

## Introducing the new Presbytery Minister for the Presbytery of the Downs

We welcome to the Presbytery Rev Russell Reynoldson, who started on the 15th January 2026 on a two year appointment as Presbytery Minister during a critical time for the Presbytery of the Downs.

Russell has over 40 years' experience in ministry. He has diverse ministry experience in rural and urban congregations in Queensland and New South Wales and experience of community building and connecting churches with their communities.

The role of the Presbytery Minister in the Presbytery of the Downs is to provide pastoral care and oversight to Ministry Agents and churches within the Presbytery, and to be a key person in helping to navigate the Presbytery Capacity discussion which will almost certainly result in some Presbytery boundaries changing as the number of Presbyteries is reduced.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Russell soon after he commenced in the role and I believe he will be a valuable support to Lifeworks as we continue to work out what it means to be a church for Glenvale.

Russell has indicated his desire to visit Lifeworks and share a message with us, as well as meeting our people, so we will organise that in the coming months. Russell's induction will be at Oakey Uniting Church, 7pm on Friday 20th February. If you'd like to attend please contact the Presbytery Office through Anni Cramb, [admin@downspresbytery.org.au](mailto:admin@downspresbytery.org.au)



If you can please pray for Russell as he begins this important role, and if you see him around, say hi and welcome him to Toowoomba.

We also give thanks for Lifeworks members Rev John Case who is serving as Presbytery Chairperson and Rev Ruth Harding who is serving on the Pastoral Relations Committee. We also thank Rev Tanya Richards whom we know well from her time at Lifeworks and served as Chair of the Pastoral Relations Committee and did a lot of work for the Presbytery in 2025.

Please pray for them all, and for our upcoming Presbytery Meeting in February.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev Adam Tipple

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### Church Council Chairperson

David Prestridge

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land - the Jarowair and Giabal people.

### Church Council Secretary

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### Intercessory Prayer Team

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## February 2026 Services

### Sunday 1st February 9am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

### Sunday 8th February 9am

Worship Leader: David Hogg  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

### Sunday 15th February 9am

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter Cole  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

### Wednesday 18th February 12.15pm

Ash Wednesday Service  
and imposition of ashes

### Sunday 22nd February 9am

Worship Leader: Louise Walker  
Preacher: Rev Lynne Hindman

Livestreams - please see [Facebook](#) for the latest livestream link.

## Giving Details

If you would like to give to Lifeworks, you can use the following methods:

Electronic direct deposit  
Bank: Westpac Bank  
Name: Lifeworks Uniting Church  
BSB: 034 242  
Account Number: 359 011

Write a cheque to Lifeworks Uniting Church, and post in the mail to: PO Box 18093, Clifford Gardens, Qld, 4350

Cash can be left in the offering bag on Sunday mornings.

We also now have Zeller to take card payments. Ask at church.

We thank-you for your generosity!

## Quick Links

[www.lifeworksuniting.org.au](http://www.lifeworksuniting.org.au)



[YouTube](#)



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## News and Announcements

### SYNOD Attendance

There is an opportunity in October 2026 to attend the 39th Synod in Session which will be held Friday 23rd October to Monday 26th October 2026 at Alex Park on the Sunshine Coast. In previous years Lifeworks has supported attendees by paying the cost of accommodation, and we are happy to continue to do so.

The Synod Meeting is an opportunity to connect with people from all over Queensland to worship, discern and make decisions regarding the Uniting Church in Queensland. If you are interested in attending please speak with Rev Adam Tipple in the first instance. Registrations from our Presbytery need to be confirmed by 5th February.

### Church Council Update

Church Council met on 19th January. We had a lot on our agenda having not had a proper meeting since November.

Discussions/decisions:

- ♦ Elections were held for Church Council Office Bearers. The following people were elected:

Chairperson - David Prestridge

Secretary - Ps Peter Cole

Treasurer - Gordon Gillmore

Deputy Chairperson - Neil Middleton

We thank and congratulate all those elected, and pray these roles are a blessing to them and the church. We also thank Paula Nicholls who decided not to renominate as Secretary having served several years in this role.

Church Council also co-opted Steve Cramb to serve on Church Council for another 12 month period.

We also:

- ♦ Discussed the Glenvale Community BBQ and committed to having BBQs in February, March and April on the first Sunday of the month at 4pm.
- ♦ Received the results of the same-gender marriage survey for discussion. These results will be published in the March newsletter alongside a response from Church Council.
- ♦ Prayed for those in our congregation who need care at this time.
- ♦ Discussed the needs of young families on Sunday morning.

