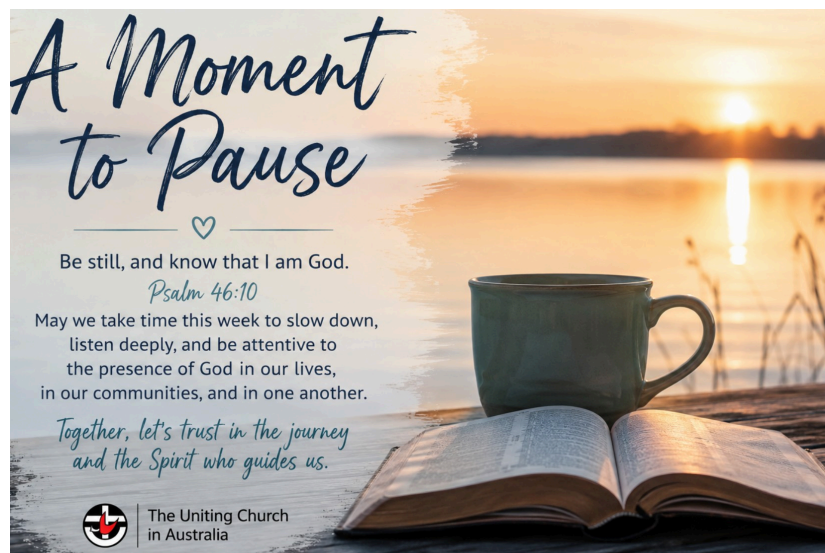




Keep sharing your stories and events with us — we love to hear what's happening across The Northern Presbytery!

Contact the Northern Presbytery News Team



Reflection

At the start of the new Northern Presbytery, a prayer for starting something new...

Gathered together —
the familiar and the unknown,
people who feel they belong and those who feel they don't,
for the first time or the umpteenth time,
come, Holy Spirit.

Gathered together —
First peoples and Second peoples from many lands
where pilgrims and puzzled people have prayed,
where God has listened,
come, Holy Spirit.

Gathered together –
not knowing what we have in common,
not sure, perhaps, why we are here,
unable to read God's mind,
come, Holy Spirit.

To open doors, dispel fears,
establish friendships,
reveal what is in us,
and bring us closer to Christ,
come, Holy Spirit.
Meet us here.

*Welcome Service, An Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2017, Wild Goose Publications
(adapted).*

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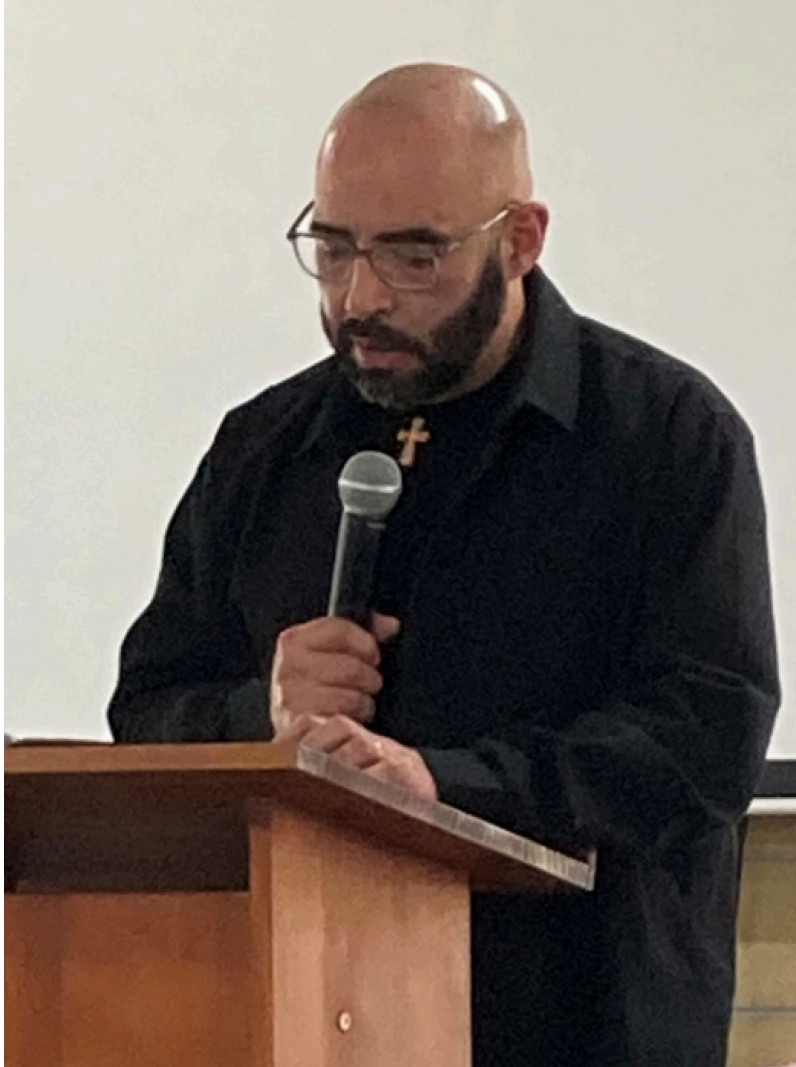
[Northern Presbytery Website Link](#)



