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**Moreton Rivers
Presbytery**

Newsletter

13th December
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:

-  **16 December**
YAG Dinner & Chill
Roma St Parklands
-  **20 January**
YAG Beach Day,
Sunshine Coast Beach
-  **29 January**
Resourcing Committee
Meeting
-  **29 January**
Educating and
Equipping Committee
Meeting
-  **3 February**
First Aid Training
-  **6 February**
Pastoral Relations
Committee Meeting
-  **6 February**
Standing Committee
Meeting

PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for Ashgrove West Uniting Church, for Tim Bennett (and family) as he commences his position as resource minister and for the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains who are working in aged care facilities, for their ministry to residents and their families, and facility staff.

Rev Dr Rob McFarlane – Says Goodbye



Our Mission Education Officer, Rob McFarlane, has accepted an invitation to take up a newly created role in Parramatta Nepean Presbytery (PNP) from 1 March, 2018. Rob's new role is Presbytery Ministry Leader, which integrates mission, Fresh Expressions, education, ministerial placements and leadership development. PNP covers the west of the Sydney basin, from Olympic Park to the Blue Mountains. The area currently has a population of 2.2 million, and includes some of Australia's fastest growing new developments.

We wish Rob well in this new stage of ministry. Rob's closure of ministry will be at the end of our next Presbytery meeting, Wednesday 28 February.

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=3oT5dlO1cnc>

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](#)

Uniting Church in Australia Name Badges

If you would like a name badge, please contact the presbytery office.

Email: office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or phone: 3366 0236

PRESBYTERY NEWS: *Continued*

MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

29 January	Resourcing Committee Meeting
29 January	Educating and Equipping Committee Meeting
6 February	Standing Committee Meeting
6 February	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
28 February	Presbytery Meeting, Kenani

Next 2018 Newsletter: Wednesday 24 January 2017

Submissions due: Monday 22 January 2018

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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](#).

2018 Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry and Intentional Interim Ministry Courses have been cancelled.

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](#)



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>

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>



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.

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

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.

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
- Saturday 7th April : Sacraments Training Day, equipping Lay Presiders TBC
- Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 May: National Pioneer Ministers gathering (for people leading Fresh Expressions of church)

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>

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YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

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

POSITION VACANT – UNITINGWORLD

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.**

POSITIONS VACANT – ECUMENICAL TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplain – Queensland University of Technology

The Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplaincy Committee is seeking a suitable applicant for the position of Assistant Chaplain at Queensland University of Technology (Kelvin Grove Campus). This position is for 14 hours per week over each university semester, to begin as early as practicable in 2018. For further information, please contact The Secretary, ETCC, P.O. Box 5085, Daisy Hill QLD 4127. Alternatively, please email rector@logananglican.com.au or phone (0409) 669 904. Applications close Monday December 18th 2017.

Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplain – Griffith University (Gold Coast Campus)

The Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplaincy Committee is seeking a suitable applicant for the position of Assistant Chaplain at Griffith University (Gold Coast Campus). This position is for 7 hours per week over the course of the year, to begin as early as practicable in 2018. For further information, please contact The Secretary, ETCC, P.O. Box 5085, Daisy Hill QLD 4127. Alternatively, please email rector@logananglican.com.au or phone (0409) 669 904. Applications close Monday December 18th 2017 .

Merthyr Rd New Farm – Christmas Carols

Saturday 17th December 2107, 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*

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](#)



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

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Bring Twice the Joy this Christmas!



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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.everythingincommon.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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