



**Moreton Rivers
Presbytery**

Newsletter

3rd April 2019

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. To sign up or unsubscribe to the newsletter register your details at: office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

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WHAT'S on:

	Easter Madness 12 – 15 April Alexandra Park Conference Centre
	Day Camp 2-5 July Triple C Campsite & Pine Rivers UC
	Unite 2-4 August Alexandra Park Conference Centre
	Code of Ethics Ministry Agents Thursday 2 May 9-12:30
	Domestic Violence Ministry Agent training Thursday 2 May 1-4pm

PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for Trinity Grove Wilston Uniting Church, Rev Peter Blauw and the congregation as they minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in the sporting industry.

Please pray for the Executive Director of Strategic Resources and the Team at the Queensland Synod and the role they play within The Uniting Church in Australia.

Presbytery Staff Changes & Easter Holidays

Office Hours over Easter Holiday 8th April - 22nd April 9am - noon

- Rev John Ruhle left the Presbytery Minister position officially on Sunday 17th March to take up the Associate General Secretary role at the Qld Synod. His new email address is: john.ruhle@ucaqld.com.au and his phone number is 3377 9777.
- Rev Yvonne McRostie is the Interim Presbytery Minister until a new Presbytery Minister is appointed. Her email address is now presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au and phone is (07) 3366 0236 and mobile 0419 482 226.
- Rev Mark Cornford is the Acting Presbytery Chairperson. His email address is chair@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au and contact phone number is 0421 950 325.
- **Welcome to Mrs Mia Blake** who started working with us here at the Presbytery Office on Monday as our new Admin Support for Fa and Tim. Mia will be using the same email address as Jill which is adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au and her contact phone number is 3366 0236 (the presbytery office number).

MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

9 th April	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting (9:30am)
7 th May	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting (9:30am)
7 th May	Standing Committee Meeting (1pm)

Next 2019 Newsletter: Wednesday 1st May 2019 - *see if you can spot anything new!!!*
Submissions due: Monday 29th April 2019

QUEENSLAND SYNOD NEWS:



The Uniting Church in Australia
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

Moderator's Community Service Medal

The Queensland Synod of The Uniting Church recognizes the wonderful work of volunteers through the Moderator's Community Service Medal.

The Moderator's Medal is presented to individuals who have contributed in an outstanding way to the Uniting Church's mission in community services.

This year we are again looking for nominations that truly reflect the mission of UnitingCare: ***Bringing life in all its fullness through improving the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities as we: Reach out to people in need; Speak out for fairness and justice; Care with compassion, innovation and wisdom.***

Nominees must:

- be a volunteer for a community service activity of Uniting Church (past or present)
- have exhibited outstanding service over a number of years.

Nominations are open and can be submitted electronically via the UnitingCare Queensland website www.unitingcareqld.com.au/moderators-medal.

Nominations close on **Friday, 5 April**. Recipients will have their awards presented locally in their community.

Should you required more information about the nomination process, please contact Sarina Vanderplas on 07 32534733 or sarina.vanderplas@uchealth.com.au.

Letter from the Moderator – Consultation Process and Forums – Assisted Dying

To view letter and Consultation Forums [click here](#)

Consultation Paper – Assisted Dying

To view the paper [click here](#)

Scroll down to the next section: Youth and Childrens' News

YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

2019 Youth Combine Events!

For dates and information: [click here](#)



Easter Madness 2019! – Registrations now open!

12 – 15 April 2019, Alexandra Park Conference Centre

This year Easter Madness will be held at Alexandra Park Conference Centre. \$249 registration fee (early bird registration is now closed)

Registration will close in two weeks – get in quick!

So start promoting, encouraging, saving and fundraising for this great opportunity for your youth (grade 7-12) to be part of a weekend of discipleship and community building.

