



UNITING CHURCH IN
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'BB Connex', please e-mail –
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Presbytery Dates 2016

10th May - Ministers Lunch

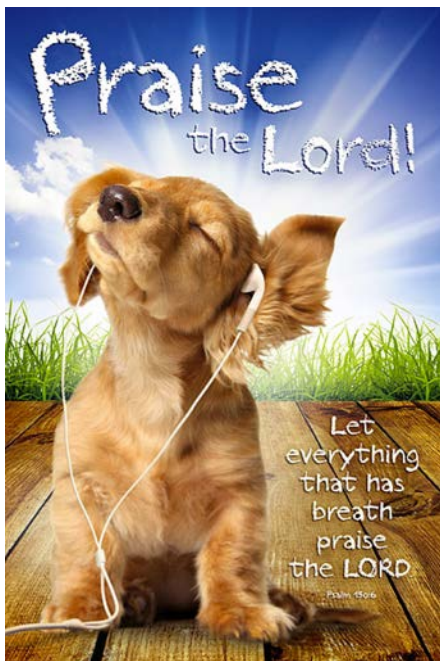
10th May - Property Meeting 3pm

10th May – Standing Committee 4pm

10th May –PRC 7pm

20th May – 24th May – Synod

29th May – BOOST - Goodna



**Bremer Brisbane Presbytery
office hours**

Monday 9.30am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 9.30am – 2.30pm

Thursday – 9.30am – 11.30am

Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm

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April 2016

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Brian's Buzz

Synod is fast approaching. Every 18 months around 450 people from across the state gather for what is our state conference. The Synod is a gathering of Presbyteries (just as Presbyteries is a gathering of congregations) so each Presbytery elects people to go. Hopefully there is someone from your congregation attending. All ministers are encouraged to attend. One of the rules is that there must be more lay people than ordained (this is true for all the Councils of our church), and there are also representatives from the Agencies, and the various boards and committees of the church.

The purpose of the Synod meeting is to exercise general oversight, direction and administration of the Church's worship, witness and service within the state.

In our Synod meeting, we celebrate the grace of God in Jesus Christ and we worship God together. It is a time when we can share with one another our experience of the work of God and share hopes and disappointments. It is a time to gather from around the state and set direction and vision for the coming years ahead. This year we will be electing a new General Secretary and electing a moderator to commence at the next Synod in 18 months time. On the Saturday evening people are encouraged to share dangerous ideas that may encourage or challenge the church. I look forward to the Synod meeting and would ask you to pray for the key people involved, for all people attending and for the decisions that will be made.

Brian

KALBAR UNITING CHURCH



On Sunday 3rd April a large number of people came together to give thanks to God for the worship and witness of this congregation for over 100 years

The service was led by the Presbytery Minister Rev Brian Hoole with Rev Ted Hutton preaching the word (*photo below*). Ted has a gift of recording history and in this case he assisted the assembled gathering to reflect on the story of the church and the changes experienced by these communities. He reminded the people of the challenges faced by the Fassifern

region which was served during his time by 12 well attended congregations where now there are only 3, one in the southern end at Boonah and two in the northern area in Flinders (Peak

Crossing) and Harrisville.

The afternoon tea was a wonderful representation of the

hospitality experienced at such country town events. Speakers, Pastor Peter Guyer, representing churches in the area assisted by a representative of the Baptist community, Duncan McInnes the Scenic Rim Regional Alderman and John Norwood representing the congregation spoke of the influence of this Uniting Church in the community.

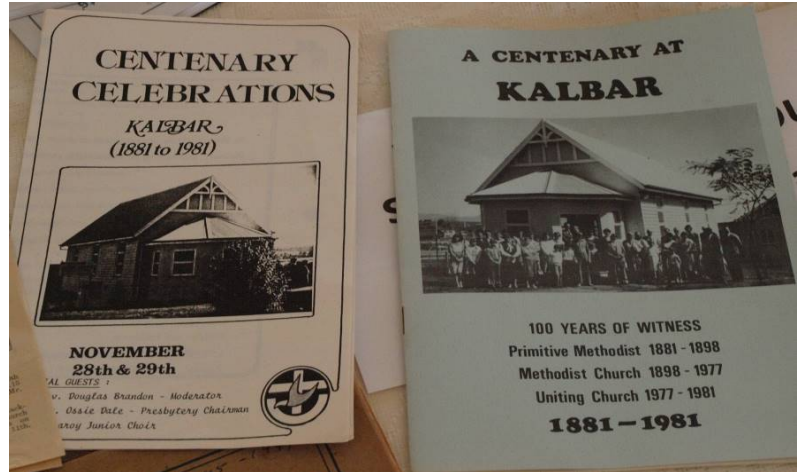
Fixtures and fittings from the building will be shared with other Uniting Churches in the Fassifern Valley. - *John Braithwaite*

Photo below

Back row - Revs Mosese Fangupo, Harold Kilah, Brian Hoole, Ted Hutton, Paul Yarrow, Peter Taubner and John Braithwaite. Front row - Rev Bob Walker and Neville Sturwohld.