### Special Offering - Everything in Common

\$327 was raised, plus individual contributions,. Thanks to all.

### Prayer Points

- For students and staff as the school/study year begins.
- For the Glenvale Community BBQ.
- For wisdom and discernment as we begin to ask what is the best use of the spare land we have at Lifeworks for the church and the community.
- For the new Presbytery Minister, Rev Russell Reynoldson.
- For the next meeting of the Presbytery of the Downs at Oakey Uniting Church.
- For Glenvale State School and their chaplain Olivia Buttsworth as the year begins.
- For Glenvale Christian School as their year begins.
- For the other churches in Glenvale, The Christian Reformed Church, Christlife Presbyterian, Toowoomba Community Baptist Church and Glenvale Seventh Day Adventist Church.
- For Ann and John Hoens for good health.
- For Avarell Cockfield and Graham Beutel for good health.



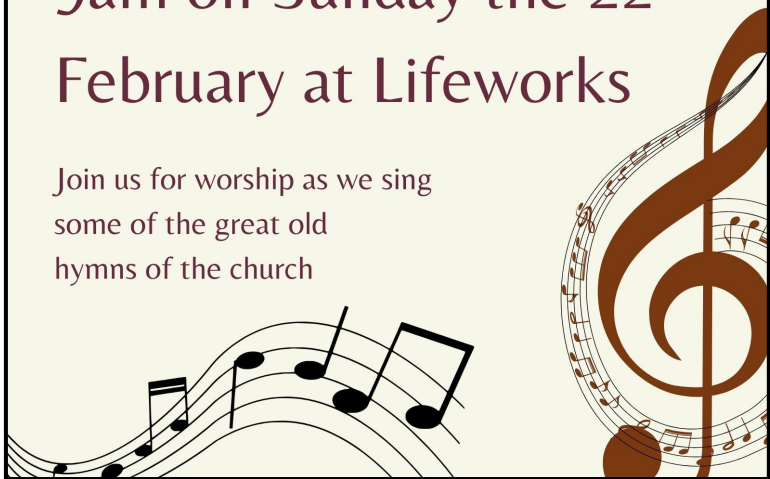


# HYMN SINGING CELEBRATION SERVICE

**Lifeworks**  
Uniting Church

9am on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February at Lifeworks

Join us for worship as we sing  
some of the great old  
hymns of the church



# Games, Grub & God

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**4PM TO 6PM  
AT LIFEWORKS  
UNITING CHURCH**

Bring your friends, roll the dice, and  
let the fun begin! All ages welcome.

**Board Games, Skill  
Games, Card Games**

615 Boundary St Glenvale



# BELONGING easter MADNESS

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At EM, it's about connecting, experiencing God in a different way – all while having a total blast and meeting awesome new people!

**WHEN** 10-13 April 2026  
(during the Easter school Holidays)

**WHERE** Alex Park Conference Centre  
13 Mari St, Alexandra Headland

**WHO** High schoolers  
(and leaders!)

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EASTERMADNESS.COM.AU**

or contact Fernando at  
[youthworker@mnrpres.org.au](mailto:youthworker@mnrpres.org.au)



**easter  
MADNESS**

10-13 April 2026

# GLENVALE COMMUNITY BBQ

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL (Easter egg hunt)**

**from 4pm at  
LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH**

**COFFEE, HOT AND COLD DRINKS ALSO AVAILABLE  
FACEPAINTING**

**FOR ALL WHO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN GLENVALE  
ALL WELCOME**



615 Boundary St., Glenvale



## **Ash Wednesday Service**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 12.15 to 12.45pm

at Lifeworks Uniting Church

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# LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

## February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tues-day	Wednes-day	Thursday	Friday	Satur-day
<b>1</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Worship Holy Communion  4pm Glenvale Community BBQ	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9am mainly music	<b>5</b> 10.30am Palm Lake Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6pm Glenvale Community Outreach Team Meeting	<b>11</b> 9am mainly music	<b>12</b> 9.30am Keenagers	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Worship	<b>16</b> 5.30pm Admin meeting  6pm Church Council Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> From 8.30am to midday Imposition of ashes  9am mainly music  12.15pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Presbytery Meeting at Oakey U.C.  7pm Induction of the new Presbytery Minister, Rev Russell Reynoldson at Oakey	<b>21</b> Presbytery Meeting at Oakey U.C. (until Sunday lunchtime)
<b>22</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Worship (Hymn Singing Celebration)  4pm Games, Grub and God	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9am mainly music	<b>26</b> 9.30am Keenagers	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>