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PASTOR'S POINT

Gi Day

Could there be a more Australian phrase?

I wonder when we think about what makes us Australian what the answer would be.

Perhaps a different question what is that makes a church a church?

As a Faith Community, MFC has amazing flexibility in what traditions it carries forward.

What is the most important thing that you feel you need to make MFC church?

After five years as a faith community this week the leadership team is faced with the challenging task of updating the community's profile with Presbytery please pray for them as they complete this challenging task.

Blessings

Neil

Join us in the journey!

[In good news](#), Australia's Modern Slavery Acts now well into the parliamentary process, having been to the Senate last week and now set to return to the House of Representatives. However, we need this Act to be robust!

[Send a postcard](#) to the Prime Minister. [Order a couple of packs](#) for free from STOPTHETRAFFIK and get your congregation and friends on board!

From the Moderator

Statement regarding people seeking asylum

The Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod is deeply concerned about the welfare of refugees, both those detained in Nauru in Australia's name and those who have come to Australia seeking safety and have had their supports and benefits cut off by the Australian Government.

Our firm position is that people seeking asylum and refugees should have their human rights upheld. This means they are supported with fairness, compassion and justice. [Read the full statement.](#)

[Rev David Baker](#)

Moderator, Queensland Synod

New UnitingCare Australia report

The new report [Child Social Exclusion, Poverty and Disadvantage in Australia](#) captures the multidimensional nature of disadvantage in Australia and its impact, providing a unique perspective through the eyes of the child.

One in six children aged zero to 14 years live in poverty. Child social exclusion means lost opportunity, marginalisation from the life of a community and the risk of leading lives of unfulfilled potential.

As this [Eternity News article](#) suggests, poverty is about income, not social ability.

[Sue Hutchinson](#)

Research and Policy Officer, Queensland Synod

Uniting pushes for drug policy rethink

Uniting NSW and ACT is leading the national [Fair Treatment campaign](#) which was launched recently in Sydney. Uniting says the war on drugs is not working and that the response to illicit drugs needs to change.

In 2001 the Uniting Church in NSW and ACT supported the establishment of the Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MISC), which made Australia a world leader in this arena. Read more about this initiative [here](#) and [here](#).

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Tools for Listening

President Dr Deidre Palmer has launched a new Safe Church resource in Adelaide on Universal Children's Day.

"[Tools for Listening](#)" is a practical guide to engaging children and young people in your community on decisions that affect them.

The resource is available for [download now](#).

"The more children are empowered to participate in decisions affecting them, the safer they'll be—and we really want children to be safe in our churches and institutions," said Dr Deidre Palmer.



Inside a secret safe house

There is no place like home, but what happens when it's the most dangerous place you can be?

The Women's Weekly [visits a women's refuge](#) which offers hope to the growing number of women being forced to flee for their lives.

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BUSHDANCE



Strathpine State School is having a Bush Dance on Friday November 16 to support the Chaplain. Can you help out on the night? Have a look at the jobs needed.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/XLQHC>

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

It's pancake breakky time again on December 7 at Strathpine State School. Can you help ? Let Neil know.



STAFF LUNCH AT STRATHPINE STATE SCHOOL- DECEMBER 4

**CAN YOU HELP ON THE DAY FROM 9.30A.M.? OR MAKE SALADS
OR DESSERT TO SERVE?**

PLEASE SEE CHRIS AFTER CHURCH TONIGHT.



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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - please RSVP to Lynn 0414295002

November 5 - Craft Night at Julie Miller's

November 12 - Bible Study - Max Lucado (looking to finish by the end of the year)

November 19 - Free night

November 26 - Bible study

* Christmas Celebration to be decided

CRAFT UPDATE - Julie Miller

Our crafts are going well with forty toys completed. There are fifteen books that need characters to go with them so any last minute creative crafters would be most welcome. Please contact Julie or Lynn if you can help.

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

ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER 11, 18 & 25

	NOVEMBER 11	NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 25
Worship leaders	Rebecca	Graham	Neil
Singers	Elizabeth & Naomi	Barbara	Rebecca
Keys	Matthew	Coralie	Matthew
Bible Reader	Chad	Barbara	Tracey
Sound	Natalie	Callum	David
PowerPoint	Chad	Melinda	Chad
Offering	Elizabeth & Natalie	Tristan, Michelle & Steve	David & Barbara
Communion	Chad & Natalie	Steve & Michelle	David & Callum
Kids Program	Leanne, Rachel & Barb	Tracey & Nikita	All in Service
Meals	SWAP with Week 4 David, Leanne, Rachel & Coralie	Jill, Paul, Julie, Jenny, Nathan & Ros	SWAP with Week 2 Barbara, Melinda, Chris, John & Elizabeth