Flinders/Peak Crossing) as a Student Minister on Field Placement in 2005-6. - *Peter Taubner*



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Also, there on the day were Rev Bob Heathwood and Rev Ian Boudry, both previous Ministry Agents and Mrs Jean Graham, widow of Rev Ian Graham who had been a Minister there in the early 1980's. Rev Ted Hutton preached at the Closing Service. Rev Ted Hutton and Rev Harold Kilah and myself were a 'Ministry Team' in the Fassifern Parish in 1980-81, when there were 8 congregations and 10 preaching places. Peter Taubner's position then was as a Y.E.A. (Youth worker) Student. Peter also returned to share some pastoral leadership of the Kalbar Congregation (then linked to



Left - Andrew H Session
Right - Lunch in Hall



Foyer Decorations



Décor in the Sanctuary area

Cunnamulla Uniting Church - Re-stumping work



Right: The cracked stump



The re-stumping has now been completed at The Cunnamulla Uniting Church. Thank you to all who helped us get there and Congratulations' to Sunil for his efforts in getting this project finalized. - **Ray Crompton**



18 cracked concrete stumps were replaced with steel adjustable stumps. Here are the few photos of the finished work.



Once again, thanks a lot for your wonderful support - **Sunil Kadaparambil**

PATROL VISIT TO WEST QLD - BIRDSVILLE:-



2nd April, I started my two week trip to very remote areas of South West QLD - (Cunnamulla - Charleville - Quilpie - Windorah - Birdsville - Bedourie - Eromanga - Nockatunga - Thargomindah - Cunnamulla) as part of my patrol visits to properties and towns. I came to Charleville on Sunday and had Uniting Church worship. After the service, I continued to Windorah through Quilpie, a lovely town. I met few people and stayed one night in my Roof Top Tent over Patrol vehicle. I continued to West - Windorah, a town of "Big Fish". I met most of the people in that small town and nearby properties and enjoyed their talk. All were sharing their happy news about lovely rain they had recently in the midst of drought and my heart also thrilled with joy to listen God's blessings. They didn't forget to say few words about Rev John Case and his lovely presence with them last 11 years. Due to flood warning in Diamantina River in Birdsville, I cut short my stay in Windorah to two nights and crossed Diamantina and reached Birdsville. It's my second journey to Birdsville after the races - 2015 and this time it's quite different experience to see the small town before the tourist season - very calm and quiet. I went around all the shops and houses and visited the people in the town and had friendly chat with some tourists too. Now, I can sense the feeling of joy and comfort among the people when a patrol minister assures his support. Next plan to visit Bedourie and spend two days with local people and visit three properties on the way. While coming back home, in Cunnamulla, I am looking forward to visit 13 properties and small towns Eromanga, Nockatunga and Thargominda and Eulo. I am looking forward to my Induction Service (official appointment as Patrol minister in Cunnamulla Burke and Wills Patrol) on 8th May at Cunnamulla Paroo shire Hall in the presence of many people from all over the patrol and all supporters and friends from Presbytery and other parts of QLD.- **Rev Sunil Kadaparambil Patrol Minister, Cunnamulla Burke & Wills Patrol**

Forest Lake Uniting Church



Left - The first demountable arrives – 3rd April

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*Right - Its nail biting stuff....
Greg Braithwaite and Rev Russell Reynoldson*



The Forest Lake Uniting Church is getting excited as they see the development of their dream become a reality. The Leichardt buildings have been delivered and installed. The foundational work for the Community Life Centre has commenced. Please visit the Forest Lake Uniting Church facebook page for photo updates. We are planning to have a Mother's day breakfast on the council property next door. Next year it will be on our venue. We appreciate the support of the Presbytery as our development unfolds

– Rev Russell Reynoldson

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

There was a religious woman who had to do a lot of traveling for her business. Flying made her very nervous, so she always took her Bible along with her. One time, she was sitting next to a man. When he saw her pull out her Bible, he gave a little chuckle and smirk and went back to what he was doing. After awhile, he turned to her and asked, "You don't really believe all that stuff in there do you?"

The woman replied, "Of course I do. It is the Bible."

He said, "Well, what about the guy that was swallowed by that whale?"

She replied, "Oh, Jonah. Yes, I believe that, it is in the Bible."

He asked, "Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?"

The woman said, "Well, I don't really know. I guess when I get to heaven, I will ask him."

"What if he isn't in heaven?" the man asked sarcastically.

"Then you can ask him," replied the woman.

