

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



**Moreton Rivers
Presbytery**

Newsletter

29th November
2017

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:

-  **30 November**
SMC training –
Highgate Hill
-  **7 December**
EEC Meeting
-  **12 December**
Pastoral Relations
Committee Meeting
-  **12 December**
Standing Committee
Meeting
-  **29 January**
Resourcing Committee
Meeting
-  **1 February**
Educating and
Equipping Committee
Meeting
-  **3 February**
First Aid Training

PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for Arana Hills Uniting Church, for Rev Josie Neuendorff and the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains who are working in the Police Force; for their ministry to those who come across their paths, their colleagues and their families.

Queensland Community Alliance

Here is the link to Queensland Community Alliance (QCA) video that there wasn't room for on last week's Presbytery meeting agenda. Presbyteries of Moreton Rivers, Bremer Brisbane, and South Moreton plus the Synod are all members of the QCA. The Alliance's Community Organising Principles and Practices are great tools for congregations in mission planning and community connections. They are vital to living out both the Synod's priority directions and the MRP mission priorities.

The Founding Assembly was an amazing event, with great leadership from our Moderator, Dave Baker!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30T5dIO1cnc>

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 **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](#)

MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 7 December | Educating and Equipping Committee Meeting |
| 12 December | Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting (morning) |
| | Standing Committee Meeting (afternoon) |
| 29 January | Resourcing Committee Meeting |
| 1 February | Educating and Equipping Committee Meeting |

Final 2017 Newsletter: Wednesday 13 December 2017

Submissions due: Monday 11 December 2017

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 Registrations now open!

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



2018 First Aid Training Registrations now open!

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



The Top Ten Essentials for your Church Website

Here is a stimulating list of ten things to think about regarding your website. My only quibble is that many congregations don't have the resources to keep content right up-to-date, plus social media has become even more significant since 2015, so think about running points 5 & 7 together:

<https://www.vanderbloemen.com/blog/the-top-10-essentials-for-your-church-website>

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

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>

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 or search **activatetrinity** on Facebook.

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



MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

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, 24 February: Worship & Preaching Day
- Monday 5 to Wednesday to Wednesday 7 March: The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry (The Work of the Leader) – intro course
- Saturday 7th 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

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 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.

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

Daily Devotionals from Albany Creek

Harlee Cooper and Albany Creek UC have developed a wonderful new program of daily devotionals based around the Narrative Lectionary. These are locally written and thus relational and relevant as they encourage us to deepen our spiritual practices. You are welcome to subscribe to receive a daily email with a reading, reflection and prayer. The link to subscribe is: <http://eepurl.com/cYHQlr>

Pioneer Ministry in new housing areas

Here is a great resource for people seeking to develop ministry and communities in new housing areas. This is an issue of "ANVIL: Journal of theology and mission" devoted to this topic:

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/anvil-journal-theology-and-mission>

Scroll down to the next section: Youth and Children News

YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

Safe Ministry with Children Training

Thursday 30th November, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Park Tongan Uniting Church, 21 Hampstead Rd, Highgate Hill

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



2018 Young Adults Date Claimer

Saturday 16 December 2017, Dinner & Chill, Roma Street Parklands.

For more dates and events [click here](#)



2018 Growing Youth 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.



For all training day information [GM flyer 2018](#)

For online registration [click here](#)

2018 Youth Combines

For dates and events [click here](#)



2018 IGNITE Conference

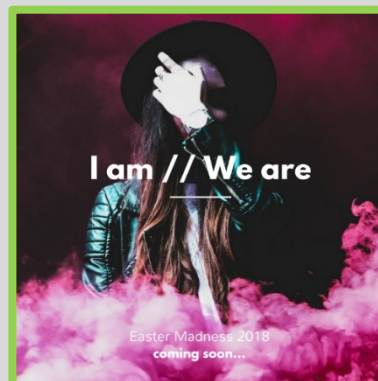
Saturday 3 March, Mueller Performance Arts Centre, Rothwell Brisbane

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



2018 Easter Madness Date Claimer

6-9 April 2018



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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Night Church, The Gap Uniting Church, 1050 Waterworks Road, The Gap Sundays 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

POSITIONS VACANT – UNITINGWORLD

Head of Fundraising Communications (0.6 FTE negotiable)



To apply:

You must obtain a copy of the [Position Description](#) and address the selection criteria in your application. To apply, send a completed Application Cover Sheet, CV and cover letter (addressing the selection criteria) to EA@unitingworld.org.au.