A Message from the Inaugural Northern Presbytery Retreat

Let's Walk Together.

There are moments in the life of the Church when we need to stop long enough to look in three directions: **back, around, and ahead.**



Rev Pablo Nunez - Moderator-Elect of the Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT

First, we look back and say: **Thank you.**

Thank you to those who prayed, preached, planted, served, gave, cooked, chaired meetings, taught children, visited the lonely and kept congregations alive through changing seasons. We did not begin this story. We stand on the shoulders of faithful people who carried the Gospel before us. Our past was not perfect. But through every chapter, **God has been faithful.**



Then we look around and say: **Here we are.**

The landscape has changed. Some congregations are smaller. Resources are stretched. Familiar models of ministry are becoming difficult to sustain. Australia itself is changing. We can mourn that. But we must not become paralysed by it. Jeremiah

wrote to God's people in exile and told them: build houses, plant gardens, seek the welfare of the place where you are, and pray. In other words: **don't wait for yesterday to return. Be faithful here.** Here we are. And God is here too.

Finally, we look ahead and say: **Let's walk together.**

The future will look different. New generations will lead. New cultures will shape us. New communities of faith will emerge. Some things will end and others will be born. We don't need to control that future. We need to bless it. So let's pass on more than buildings, structures and traditions. Let's pass on Jesus, grace, courage, Scripture, prayer, compassion, justice and a passion for God's mission.

We are a pilgrim people. We remember where we have come from. We recognise where we are. And we trust the God who is already ahead of us.

Thank you. Here we are. Now, let's walk together.



Rev Pablo Nunez | Uniting Church in Australia

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Commissioning

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of Richard Moors

as Next Generations Pastor in the Northern Presbytery
Working alongside congregations and communities across the Hunter,
Central Coast and Northern Sydney regions.

The service will be held on
Friday 16th October at 7pm
Toronto Uniting Church - 118 The Boulevard, Toronto

All are invited to attend. Supper will follow the service

Please **RSVP by Tuesday 13th October** to : torontouniting@bigpond.com or 49504077
(leave a message)

ONE Church ONE Hope ONE Future

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29 - 31 October 2026 | Wesley Conference Centre, Sydney

A Wild Adventure Awaits!



Calling all explorers in Years K-6!

[Click here for full details](#)



FAITHFUL PAST COURAGEOUS FUTURE

Heritage & Horizons



Nominations for the Synod Meeting 2027 close on **Wednesday 30 September**.
Please contact Leslie D'Mello LeslieD@nswact.uca.org.au to submit your nomination.
Further information can be found at synod2027.uca.org.au



Cherrybrook Uniting Church



30 Years Together - Celebrating a Shared Journey

Cherrybrook Uniting Church recently marked a very special milestone — 30 years since the Bethlehem and Cherrybrook congregations began worshipping together as one church family.

More than 100 people gathered for the anniversary celebration, giving thanks for the journey that began with the merger of the two congregations in 1995 and celebrating the faith, friendships and ministry that have grown from it.

Rev Peter Chung and the congregation were delighted to welcome **Rev Dr Bill Ives**, the Intentional Interim Minister who guided the two congregations through the merger, and his wife Margaret. **Rev Punam Bent** shared an inspiring message which honoured the congregation's history while encouraging everyone to look with faith and hope towards the future.



