



Moreton Faith Community  
*'See, I am doing a new thing.'*  
Isaiah 43:19

## **NEWSLETTER 21 OCTOBER 2018**

### **PASTOR'S POINT**

It was wonderful to work together to explore the relationship between Nature and Grace.

Our world is filled with relationships, the challenge for us as Christians is to ensure that in those relationships we show God to all concerned.

Scary as it might be with a little over ten weeks to Christmas. What relationships will you make between now and then?

How will you invite others into the Christmas story?

Blessings

Neil

### **ANCIENT WISDOM WEAVING TODAY'S WONDER**

Brooke Prentis' keynote address to UnitingWomen on the tapestry of ancient and new threads weaving into something uniquely Australian.

### **INDUCTIONS**

Rev Janet Staines, Chermside Kedron Community Church,  
Sunday 21st October at 2pm

## RUDDOCK REVIEW INTO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

“The Uniting Church’s position, as conveyed to the Ruddock Review, is that any exceptions or exemptions for discrimination by religious organisations, should be limited in scope, and only as is required in order to maintain the integrity and existence of the religious organisation.”



“Our Church’s position is that every person is equal before the law and before God. Any permission given to religious organisations that allows them to discriminate on the basis of religious belief must be carefully balanced against the rights of people to be free from discrimination.

“Any amendments to anti-discrimination legislation would need to strike that balance.”

“Our current commitment is that we would not seek to discriminate except in key leadership roles, essential to the maintenance of a particular faith or religious institution.”

“It is our longstanding position that religious freedoms in Australia will best be protected through a broad commitment to the upholding of all human rights, preferably within a Human Rights Act.

“I look forward to reading Mr Ruddock’s report when it is released.”

The Uniting Church made its [original submission](#) to the Ruddock Review on 14 February 2018.

UnitingCare Australia National Director Claerwen Little [appeared before the Review panel](#) in Sydney in February, emphasising that Uniting Church Agencies are open to all regardless of their race, religion or sexual preference.



## **FRESH EXPRESSIONS/MSM SESSION**

I hope you enjoyed our recent Introduction to Fresh Expressions/MSM session. Tim would like to invite you to the next free session “Church & the Mixed Economy” presented by Adam McIntosh Wednesday 31 October, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm, Moreton Rivers Presbytery, 22 Ashgrove Av, Ashgrove. A light dinner will served.

If you would like to attend, please rsvp to my email me and also let me know if you have any dietary requirements. If you would like to bring a friend along that is fine too but remember numbers are limited !

Tim Bennett - [mission@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:mission@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

## **QUEENSLAND SYNOD – “Inspired Disciples” Festival**

22 – 27 October 2018 The festival includes a range of workshops, seminars and lectures exploring different aspects of discipleship. You can register for one or many of the available options. Cost is extremely low, and I know we’ll have some fantastic experiences over the course of the week.

More details at <https://ucaqld.com.au/inspireddisciples/> . Enquiries to [emma.holmes@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:emma.holmes@ucaqld.com.au)

## SING IT YOURSELF MESSIAH - Saturday 1st December

Albert Street Uniting Church Brisbane, 4.30 pm

Join us for our Annual Christmas Sing It Yourself Messiah.

We will be following our usual format, with the rehearsal commencing at 4.30 pm (doors to the church open at 4.00 pm) until approximately 6.20 pm followed by a break, prior to the performance commencing at 7.00 pm. If you have a score please bring it along. There will be scores available for those who do not possess their own copy. Entry is \$10.00.

Jason Barry-Smith has again agreed to be our conductor and at 7.00 pm we will be joined by our soloists, and Greg Hartay-Szabo will, of course, be at the organ! During the break, light refreshments (i.e. sandwiches, fruit, cakes and drinks) will be available in Wesley House, for \$5 to participants only.

Bottles of water will be available during the afternoon and evening.

Please invite any of your friends who you think would be interested in joining in the choir.

Also we encourage you to invite all non-singing members of your family, friends and neighbours to come and listen to this amazing performance from the balcony of the Church. For more information: Please contact Susan Pietsch on Ph: 3071 3060 or email:

[albertstreet@wmq.org.au](mailto:albertstreet@wmq.org.au)



The film: *For the love of God* is on Wednesday, 14 November, 7 pm at North Lakes.

For further information and to book, please go to the [North Pine Anglican Church](#) web site; hit on the heading 'go deeper' and then hit on '*For the love of God*'. This film is produced by the Centre for Public Christianity and is highly recommended

## **TRINITY UNPLUGGED - Guest Speaker : Sam Chan**

“Things I wish I knew when telling my friends about Jesus”,

Thursday 1st November 2018 For more information and to register [click here](#)

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY - please RSVP to Lynn 0414295002**

October 22 - Bible Study

October 26 - Friday - Movie night at Lynn's - BYO DVD and plate of nibbles

All evenings start at 7p.m.

**WARM WISHES TO STEVE & MICHELLE FROM ALL YOUR CHURCH FAMILY AT MFC, FOLLOWING YOUR RECENT WEDDING.**

## **ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 21, 28 & NOVEMBER**

	<b>OCTOBER 21</b>	<b>OCTOBER 28</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>
Worship leaders	Graham	Neil	Jodie
Singers	Paul	Rebecca	Rachel
Keys	Coralie	Leanne	Leanne
Bible Reader	Barbara	Tracey	Jill
Sound	Callum	David	Nathan
PowerPoint	Melinda	TBA	Ros
Offering	Steve & Michelle	Tristan & Tracey	Chris & John
Communion	Melinda & Barbara	Tracey & Tristan	Paul & Jill
Kids Program	Tracey & Nikita	All in Service	Jill & Chris
Meals	Jill, Paul, Julie, Jenny, Nathan & Ros	David, Leanne, Rachel & Coralie	Chad, Natalie, Matthew, Naomi, Jodie & Rebecca