For more information go to: <https://eastermadness.com.au/>

Day Camp 2 – 5 July 2019

Two venues: Triple C Camp Site Cedar Creek and Pine Rivers Uniting Church

Registration now open

[Day Camp Registration and Information](#)



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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Ways You Can Support the ORCA Project

For more information [click here](#)



Wednesday Lenten Reflections: Vera Wade Gallery Saint Andrew's Uniting Church, Ann St, Brisbane

11.00 am – 12 noon

Wednesday March 13, Theme: "The Wilderness", leader, Geraldine Wheeler

Wednesday March 20, Theme: "Grace – my gift to you" in the series "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven", leaders, Marion McConaghy, Geraldine Wheeler

Wednesday March 27, Theme: "Forgiveness", leader Jennii Gould

Wednesday April 3, Theme "Water", leader, Rita Ringma

Wednesday April 10, Theme "The tree", leader, Sue Oliver

Wednesday April 17, Theme "Responses to stories of Holy Week", leader Geraldine Wheeler with artists

Each week there will be time to reflect on art works in the Vera Wade Gallery which relate to the theme, a reading of the scripture passages, an explanation by the artists of their thinking when possible and time for quiet response, reflection and prayer.

For more information [click here](#)



GodlyPlay Australia 6-8 April 2019 Chermside Kedron Community Church

For more information and to register: [click here](#)

The Gap Uniting Church – Autumn Fair Saturday 27th April 2019, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Come along and join in this great community and family event! The Fair will take place at the church (1050 Waterworks Road, The Gap)

For more information contact The Gap UC office on 3300 2712 or check our website <https://www.facebook.com/events/785825395115678/>

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Click here for full flyer image:

[Autumn Fair Flyer](#)



The Gap Uniting Church – Garage Sale Saturday 12th October 2019, 6.00 am – 12 noon

More information coming soon.



COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Caboolture Region Uniting Church – First Aid Training

Saturday 29th June 2019, 8am – 12:30pm

Cost: \$60

Training will be held at the Caboolture Uniting Church, Smith Street Caboolture

The Course will provide CPR and emergency first aid response in an education setting. A certificate will be issued on completion of the course. A maximum of 25 people allowed – so register quick.

Registration via the Caboolture Uniting Church office: cabreguca@bigpond.com

Morning tea is included

Friday Night Tennis – newcomers welcome

A longstanding group of senior tennis players centered on The Gap UC requires additional players for Friday night tennis at the Ferny Hills courts. Good tennis, good conversation and a good cup of tea commencing at 7:30pm are some of the night's highlights.

Contact 33002991 (Terry) 33001581 (Esma)

The Seven Last Words of Christ – Good Friday, 19th April 2019

Saint Andrew's Uniting Church, Ann St, Brisbane

This is an Oratorio which takes us through the final hours of Christ's life. The Saint Andrew's Sanctuary Choir will perform this Oratorio within the context of the Good Friday Worship service

For more information see [flyer](#) or contact Saint Andrews UC office on 3221 2400

Richard Rohr's Universal Christ Conference

Merthyr Rd Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Road New Farm

Times:

Friday 5th April 6pm – 9pm II Saturday 6th April 9am – 5pm II Sunday 7th April 11am – 4pm

We will be streaming the recording of his conference and facilitating the activities.

Cost: \$65 per person, inclusive of refreshments, morning and afternoon tea, as well as soup for dinner on the Friday night.

BYO: Lunches, pen, notebook, open mind and heart.

For more information and to register: [Click here](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Merthyr Road Uniting Church Information Morning – Carer Fatigue ***Tuesday 23th April 2019, 10am – 12noon***

Caring is intensely demanding and stressful, and carers tend to find they have little or no time for self-care.

To learn more about how you, or someone you know, can replenish your energy to enable you to keep caring. We invite you to a free to a free information morning in the church hall.

Please RSVP for catering purposes to office@mruca.org.au or Ph. 3358 6945 by Thursday 18th April.

[Carer Fatigue Flyer](#)

Free Information Morning



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10AM TO 12PM

MERTHYR ROAD
UNITING CHURCH

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Listening on Purpose – Seminar

For more information and to register go via this link:

<https://listening-on-purpose-april-2019.eventbrite.com.au>

Listening is critical in every aspect of our life and work, and is central to spiritual care.

Listening well prevents conflict, builds work teams and is essential for understanding each older person.

In this experiential workshop learn how to:

- Listen to people's stories so that they feel heard and valued
- Listen using your body and heart
- Listen without words
- Listen without interruption

Facilitators: Jen Barrkman and Kris Plowman from Red Thread Stories

Jen and Kris have over 30 years combined experience facilitating workshops that equip others to listen well. They draw on their background in improvised theatre, music, counselling, oral history and community work to create a rich and safe learning experience for all. They work in circles not rows.