Rev Punam Bent, Rev Dr Bill Ives, Julian Leeser & Rev Peter Chung

The celebration also brought together friends from the wider church and community. Members of **Beecroft-Pennant Hills Uniting Church** and **Sung-do Korean Church** joined the Cherrybrook congregation, along with Federal Member for Berowra **Julian Leeser**, State Member for Hornsby **James Wallace** and Hornsby Mayor **Warren Waddell**.

Congregation Chairperson **Paul Bryan** shared some of the remarkable history behind the milestone.

The story of Bethlehem Congregation reaches back to 1932, when worship was held once a month in the Bakehouse at Thompson's Corner, West Pennant Hills. Cherrybrook's history stretches even further back, with its first church opening in **1845**. As the congregation grew, the present church was built in 1888.

The paths of these two communities eventually came together in 1995. What could have been a challenging transition instead saw the congregations come together warmly and naturally, forming a strong and united church family. Following the later sale of the Bethlehem site, major renovations at Cherrybrook — including a new hall, foyer and car park — were opened in 2006.

Thirty years on, the anniversary was an opportunity to remember those foundations, celebrate all that has grown from them and, importantly, look ahead.



We give thanks to God for guiding this shared journey in Christ and for all the ways God has been at work among this community. As Cherrybrook enters its next chapter, may it continue to be led, shaped and sent forward in faith and hope.



Please click [here](#) if you have a Prayer Request that you would like to submit.

Pray for our Multicultural communities in the Central Coast to keep the faith and building the Kingdom of God wherever you are.

We pray for all those living with war, violence, displacement, hunger and uncertainty. We remember especially those whose suffering can so easily disappear from our headlines. May leaders seek paths of peace and justice, may those bringing aid and comfort be strengthened, and may we never become indifferent to the needs of people far from our own communities.

As we welcome the signs of new life around us, we give thanks for the beauty of creation and the hope that comes with a new season. May we notice the small signs of renewal, care wisely for God's creation, and be reminded that new beginnings can emerge even after difficult seasons.

As we offer these prayers may our words and thoughts lead us to action in the way of Jesus our Lord, Saviour, Friend, Teacher and Guide. May we listen well to the Spirit of God who guides us in communities of Faith.



Interested in what's happening at your local congregation?

Many of our congregations have **regular activities, groups and events** throughout the week. For the latest details, times, changes and **special events**, check your congregation's **Facebook page or website**.

It's a great way to stay connected and discover what's happening in your local church community.



My Aged Care Forum

Empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their ageing journey.

Join us to gain the knowledge and confidence to navigate aged care, exploring supports, government funding, and how to access and apply for the services you need. Two session times available.

Venue: Tamworth Southside Uniting Church, 440 Goonoo Goonoo Rd
Date: Tuesday 29 September Wednesday, 30 September
Time: 17:30 – 19:30 10:30am – 12:30pm



- ☒ Expert inputs ☒ Morning Tea / Sausage Sizzle
- ☒ Practical next step ☒ Q & As ☒ Activities for children

Places are limited. Please register ASAP by scanning the QR Code for your date of choice or leave a message with Karen on 0429 679 176 or E: office@tsuc.org.au
General enquiries: ewall@uniting.org

 Tamworth Southside Uniting Church **Uniting**

A service of
Prayer & Accompaniment For

PALESTINE & ISRAEL

Sunday 27 September 9.30 am

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Helen Richmond
Ecumenical Accompanier, EAPPI Programme



****Invitation****

100 Year Centenary Celebration Service

'Church of the Good Shepherd'
Bexhill, Sunday 27th Sept 2026

Pride Faith Service

6pm, Sunday 25th October

A celebration and nourishment for one and all.
All sexual and gender identifications and expressions – allies too.
All faith and spirituality expressions – we really mean it: **ALL WELCOME!!!**
@ Adamstown Uniting Church
www.adamstownuca.org.au





Join us this school holidays for a day of games, activities, stories and loads of fun!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7
Drop off at 9am | Pick up at 3pm

School Years K-6
\$20 per child
Family discounts available
Just bring a hat and water bottle and we'll provide the rest!
Online bookings essential
www.terrigalunitingchurch.com
380 Terrigal Dr, Terrigal. Enquiries to Leigh 0403 875 674



