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If you have something you would like to share in the August 'BB Connex', please e-mail – We would love to hear from you.
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Presbytery Dates 2016

27th September – Ministers
Lunch – Kenmore 11am
30th September – Retired
Ministers Lunch
11th October - Property
Meeting – 3pm
11th October - Standing
Committee Meeting - 4pm
11th October –PRC - 7pm
25th October –Education &
Training Meeting- 1pm

**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

BB CONNEX

August/September 2016

No. 11

Brian's Buzz

What a great Presbytery meeting we had last month. Thank you to Carolyn, Jenny, Leigh and David who informed us of much that is happening around the church.

The response to the meeting was very positive. The day worked well because people were prepared. Preparation is essential for the Presbytery meetings to become more informative and innovative. The work of the committees and their reports are important parts of the Presbytery's work. By dealing with them quickly we can have more time to focus on other things. However, dealing with them quickly does not mean to gloss over them.

It is essential that members read the reports beforehand and where possible any questions are sent through to the relevant contact so they can be addressed. We need your help to make that work. We do not want to gloss over the work that the committees have done, but nor do we want to be bogged down. Sending questions through beforehand will enable answers to be prepared and for them to be dealt with fully.

Thank you everyone for what was a great meeting and I look forward to our next meeting on 19 November 2016 at Forest Lake.

Brian

Combined Presbytery Retreat 31 October to 2 November 2016

The Bremer Brisbane Moreton Rivers retreat this year will be from lunchtime Monday 31 October till lunchtime Wednesday 2 November. The retreat will be led Patrick Oliver with Guest Presenter: Leigh Trevaskis with a theme of "The Care of Souls" helping people to be more mindful in prayer. *Please note that numbers for this are limited to 50 people so it will be first in best dressed. Registrations please e-mail Melloney at admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au*

UnitingWorld is launching a new project to support Peacemakers in the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan.

Reverend Paska has sat beside women and children who have lived all their lives at war. She's left her own family to be with mothers and daughters who have seen people cut down in front of them, their bodies left to lie in the streets. She's listened to the whispers of girls who can hardly speak of their abuse at the hands of soldiers. And she knows that the pathway to peace lies in hearing these voices, helping them speak to one another, learn hope, forgiveness, reconciliation and the practical skills to build a new life.

"Everyone in South Sudan has grown up with war, lived war, breathed war," Paska says. "But we have a vision for peace."

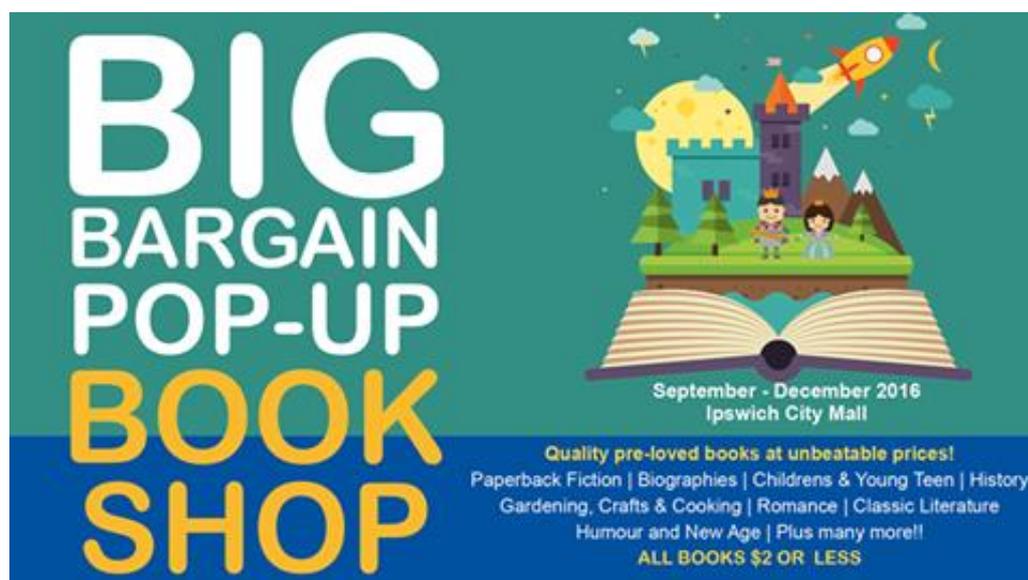
Reverend Paska is one of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan's Peacemakers- men and women of God who are helping women recover from the trauma of rape; rebuilding schools and training teachers; leading advocacy for the peace process and helping people from different tribal groups come together to reconcile.

After years of conflict, and in a situation where thousands of people feel unsafe to return to their own homes, this practical ministry of the Church is a powerful witness to God's love and redemption. Through UnitingWorld, the Uniting Church in Australia is standing beside these Peacemakers, offering our prayer, advocacy and financial support.

Throughout September, congregations and communities of faith will be joining together to pray for South Sudan, eat a meal together and hear about the work of our peacemaker. Resources available online at www.unitingworld.org.au/peacemaker. You can also contact UnitingWorld or Sharyn Robinson on 0403689765 to find out if a speaker is available to spend time with your congregation.

For women and children who have been victims of violence during the conflict; to see children returning to school; for the building up of ministry to reconcile and teach forgiveness, you can make a gift for the people of South Sudan at www.unitingworld.org.au/peacemaker or call UnitingWorld on 02 8267 4267.