Applications close Friday 1st December, 2017

Note: Only candidates short-listed for an interview will be contacted. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of the closing date, unfortunately your application has not been successful.

Donor Relationship Manager (0.4 – 1 FTE Negotiable)

To Apply:

Download a copy of the [Position Description](#). Email your application letter explicitly addressing the Selection Criteria together with your CV to EA@unitingworld.org.au. Applications close Friday 15th December, 2017.

Joy to the World Christmas Carols

Sunday 3rd December, 2.00 pm, St Lukes Hamilton, Cnr Jackson & Oxford St, Hamilton

St Luke's Hamilton in association with the North East Brisbane Inter Church Council invites you to join them in singing carols for Advent and Christmas.

For more information [see flyer](#) or www.hamiltonucaqlld.com or contact Paul Bennett on 0402 465 597.

Kangaroo Point Uniting Church – Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 3 December 6-8:30pm

[See flyer](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Day of Quiet – Practical Spirituality

Wednesday 6th 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 Ignatian 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 or phone 3358 6945 [see flyer](#)

Chermside Kedron – Weekday Christmas Markets

Community Craft Markets: plants, jewellery, jams, knitting/sewing and other crafts of all kinds. Coffee shop. Open 10am-1pm Wednesday 6 through to Friday 8 December.

If you wish to apply for a stall please contact Shirley on 3350 4302 or office@ckcc.org.au \$10 per space/day [See flyer](#)

Merthyr Rd New Farm – Christmas Carols

Saturday 17th 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](#)

Carols Singalong

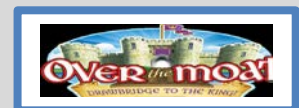
***20th December 2017, Morning Tea 9.45 am, Emmanuel Uniting Church,
92 Laurel St, Enoggera***

Donation to Bible Society. Come and sing some of the favourites, invite a friend, everyone is welcome! For more information: Website: www.emmanueluca.org.au or phone Rev Paddi Mullan on 3355 2162 or email: office@emmanueluca.org.au.

Discoveries Camp "Over the Moat – Drawbridge to the King" ***(For Children in grades 3-7 in 2017)***

***7th January – 12th January 2018, Glengarry Education Centre
Atkinson 's Dam, Lockyer Valley***

For all information and registration [see flyer](#)



COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Workshop for Worship Song-Writers

Friday 26th January – Sunday 28th January 2018, Indooroopilly Uniting Church

Songwriter 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/>



St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital 60th Anniversary 2018

Officially opened in May 1958, St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital at Spring Hill will mark its 60th anniversary next year. The largest of only three War Memorial Hospitals in Australia, and the only one in Queensland, St Andrew's was established when the Presbyterian Church sought a fitting memorial to those who had served in the first and second world wars.

Perhaps you or your parents were involved on committees or in raising funds for the hospital; you may have completed your nursing or medical training here; you may have photos or other memorabilia from the past that you would like to contribute, or you may have worked here previously. Please let us know also if you would like to be informed of upcoming events.

For more information or to submit your stories please contact lisa.aitken@uhealth.com.au

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COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Blue Care: North Pine & Kallmar Retirement Villages: villas available

We currently have freshly refurbished 2 bedroom units available for \$255000. Kallmar is located at [40 Narangba Rd Kallangur](#) and has 1 bedroom units available for \$150000. Both villages are co-located with a residential care facility, with easy access to shops and transport. For further information or to arrange an inspection call Glenn on 0400 630 026. Visit www.everthingincommon.com.au or call us on 1800 998 122 Experience Retirement Living at its best at Blue Care's North Pine and Kallmar Retirement Villages. North Pine is located at 260 Francis Rd Lawnton

Rooms for Rent - Stafford

A mum whose son has just moved out last year, would like some help with paying the rent. It is a 3 bedroom house and she is looking for someone to rent the other 2 bedrooms. The house is furnished and the rent will be \$182.50 a week. The property is in Stafford on Webster Road with access to buses to the city/universities/hospitals & shops. Please contact Iris on 0481 753349.

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