Northern Presbytery Ethical Ministry Workshop

Ordained Ministers 23 October 2026 2-4pm Tamworth City UC with Pstr Geoff Battle	Lay Leaders 24 October 9am-12noon Tamworth City UC with Pstr Geoff Battle
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Register with Tamworth City UC at 6766 5311, tamworthcity.uca@gmail.com



Seniors Expo 2026

Friday 25 September

11:00am - 2:00pm

Morisset Uniting Church - Church in the Trees
Cnr. Awaba & Kahiba Streets
Morisset

Don't miss the Senior Expo!
Connect with local groups, discover valuable services, and explore new ways to stay active and involved.

community@calm.org.au




My Aged Care Forum

Empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their ageing journey.

Join us if you would like to find out more from experts about how to navigate aged care, what government funded support may be available and how to register.

Date: Tuesday, 20 October 2026

Time: 11am – 1pm

Venue: Boronia Park Uniting Church, 93 Pittwater Rd, Gladesville, 2111

☒ Expert inputs

☒ Practical next step

☒ Tea and nibbles

☒ Q & As

Places are limited.

Please register ASAP by scanning the QR Code

or leave a message with **Robyn Harvey** at Boronia Park Uniting Church on **0418 783 290** or robyn.49@bigpond.net.au

General enquiries: cvermeulen@uniting.org



BORONIA PARK UNITING CHURCH
93 Pittwater Rd, Gladesville, 2111

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SYDNEY EISTEDDFOD / POLLARD INSTRUMENTAL AWARDS
FOR PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE.

TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2026
at 7.30 p.m.

Venue: LONGUEVILLE UNITING CHURCH HALL
47A Kenneth Street, Longueville 2066

Ten of the most outstanding solo instrumentalists between the ages of 13 and 15 years will be selected from the 2026 Sydney Eisteddfod for these awards.

Their performances will be followed by an audience vote and the awarding of prizes.

Come along and be inspired by the musical talent of these young people!

Ticket Bookings open on 22 September 2026 via our website www.lanecovemusic.org.au

Enquiries welcome at 9428 4287.

Diary date for our final 2026 concert: Tuesday 24 November at 7.30pm.

with Le Basque Trio of Tenor, Piano and Horn.

Job Opportunities around the Presbytery

Normanhurst Uniting Church Church and Community Connections Facilitator / Pastor Position

Applications Close on the
30th September, 2026

**Normanhurst
Uniting Church**

**Church and Community
Connections Facilitator /
Pastor Position**

Do you love building connections with and between people? Are you a keen collaborator who can successfully work with the Minister and Church Council, to build strong relationships within the congregation and between the church and the local community?

Normanhurst Uniting Church is seeking someone to assist us grow all-embracing communities centred on the radical and abundant love of God.

Re-advertising!
A 3 year grant means
this position is now
20 hours + 10 hours
(for 3 years).
Previous applicants
need not reapply.

Key responsibilities

- Collaborate on Ministry Planning and Worship Leadership
- Strengthen Congregational Capacity and Engagement
- Community Engagement

Key skills required

- Ability to build and manage strong relationships, particularly in community and congregational settings across a wide age range
- Ability to lead and participate in worship services that are welcoming and spiritually enriching
- Strong project organisation and coordination skills

Collaborative**Inclusive****Faith-based****Pastoral****Salary commensurate with qualifications & experience**

INTERESTED?

To obtain a copy of the full Position Description, send a request to:
Normanhurst UC Office
office@normanhurstunitingchurch.org.au

Direct your questions to:
Reverend Tammy Hollands
tammy.hollands@gmail.com

Please submit your resume and a covering letter addressing the key criteria set out in the Position Description to Normanhurst Church Council care of
office@normanhurstunitingchurch.org.au

Applications close: 30 September 2026

Other Publications

Uniting Climate

Action Network



Acknowledgement of Country

From before recorded time, the First Peoples of this Nation have cared for this Land.

We praise God, the Creator, for the beauty of this Land and honour those who have cared for it.

We acknowledge the Elders and community members who have told the sacred stories and nurtured faithfulness to the Creator.

We ask God's blessing on those who continue to work for the healing and restoration of this Land and its many communities.