invite you and your friends to join us from 4.30pm (Church doors open at 4pm) for rehearsals followed by a light supper at 6.20pm (cost \$5) and then the performance commencing at 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm). There will be scores made available to those who do not possess their own copy. Cost is \$10 for singers, the performance is free to watch! Jason Barry-Smith will again be our conductor, with our Music Director, Greg Hartay-Szabo, on the organ. Our soloists are: Judith Molnar (soprano), Melissa Jane Gregor (alto), Bernard Wheaton (tenor), Shaun Brown (bass), Ashley Moor (trumpet).

The Church will be open from 6.30pm for your friends and family to watch the performance.

For further information please call 3031 3030 or email: [albertstreet@wmq.org.au](mailto:albertstreet@wmq.org.au) or

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/yauk5au6>

### ***Day of Quiet – Practical Spirituality***

***Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December***

Before the busyness of Christmas, prepare your heart: begin Advent in holy stillness and guided reflection.

The Day of Quiet will be led by The Reverend Greg March who is an experienced leader in spiritual direction and served as the coordinator for the Australian Network for Spiritual Direction. His background is in Franciscan and Ignation spiritualities and brings an interest in creation spirituality to his leadership.

Cost will be \$25 for 1 person, \$40 for 2 people, \$50 for 3 people, and will include a delicious summer lunch. For more information, or to register your interest, email [spiritualitycentre@mruca.org.au](mailto:spiritualitycentre@mruca.org.au) or phone 3358 6945  
[see flyer](#)

### ***Merthyr Rd New Farm – Christmas Carols***

***Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 6:30pm***

Merthyr Road Uniting Church, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Community Church, are once again hosting the annual Christmas Carol Extravaganza. This is a community event filled with fun, entertainment, carol singing and supper. The carols will be held in our courtyard on Sunday evening 17th December from 6:30pm. Contact Debbie at the Merthyr Rd church office on 3358 6945.

[see flyer](#)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### ***Workshop for Worship Song-Writers***

#### ***Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Indooroopilly Uniting Church***

Songwrite 2018, the third national workshop for worship song-writers in the Uniting Church, is being held at Indooroopilly UC, Brisbane, over the Australia Day long weekend, 26-28 January 2018. The previous two events (Canberra and Adelaide) drew song-writers, young and old, from across Australia for a wonderful weekend of learning, writing, recording and worship singing. Keynote speaker for 2018 is Tanya Riches (composer of “Jesus, what a beautiful name”), a Hillsong pastor from Sydney with a deep experience of cross-cultural and First Peoples music.

Online registrations at \$150 will be available soon. For further details visit <https://ucasongwrite.wordpress.com/>

### ***Hymn Books Wanted:***

The Barney View Community Church would like to hear from any congregation which has a dozen Australian Hymn Books that could be donated to them. Their little congregation is growing and they need more books. Please contact Mr Hal Catchpol on 07 5463 1036.

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