Sharyn Robinson
Mission Liaison Officer | UnitingWorld
Web: www.unitingworld.org.au  



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Ray Crompton

DRUG ARM VOLUNTEER

Like creating *new experiences* makes your brain work faster to areas. And that helps your stronger and more resistant to the in top shape, try these Brain Booster



for your brain. A new experience communicate between different memory and makes your brain effects of aging.¹ So, to keep your brain exercises as you go through your day:

Brain Booster 1 - Change your morning routine New experiences exercise large areas of the cortex - the part of your brain that handles higher functions, like thoughts and actions. When a task starts to become routine, your mind goes on autopilot, and the level of activity in your brain drops. So, to activate your brain, just switch up your routine!²

Exercise: If you always make the coffee, shower, eat breakfast, and walk the dog, in that order - switch it up! Walk the dog first, and *then* make your coffee. Or take your shower *after* breakfast. If you want a bigger challenge, try brushing your teeth with your non-dominant hand. So if you're right-handed, brush your teeth with your left, and vice versa. It's harder than you might think!

Brain Booster 2 - next month !

Glebe Rd Ipswich Uniting Church

Position Vacant - Office Administrator

The position is a Permanent Part-time role, 10 hours a week across 4 days and there is flexibility in terms of hours and school holidays. This job could also be undertaken in a job share arrangement. The Office Administrator is responsible to the Senior Minister of the Glebe Road Uniting Church, for maintaining the church office operations and systems efficiently in support of the Minister, the Church Council and the Congregation..

The office provides a service centre for contact with church staff, volunteers, members, Synod officers, the public and other external clients.

Remuneration is subject to the Clerks Private Sector Award 2010 on a classification level commensurate with the skills and experience of the Applicant.

Further details are available from the church office, or on our website www.gleberd.com.au.

Applications Close 14th October 2016

Please send application addressing the selection criteria, resume and 2 referees to:

Glebe Road Ipswich Uniting Church

Attn: Rev Gwen Fisher

PO Box 83

Booval Qld 4304

OR

office@gleberd.com.au

For any further queries please contact the Glebe Road office on 3202 1700

POSITION VACANT - Volunteer Prison Chaplain

UnitingCare Community Prison Ministry is seeking applications for the position of Volunteer Prison Chaplains to the Wacol Area Correctional Centres.

Applicants should have:

- _experience in pastoral care
- _ability to work as part of an ecumenical team inclusive of a variety of faiths
- _ability to work in a multidisciplinary environment
- _a demonstrated commitment to the ethos and values of the Uniting Church

This is a volunteer position with a travel allowance of \$40.00 per visit available. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a criminal and child protection check.

For more information please contact:

Senior Chaplain/State Coordinator

UCA/UnitingCare Community Prison Ministry

PO Box 2376

Chermside Central Qld 4032

Enquiries: Tricia 0409 269 678 or Gerda 0409 080 251.

Ordination of Janet Staines as a Minister of the Word and Induction as Minister of Sherwood Uniting Church – 14th August 2016



Presentation of the Bible



Receiving hand made stolls from the ladies of the Sherwood Congregatio



Forest Lake Op Shop, getting closer to being finished



Ordination of David Edward Nix as a Deacon and Induction as Chaplain at Wesley Hospital
28th August 2016 - The Uniting Church in Australia Centenary Uniting Church



Rev Jeanette Gillam, Rev David Nix & Moderator



Rev David Baker

Rev Keren Seto the Executive officer
of the Chaplaincy Commission and
Rev David Nix



How to Please God

'If you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.' 1 Peter 2:20 NLT

You become like the people you spend the most time with, so choose your friends carefully. If you spend time with angry, resentful people you risk becoming an angry, resentful person yourself. That's because attitudes are contagious. Here's a wonderful story that illustrates the point. A man purchased a newspaper at a newsstand every day. He always greeted the vendor very courteously, but in return received very gruff and discourteous service; the vendor would rudely shove the newspaper in his face. The man, however, would politely smile and wish him a nice day. This went on for several days until a friend asked, 'Does he always treat you this rudely?' The man replied, 'Unfortunately, he does.' The questioner asked, 'Are you always so polite and friendly to him?' The man replied, 'Yes, I am.' The questioner continued, 'Why are you so nice to him when he's so rude to you?' The man replied, 'Because I don't want him to decide how I'm going to act.'

The Bible says: *'If you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you. For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in His steps. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when He was insulted, nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.'* (1 Peter 2:20–23 NLT)
That's how to please God.

SoulFood: Esther 4:9-5:3, Heb 4:7-16
From *The Word for Today*, published by Vision Christian Media

MSM (Mission Shaped Ministry) - Our final field day with Bruce Murray at Southport



Beth not giving up !



Team Challenge– who will build the



The winning team !

CONFERENCES



Important
Information

The UCA is running some great conferences this year and this is an encouragement to put them in your diary for CEM and training.

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry

“Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry” 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 it is a stand-alone program, it is also the first phase 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. From Wed 5 Oct to wed 7 Oct at the Synod Office in Auchenflower.

NCLS

Just a reminder about registering for the National Christian Life Survey (NCLS) which will be conducted in October. The information collected helps congregations and also helps the Presbytery and Synod with important information for future planning. I would like to encourage each congregation to register. Just to note that the Synod is paying the registration cost (\$250) for every congregation. So if your congregation has less than 30 people there is no cost. If your congregation is over 30 people then the cost is only \$1.50 per person. Either way the cost will be minimal for the congregation and will help your planning and the planning of the wider church. Further information is in the letter from the General Secretary sent to all congregations in early April or see Uniting News for how to order the surveys