



PITTSWORTH UNITING CHURCH  
13 Briggs Street, Pittsworth, Queensland.

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Blue Care Report

Prayer Points:

- We give thanks Lord for the staff at Blue Care and the way in which they care for our residents and community clients every day. We give thanks also for our maintenance team who have gone to a lot of trouble to make our gardens look lovely at this time of year.
- At the same time Lord, we pray for more staff. We are desperately short of staff, particularly in our Residential Facility across all areas.
- We ask for wisdom and guidance for our management as they find ways to attract and keep staff across Queensland and as they lead Blue Care into the future.

Report:

Since last Presbytery we have celebrated the work of Blue Care with Blue Care Sunday services around the Presbytery and the state.

We have a new Chaplain, Wendy Keeble, started in the Kingaroy residential facility. She has worked with Blue Care before and now that she lives locally she was happy to take on the role.

Sharon's responsibility now covers Toowoomba Residential Facility and some community work in Toowoomba, Pittsworth and Crows Nest. She continues to support our residents, families and staff.

I continue to have a minor role in the Residential Facility ie Church services, however most of my work is now in Community visiting within the Care & Wellbeing Service and supporting the Grief & Loss Program. I have travelled regularly to Goondiwindi, Stanthorpe, and Warwick districts, Dalby and Chinchilla, Kingaroy & Murgon districts, as well as community visiting in Toowoomba.

A retreat day was held for UCQ Chaplains on the 6<sup>th</sup> September. This was followed by the Ministers Convocation which was training around Voluntary Assisted Dying on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> which Sharon and I both attended. It was a very informative 2 days in the lead up to this government policy being enacted on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. I followed this with attending the Presbytery retreat which was thought provoking and a great time for rest and relaxation.

Jenny Potter and I will be available to conduct Care Essentials training again next year, (at least for the first part before I retire 😊) so if you know of people who are interested you can register on the Synod website. If you would like to host the training at your church please let us know.

Sharon and I continue to access Spiritual Direction and Supervision and attend education sessions as they become available.

Again, for your awareness, I will be finishing at Blue Care in the early part of next year. If you, or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Blue Care Chaplain and Care & Wellbeing Consultant, please contact Adam McIntosh E: [Adam.McIntosh@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:Adam.McIntosh@ucareqld.com.au)

Recommendation:

1. That the report be received.

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